

## **REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 27, 2000**

The Invocation was offered by Mr. Gaetz; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hill.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on March 27, 2000, in the Fort Walton Beach Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE.

**PRESENT:** Rodney Walker, Chairman  
Cindy Frakes, Vice-Chairman  
Don Gaetz  
Howard Hill  
Lloyd Taylor

Walter Gordon, Superintendent  
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously [All changes were approved by the Chairman at Workshop]:

Personnel Appointments: Added as item #1, Appointment of Dispatch Supervisor, Central Kitchen

Consent Agenda: Added as item #14A(4), Sole Source Request for Computer Curriculum Corp.; added as item #14A(5), Bid #00-B42 Lawn Service for Edwins Elementary; added as item #16, Acceptance of donation of trailer to Ocean City Elementary

Board Members' Business: Item #1 was deleted

Superintendent's Business: Added as item #3, Choctawhatchee students to travel to Tuskegee University on April 15

### **VISITORS:**

1. The Superintendent presented a certificate to Kathryn A. Saxon, a Niceville High School student, honoring her as the Region I Scholar of Florida's Sunshine State Scholar Program, a statewide math and science competition for high school seniors.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None

### **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:**

1. The Superintendent's recommendation for the appointment of Melinda Emmons to the position of Dispatch Supervisor at the Central Kitchen was approved on a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 00-196).

### **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):**

1. Facilities Construction Update, presented by Bill Smith
2. Update on the Florida High School On-Line Program - Donna Wiseman was not present for the meeting - no report was given

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3. Presentation of The Edwins Enhancement Program of Okaloosa County Charter School Application, presented by Guyla Hendricks (Exhibit 00-197)
4. Presentation of The Northwood Elementary School Program of Discovery Charter School Application, presented by Janeane Williams (Exhibit 00-198)
5. Recommendation of the Citizen's Review Committee on The Edwins Enhancement Program of Okaloosa County and The Northwood Elementary School Program of Discovery Charter School Applications, presented by Committee Chairman Ray Sansom
6. Report and Recommendations of the Public/Private Task Force on Technical Education, presented by Don Gaetz and Cindy Frakes (Exhibit 00-199)

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously:

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of March 9, 2000; Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 13, 2000; and Minutes of Special Meeting of March 16, 2000, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Acceptance of donation of thirteen (13) color monitors to Edwins Elementary by the 16<sup>th</sup> LSS/LGLO Squadron at Hurlburt Air Force Base valued at \$650.00, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-200).
3. Acceptance of donation of seven (7) computer systems (without monitors) to Edwins Elementary by the 16<sup>th</sup> CS/SCBBE Squadron at Hurlburt Air Force Base valued at \$4667.00, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-201).
4. Acceptance of donation to Davidson Middle School from Peoples First Florida's Community Bank in the amount of \$500 to be used for baseball team equipment, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-202).
5. Self-help project to resurface the existing asphalt running track at Silver Sands School, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-203).
6. Volunteer List, compiled by Gayle Grimes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-204).
7. Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and VSA Arts of Florida, Inc., to provide inclusion opportunities for ESE students and their peers through the performing arts, presented by Liz Cavanah and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-205).
8. Reading Recovery Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and The University of West Florida, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-206).
9. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 00-207)
  - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 00-208)

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- C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 00-209)
  - D. Suspension of Employee #028-32-7799 (Exhibit 00-210)
10. Employment Separations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-211).
  11. Reinstatement of Sick Leave due to line-of-duty illness/injury/medical examination, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-212):
    - A. Sondra Durrett, Pryor, 3 day
    - B. Betty Evans, Transportation, 4 days
    - C. David Livingston, Transportation, 3 days
    - D. Mary Purkey, Pryor, 3 days
  12. Support Agreement for Okaloosa County Schools between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Department of the Air Force, Eglin Air Force Base, presented by Jeff McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-213).
  13. Zoning Waivers, presented by Emmett Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-214).
  14. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-215; see bid file for additional information):
    - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
      - (1) Bid #00-B41 Band Uniforms for Fort Walton Beach High School awarded to Demoulin Brothers in the amount of \$14,633.20
      - (2) Request to purchase from Bid #99-B58 Pre-engineered Metal Building from Dawson & Sons Construction for Combs-New Heights Elementary in the amount of \$25,900.00
      - (3) Cognitive Concepts, Inc., Sole Source for curriculum program for Combs-New Heights Elementary, Title I Program, in the amount of \$16,892.00
      - (4) Computer Curriculum Corp., Sole Source for curriculum program for Northwood Elementary, Title I Program, in the amount of \$21,621.00
      - (5) Bid #00-B42 Lawn Services for Edwins Elementary awarded to Breeden Lawn Maintenance in the amount of \$13,440.00 (growing season)
    - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
  15. Final Application for payment to Bayou Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$4113.00 for the Niceville High School Chorus Room AHU Replacement, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-216).
  16. Authorization to accept title to a trailer donated to the School Board of Okaloosa County and located at Ocean City Elementary School by Patricia Hayden Duncan, presented by Jeff McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-217).

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### DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Based on both district staff input and the recommendation of the Citizen's Review Committee, the Superintendent recommended The Edwins Enhancement Program of Okaloosa County Charter School Application be accepted for a period of three years. He further recommended that the annual evaluation of progress be contracted to an outside agency. The application was approved by the Board during Public Hearing session. (Exhibit 00-218)
2. Based on both district staff input and the recommendation of the Citizen's Review Committee, the Superintendent recommended The Northwood Elementary School Program of Discovery Charter School Application be accepted for a period of three years. He further recommended that the annual evaluation of progress be contracted to an outside agency. The application was approved by the Board during Public Hearing session. (Exhibit 00-219)
3. Motion was made by Mrs. Frakes that the School Board endorses Okaloosa's Mentoring Initiative to include recruiting, training and placement of mentors (placement to begin August 2000); seeking support from area employers, Chambers of Commerce, the military, Okaloosa County and municipalities; and giving district employees one hour per week away from the job site to mentor a student in the district. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously. (Exhibit 00-220)
4. Motion was made by Mr. Gaetz and seconded by Mrs. Frakes that an appropriate resolution of thanks be sent to the members of the Task Force for Technical Education for their efforts on behalf of public education; that the Board approves the Recommendations of the Task Force (as enumerated below) with the caveat that the Board will consider funding options following the legislative session and in the context of the regular budget cycle; that the Superintendent is requested, at the earliest practical time, to develop three-year financial pro formas for the school as a charter, a de-regulated school and a traditional school; and that the Superintendent is requested to work cooperatively with OCEA and the Okaloosa Applied Technology Center staff to develop a transition plan that will reassure employees and safeguard the adult courses currently being offered subject to funding from the legislature and market availability. The motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit 00-199)

#### Recommendations of the Task Force on Technical Education

1. The School Board should establish a formal career-technical high school program in Okaloosa County. The school should open in August 2002.
2. A career-technical high school program should have a main campus located at the current address of Okaloosa Applied Technology Center (OATC) in Fort Walton Beach and satellite campuses at those locations to be determined by student enrollment. Research provided by the Haas Center strongly suggests a significant need for career-technical education in the north county area.
3. The career-technical high school should occupy and assume control of the facilities and grounds of the current OATC. Although located at that address, the career-technical high school should be - in concept, curriculum, management and purpose - an entirely new school. Provisions should be made to ensure that current personnel of the school have the opportunity to continue teaching adult courses or qualify for the high school teaching positions.

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4. The adult education courses now offered at OATC should be moved to night and weekend hours. There should be no scheduling overlap on campus between adult programs and high school classes. However, with parental consent, high school students should be permitted to attend night classes.
5. Acknowledging the remarkable offers of tangible support and assistance for a career-technical high school, the initial board should establish a parent/community support organization to solicit, organize and utilize assistance from families and the business community.
6. The School Board should employ sufficient professional consulting services to develop curriculum, job descriptions, policies, articulation agreements, and a marketing plan. The Superintendent should provide district staff support to assist the development of the school.
7. The school should be administered by a specially selected management team with current knowledge and experience with high school students, parents and technical education.
8. The design of the school should encompass two years of traditional academic instruction with relevant applications in grades 9 and 10, two years of career education in grades 11 and 12 and transition into an associate of arts or science two-year degree program. A dual enrollment option should be available in grades 11 and 12 for students capable of college-level instruction.
9. In grades 11 and 12, the school should be organized into three career academies: technology, building trades, and hospitality services. Each academy will provide technical apprenticeships for all students in area businesses. Each student will major, be certified and be employable in his/her career choice or be fully prepared for post-secondary education. Each graduate will have earned a Florida high school diploma and career certification. Students in dual enrollment will have earned college credits.
10. Career courses should be taught by career professionals. Course content and instructional methods should be consistent with current practices and requirements of area employers. This will require a waiver of teacher certification requirements in some cases.
11. The school should offer a full range of student organizations and clubs as ordinarily found in Okaloosa County high schools. Intramural sports will be offered, as practical. Students may fully participate in interscholastic competitive sports and other activities such as music and forensics at the high school for which they would otherwise be zoned. The Superintendent should arrange schedules and transportation in a cooperative fashion between the career-technical school and other high schools.
12. The main campus and any satellite campuses should be considered magnet schools, allowing all high school students the opportunity to enroll in career-technical education. The Superintendent should develop a transportation plan to provide busing, as needed, from all neighborhoods in the county. The Superintendent should investigate alternative transportation models including traditional school buses, smaller vans, and other options.
13. Research indicates that career-technical education costs 25 percent to 100 percent more per student than traditional classroom instruction. The School Board should adequately fund this school through a combination of adequate appropriations from the State Legislature, ensuring that current funding

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follows students who choose career-technical education, and/or a designated mill levy specifically earmarked to support school operations. The Superintendent should provide a three-year financial plan for the school based on the design and curriculum recommended herein and depicting amounts and sources of known, anticipated and needed funds.

The following recommendation is still being considered by the Task Force. It was, however, the general consensus that the school should have as much independence as possible. A recommendation will be brought to the Board after additional information is provided to the Task Force. The Superintendent's finance officer is requested to develop 3-year pro formas for the school as a charter, a de-regulated school and a traditional school within the district.

The school should be organized as or like a charter school with a board of directors having substantial delegated authority for choosing administrative and teaching staff, establishing policy, and ensuring that curriculum and operations are closely linked to the needs of students and parents as well as employers and the business community. The board should be small and comprised primarily of practitioner representatives of the offered curriculum. An initial board should be named now to organize and plan the school, work with the district's construction/program manager on needed renovations, and conduct a search for management personnel.

The Chairman recessed the Regular Meeting and called to order the advertised Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mr. McInnis presented new School Board Policy 2-19 entitled Grants: Application and Local Approval Process recommended by the Superintendent for approval. The proposed policy sets forth guidelines for receiving School Board approval of grant applications. (Exhibit 00-221)

The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to approve new School Board Policy 2-19 as recommended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously.

Mr. McInnis advised the Chairman that it would be appropriate at this time to receive public comment on the conversion charter applications for The Edwins Enhancement Program of Okaloosa County and The Northwood Elementary School Program of Discovery, both recommended by the Superintendent for approval for a period of three year.

The Chairman called for public comment on The Edwins Enhancement Program; there was none.

Motion to approve the charter application for The Edwins Enhancement Program of Okaloosa County as recommended by the Superintendent was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for public comment on The Northwood Elementary School Program of Discovery; there was none.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to approve the charter application for The Northwood Elementary School Program of Discovery as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously.

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The Chairman concluded the hearing at 6:18 p.m.

### DISCUSSION (cont.):

5. Motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the recommendations of the Zoning Committee and the Growth and Planning Committee and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-222).

Mr. Gaetz stated that he was opposed to the Superintendent's recommendation to investigate the feasibility of closing an elementary school in the greater Fort Walton Beach area for the 2001-02 school year. Earlier in the year he met with the staff and parents of Combs-New Heights Elementary and indicated to them that they should have a zoned area that gives them a fair opportunity demographically as far as the State's school grading system is concerned and as far as the demands that are made on the teachers and other staff of the school because of the difficult population they now serve. He made a commitment to try to do some rezoning that would be fairer to the school.

Mr. Gaetz offered an amendment to the motion that the Superintendent and his staff be requested to present a rezoning plan that would provide a fairer and more equitable socio-economic distribution with respect to Combs-New Heights Elementary School.

Mrs. Frakes offered a substitute motion to divide the question and to approve the north county and central county recommendations together and to leave the south county recommendations as a separate issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaetz.

Mr. Walker stated that he could not support rezoning without assurance from the Superintendent that it would not negatively impact other schools.

Mr. Windham responded that the principal and School Advisory Council of Combs-New Heights were invited to the Zoning Committee meeting at which time they withdrew their request to be rezoned.

Mr. Gordon stated that he had no problem with rezoning but it would require pulling students from another schools. This would still leave the possibility of closing an elementary school. There is now a trend of declining enrollment in the south county area. That is why part of the recommendation is to study the feasibility of closing an elementary school for the 2001-02 school year.

Mr. Walker stated that he would hate to close any school. However, with the declining enrollment, any school faculty should be more concerned with having enough students to keep their doors open than with the socio-economic distribution of their student population. The emphasis should be on finding ways to fund smaller schools.

The substitute motion to divide the question and to approve the north county and central county recommendations offered by Mrs. Frakes and seconded by Mr. Gaetz carried unanimously.

Mr. Gaetz moved that the following be substituted for the Superintendent's recommendation for the south county: That the Superintendent consider and present to the Board in a timely fashion school zones for the south county that would provide a fairer distribution of students at Combs-New Heights Elementary School; and, secondly, that the Superintendent investigate alternative methods of cost effectively managing small schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

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Mr. Hill asked Mr. Gaetz to divide the motion because he could not support the first part relative to Combs-New Heights but would support the investigation of alternative methods to manage small schools.

With agreement from his seconder, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Gaetz moved to divide the question and to substitute the Superintendent's recommendation to investigate the feasibility of closing an elementary school with the Superintendent to investigate alternative methods of cost effectively managing small schools within available resources.

Mr. Walker stated that he could not support the motion unless Mr. Gaetz kept the Superintendent's recommendation to investigate the feasibility of closing a school as a part of the motion. Mr. Gaetz responded that he would not keep that portion of the recommendation because he wanted 100% of the creative thinking time spent on finding alternative methods to fund small schools before taking the easy way out and closing a school.

Mr. Gordon stated that he didn't believe that closing a school was the easy way out. He emphasized that he believes in small schools and that he is not in favor of closing a school. He agreed that the district needs to look for new ways to manage small schools but the feasibility of closing a school has been considered.

The motion offered by Mr. Gaetz and seconded by Mr. Taylor to strike the Superintendent's recommendation to investigate the feasibility of closing an elementary school and to substitute that the Superintendent is to investigate alternative methods of cost effectively managing small schools within available resources failed 2-3, Mr. Walker, Mr. Hill, and Mrs. Frakes dissenting.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaetz to strike the Superintendent's recommendation to continue the present School Board approved zoning plan for the south county and to substitute that the Superintendent consider a rezoning plan that would offer a fairer socio-economic distribution to Combs-New Heights Elementary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried 3-2, Mr. Walker and Mr. Hill opposed.

Mr. Walker passed the gavel to Mrs. Frakes and moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to investigate the feasibility of closing an elementary school in the greater Fort Walton Beach area for the 2001-02 school year and that the Superintendent investigate alternative methods of cost effectively managing small schools within available resources. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and carried 3-2, Mr. Gaetz and Mr. Taylor dissenting. The gavel was returned to the Chairman.

Mrs. Frakes asked for clarification on the statement within the recommendations that principals can not approve a zoning waiver that will cause their student enrollment to be over 95% of their school's capacity. Mr. Windham responded that this was initially implemented for the 1997-98 school year along with the rezoning plan that was approved at that time. He stated that two schools are now over their 95% capacity so the policy is being re-emphasized in order to keep from circumventing the rezoning plan. This policy initially applied to the elementary schools and now it is recommended that it be applied to all schools K-12 indefinitely. Mr. Windham further noted that this was not adopted as a School Board Policy but implemented in 1997-98 for one year by a vote of the Board.

The Board unanimously agreed that a vote of the Board was not necessary in order to continue this practice because the Superintendent has the authority to do so as an administrative directive. Board members stated their support of continuing enforcement of this practice.



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Mrs. Frakes asked that if a zoning waiver recommended for approval will put a school over their 95% capacity, it be noted on the zoning waiver list that is distributed to the Board for approval.

6. Motion was made by Mr. Taylor to approve the Articulation Agreement between the School Board and Okaloosa-Walton Community College for Dual Enrollment courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill for discussion. (Exhibit 00-223)

Mrs. Gunter explained that Florida Statute requires the Articulation Agreement to be completed prior to student registration each year. She reviewed the changes in the new Agreement which will allow for special consideration for dual enrollment to occur only by invitation to those students that might be at a hardship and will serve as a transition until all students can get on the University System. She then responded to specific questions from board members regarding the Agreement.

Mr. McInnis noted that appropriate language had been omitted under items #23, Term of Agreement, and #24, Amendments to the Agreement. Item #23 should state: The provisions of this Agreement will remain in effect for a period of one (1) year commencing on April 1, 2000, and ending March 31, 2001. This Agreement may be extended annually by mutual agreement of the President of OWCC and the Superintendent of Schools. Item #24 should read: The provisions of this Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the President of OWCC and the Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Gunter informed the Board that there was not enough representation from OWCC at the committee meeting to approve the Agreement. She asked for the Board's approval of the Agreement and stated that it would then be taken back to the committee for approval.

Mr. Gordon stated that he has had conversation with Dr. Richburg regarding the Agreement and Dr. Richburg is not pleased with several points of the Agreement.

Mr. Gaetz suggested that a provision be included in the section referencing the principal's approval for OWCC enrollment during the school day to state that the principal's negative decision can be appealed to the Superintendent.

Mr. McInnis stated that some time ago the Superintendent notified OWCC that the former Agreement would not be renewed due to program changes. He suggested that the motion to approve the new Agreement also abolish the old Agreement.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hill accepted as friendly amendments to the motion that the former Articulation Agreement is to be abolished; that the principal's negative decision regarding enrollment during the day can be appealed to the Superintendent; and to include the additional language recommended by the Attorney. The motion as amended carried unanimously.

7. Mary Gunter presented the proposed school calendars for the 2000-01 and 2001-02 school years. The 2000-01 calendar is a transition calendar for the 2001-02 calendar which was voted the most favorable by teachers and parents. The 2001-02 calendar has built in volunteer inservice days as requested by teachers who wanted time for inservice other than weekends and summer. (Exhibit 00-224)

Mike Foxworthy, Director of OCEA, requested the Board consider not establishing November 10, 2000, as Veterans' Day holiday. Since Veterans' Day is on Saturday, this would allow for traditional celebrations and this day could be used as a holiday prior to Christmas.

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Motion was made by Mr. Gaetz to not have November 10 as a school holiday and that December 22 be a school holiday.

Mr. Gordon stated that November 10 is the established Veterans' Day holiday for the military; therefore, it could pose an attendance problem if it is not declared a school holiday.

Based on Mr. Gordon's comment Mr. Gaetz withdrew his motion.

Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2000-01 school year was made by Mr. Gaetz, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2001-02 school year was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Frakes.

With concerns being expressed regarding the volunteer inservice days and the teacher workdays, discussion concluded with Mrs. Frakes withdrawing her second to the motion and offering a substitute motion to establish August 7 as the first day for teachers and August 14 as the first day for students for the 2001-02 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaetz and carried unanimously.

8. As to the five schools (Baker, Combs-New Heights, Edge, Laurel Hill, and Florosa) who have expenditures over budget for the FY 1999-2000, the Superintendent recommended the following: A freeze will be placed on appropriate accounts which will require the schools to provide rationale for expenses in these accounts. The balance of these accounts will be applied to the uncollectible balance at the end of the fiscal year. At the end of the year, each school's custodial hours will be reviewed to determine if a school will have roll-forward dollars available to help offset the uncollectible balance. Any increase in funds as a result of the February FTE count will also be applied to the uncollectible balance. If a school still has an uncollectible balance after the above actions have been taken, the FY 2001 allocation will be reduced by the remaining balance of the uncollectible amount. The principals have been instructed to review all positions for FY 2001 in order to make cuts where possible. (Exhibit 00-225)

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Superintendent's recommendations as stated.

Mr. Gaetz and Mr. Walker stated concern that Florosa's deficit is not because they are a small school but in part a result of a loan from the district to purchase a computerized instructional program. They made representation to the Board that they would be able to repay the loan; therefore, they should not be forgiven the debt. Comments were also made regarding the need to find alternative ways to fund small schools and to make decisions on alternative staffing and management models for the coming year.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hill withdrew their motion and a motion was made by Mr. Gaetz to approve the recommendations of the Superintendent with respect to all school except Florosa. With regard to Florosa, that they be informed that the funds they borrowed are to be repaid and if they are not repaid, at the beginning of the next budget year there will be a reduction in School Board allocations by that amount. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gaetz added that the budget reduction should not result in a teacher being sent home but should result in reduced administrative overhead and discretionary spending.

**CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:** None

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**BIDS AND PURCHASING:** None

**ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:**

Mr. McInnis asked the Board to authorize him to initiate an appropriate extension of the Lease Agreement with Eglin Air Force Base if the Support Agreement does not do so.

Motion to authorize the Attorney to initiate a renewal of the Lease Agreement with Eglin AFB if necessary was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gaetz advised the Board that he would be offering some amendments during the upcoming budget cycle to either make the central kitchen work differently or better than it is now or to "bag" it.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:**

1. Meigs Middle School to attend cheerleading camp at University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa on July 18-21, 2000, and at University of Georgia in Athens on July 25-28, 2000 (Exhibit 00-226).
2. Pryor Middle School eighth graders to go to Six Flags Over Georgia on May 12, 2000 (Exhibit 00-227).
3. Choctawhatchee High School Minority Council students to attend High School Visitation Day at Tuskegee University on April 15, 2000 (Exhibit 00-228).

Mr. Gordon distributed invitations to the Teacher of the Year Banquet to the Board Members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

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WALTER C. GORDON  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY

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RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD