

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 21, 2000

The Invocation was offered by Miss Ashley Fogg, Choctawhatchee High School Student; the Presentation of Colors was made by the Crestview High School JROTC Color Guard; and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joseph Thigpen, Richbourg Middle School Student.

The School Board of Okaloosa County held the annual Organizational Session on November 21, 2000, at Bluewater Elementary School, 4545 Range Road, Niceville, Florida.

Following a reception hosted by the Bluewater Elementary School PTO and staff, Chairman Rodney Walker opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Oath of Office was administered to Don Gaetz by Chris Hughes; to Cathy Thigpen by Joseph "Buck" Stokes; to Lloyd Taylor by Ken Beaird; to Howard Hill by Col. George "Bud" Day. Remarks were made by the Superintendent and each Board Member following the acceptance of oath.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Rodney Walker
Cindy Frakes
Howard Hill
Lloyd Taylor
Cathy Thigpen

Don Gaetz, Superintendent
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

Superintendent Gaetz called to order the Organizational Session at 7:50 p.m. and called for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Taylor nominated Rodney Walker for Chairman. Mr. Hill seconded the nomination and Mr. Walker was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board.

Superintendent Gaetz called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr. Taylor nominated Cindy Frakes. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously.

Superintendent Gaetz passed the gavel to Chairman Walker. Mr. Walker asked for a recommendation for the regular meeting schedule of the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill that the Board continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; the first meeting of the month to be held in the Okaloosa County Courthouse in Crestview and the second meeting of the month to be held in the Fort Walton Beach Administration Building; and, the workshop for the first meeting to be held in the Fort Walton Beach Administration Building at 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the second Monday and the workshop for the second meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. preceding the meeting at the same location. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing for adoption of new job descriptions was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously (Exhibit 00-747):

- A. School Support Coordinator
- B. Contract Coordinator
- C. Coordinator, Safe Schools and Student Activities
- D. Manager, Student Health and Safe Schools
- E. Specialist, Evaluation & Academic Support

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- F. Program Director, Evaluation & Academic Support
- G. Specialist, Grants and Non-Operating Income
- H. Program Director, Exceptional Student Education (Quality Assurance)
- I. Office Manager, Superintendent's Office

Mr. Gaetz requested the Chairman add as an emergency matter the Therapy Services Agreement which was placed on the table at the November 13th meeting. He stated that he has spoken with the Director of OCEA, who has indicated that the agreement is not in conflict with current negotiation issues. Because there is a need for therapy services to be provided to students, he recommended approval of the agreement for a period not to exceed 90 days. The Chairman approved the request based upon the timing consideration and the need to provide services to students.

Motion to remove from the table the Therapy Services Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Rehab Advantage, Inc., was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Therapy Services Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Rehab Advantage, Inc., to provide therapy services to ESE students for a period not to exceed 90 days was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously (Exhibit 00-748).

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

DON GAETZ
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD