

REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 2000

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

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on October 9, 2000, in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, Florida.

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:

Mr. Hill withdrew his request for Consent #10 to be moved to the Discussion Agenda stating that the deadline for submitting applications had past.

Mr. Hill requested that the record reflect that should Destin Middle School be awarded the Mentor Teacher pilot program, the teacher supplement will need to be negotiated with OCEA.

Mr. Gaetz requested Consent #15 be moved to Discussion because he would like to propose an amendment. The Chairman approved the request.

All other changes to the Agenda were approved at Workshop.

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

Consent Agenda (C.A.): Item #15 was moved to D.A. #4; added as item #25, Professional Services Agreement with Marlene Barron for Elliott Point Elementary

Discussion Agenda (D.A.): Added as item #2B, Waiver of OCEA contract for Northwood Elementary; added as item #2C, Waiver of OCEA contract for Destin Elementary; item #3 was corrected to state 2.395 acres; added as item #4, Charter School Contract with Liza Jackson Preparatory School

VISITORS:

1. A Resolution of Tribute was presented by Mr. Gaetz to the Baker School Media Department as the winner of the International Student Media Festival 2000. Resolution No. 00-12 was unanimously adopted by the Board on a motion by Mr. Gaetz and seconded by Mr. Hill.
2. Bob Lynn was recognized as the Florida Retired Teachers Association Volunteer of the Year 2000. Resolution No. 00-13 was presented by Mr. Gaetz and unanimously adopted by the Board on a motion by Mr. Gaetz and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Mr. McInnis presented the revised job description for Warehouse Delivery Personnel recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-625).

The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to approve the job description as presented was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Mr. McInnis presented the Charter School Contract between the Board and the Liza Jackson Preparatory School recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaetz to approve the contract with the revisions discussed at Workshop and with an amendment to Part II.D., regarding evaluation of the School's performance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frakes. (Exhibit 00-626)

Mr. McInnis reviewed the changes made to the contract following the discussion at Workshop and other technical corrections.

The motion to approve the Charter School Contract as amended carried unanimously.

Mr. McInnis presented the Contract For Sale to purchase from Valparaiso Realty Company the 2.395 acres of real property adjacent to Valparaiso Elementary School, which is currently used as the playground facility for the school (Exhibit 00-627).

The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

Mr. Gaetz declared a potential conflict of interest in this matter because he has an unrelated business relationship with the owner of the property (Form 8B on file).

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to approve the Contract For Sale to purchase from Valparaiso Realty Company the 2.395 acres adjacent to Valparaiso Elementary for \$120,000.00, to authorize payment of \$500.00 as the Earnest Money Deposit, and to authorize payment of all closing costs (approximately \$2000.00) associated with this transaction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 4-0, Mr. Gaetz abstaining.

The Chairman concluded the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. C. H. "Bull" Rigdon, General Manager of the Northwest Florida Fair Association, presented plans for upgrading facilities and new facilities at the fairgrounds through funds requested from the State of Florida Department of Agriculture. He requested the Board express its support of the budget request and endorsement of the programs offered by the Association to the Commissioner of Agriculture. (Exhibit 00-628)

Motion was made by Mr. Gaetz that the Board authorize the Superintendent to extend any communication, on behalf of the Board, necessary to fulfill Mr. Rigdon's request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

2. Mr. John Lynch, Chairman of the Southside Elementary School Advisory Council, voiced concerns regarding the decrease in enrollment and funding at the school. He requested the Board begin efforts to re-zone the Crestview area in order to

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increase the enrollment and that the school not be required to repay funds resulting from any FTE shortage.

3. Southside Elementary School enrollment and funding issues, presented by Pam Golden, PTO President - Not present for the meeting

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):

1. Facilities Construction Update, presented by Bill Smith
2. Presentation on proposed purchase of real property adjacent to Valparaiso Elementary School used as the playground area, presented by Bill Smith

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of September 25, 2000 and Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 25, 2000, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Monthly Financial Report for September 2000, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-629).
3. Payment of Invoices dated October 9, 2000, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-630).
4. Warrants in the amount of \$42,410,065.79, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-631).
5. Acceptance of donations to the Fort Walton Beach High School Touchdown Club from Badcock Home Furnishings in the amount of \$500; AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar in the amount of \$500; and Destin Rotary Club in the amount of \$714; and donation to the Fort Walton Beach High School Cheerleaders from Steve Gorlin in the amount of \$1000, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-632).
6. Surplus Property List #01-7, Computer Equipment to be transferred to a contracted PreK site, ESE Department, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-633).
7. Self-help project for the removal of a wall between the teacher's lounge and the TV studio and the construction of two walls at Bruner Middle School, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-634).
8. Self-help project to build an ESE recreation area at Richbourg Middle School, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-635).
9. Volunteer List, compiled by Gayle Grimes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-636).
10. Parent/Host Site Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and AmeriCorps Okaloosa-Walton Community College for services of AmeriCorps OWCC Members assigned to 19 Okaloosa County schools, presented by Beth Holmes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-637).

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11. Application for the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program submitted by Destin Middle School, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-638).
12. Application for the Goals 2000 Preservice/Inservice Staff Development Grant, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-639).
13. ESE Scholarship Implementation Plan, presented by Joe Ann Tabor and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-640).
14. Okaloosa County School District Comprehensive Dropout Prevention Plan, presented by Hal Dearman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-641).
15. Moved to Discussion Agenda #4 - Charter School Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Liza Jackson Preparatory School, presented by Susan Lowrey and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
16. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 00-642)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 00-643)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 00-642)
17. Employment Separations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-644).
18. Cleared Certification Requirements and Issuance of Contract for 2000-2001 School Year, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-645).
19. Out-of-Field Report for Fall 2000/2001 school year, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-646).
20. Reinstatement of Sick Leave due to line-of-duty illness/injury/medical examination, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. Sharon Moore, Fort Walton Beach High, 8 days (Exhibit 00-647)
21. Zoning Waivers, presented by Emmett Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-648).
22. Renewal of Motor Vehicle Lease between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Award Chevrolet f/k/a Gilliland Chevrolet, to provide vehicles for driver's education instruction and student training at Crestview High School and Laurel Hill School, presented by Emmett Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-649).
23. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-650; see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) Bid #01-B28 Lawn Service for Destin Middle School awarded to Niceville Lawn & Maintenance in the amount of \$28,000.00
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None

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24. Approval of the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors and Officers for 2000/2001, presented by Gayle Grimes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-651).
25. Professional Services Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Marlene G. Barron, LMHC, for Elliott Point Elementary, presented by Janet Hays and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-652).

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Motion to approve the School Improvement Plan Requests, Responses and Updates, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended for approval by the Superintendent, was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously (Information on file in the District School Improvement Office):
 - A. School Advisory Council Membership for 2000/2001 - Antioch Elementary, Bruner Middle, Destin Elementary, Meigs Middle, and Plew Elementary Schools
 - B. District Waiver of textbook flexibility funds - Bruner Middle School
 - C. District Waiver to use "S, N, U" grades for music instead of letter grades in grades 2 through 5 - Cherokee Elementary
 - D. District Waiver to use "S, N, U" grades for music and PE instead of letter grades in grades 2 through 5 - Destin Elementary
 - E. District Waiver to use an integrated curriculum approach to reading, writing and math in grades 1 and 2 - Ocean City Elementary
 - F. District Waiver to use "S, N, U" grades for music and PE instead of letter grades in grades 2 through 5 - Shalimar Elementary
 - G. District Waiver to use an integrated curriculum approach to reading, writing and math in grades 1 through 3 - Shalimar Elementary
 - H. District Waiver to use "S, N, U" grades for music in grades 3 through 5 and for PE in 2nd grade instead of letter grades - Valparaiso Elementary
 - I. District Waiver to use "S, N, U" grades for music and PE instead of letter grades in grades 2 through 5 - Walker Elementary
 - J. District Waiver to use an integrated curriculum approach to reading, writing and math in grades 1 through 5 - Walker Elementary
 - K. State Food Waiver - Walker Elementary
 - L. School Improvement Plans and/or Adequate Progress Reports for all Okaloosa County Schools
 - M. School Improvement Procedure Manual for 2000/2001 (Exhibit 00-653)
2. Motion was made by Mr. Hill that the Board, in conjunction with OCEA, authorizes a waiver of the OCEA Master Contract to allow a portion of the Florida School Recognition Funds to be given as a bonus to teachers and support personnel of the following schools in accordance with the vote of the school advisory council of each school. It was noted for the record that the Board is not authorized to grant the bonuses or to determine the amount of the bonuses; that must be a decision made at the school level. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.
 - A. Elliott Point Elementary School (Exhibit 00-654)
 - B. Northwood Elementary School (Exhibit 00-655)
 - C. Destin Elementary School (Exhibit 00-656)
3. Approved during Public Hearing Session - Recommendation to purchase from Valparaiso Realty Company the real property (2.395 acres) adjacent to Valparaiso Elementary School, which land is currently used as the playground facility for the school, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-627).

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4. Approved during Public Hearing Session - Charter School Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Liza Jackson Preparatory School, presented by Susan Lowrey and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-626).

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

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mr. Hill stated that the Superintendent and Donna Hannah have addressed the issue of students who participate in school sports being restricted from participating in activities outside of school. Agreement has been reached that no restrictions will be placed on these students with the condition that the students attend the practices and games of the school team on which they are participating.

Mr. Gaetz requested this information be disseminated to all coaches and parents as soon as possible.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Baker School eighth grade students to tour Washington, D.C. the week of April 16-20, 2001 (Exhibit 00-627).
2. Choctawhatchee High School Minority Council to attend the Gulf Coast Classic football game in Mobile, Alabama, on October 7, 2000 (Exhibit 00-628).

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

WALTER C. GORDON
SUPERINTENDENT AND
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD