

**REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2010**

The Invocation was offered by Chuck Kelley; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cathy Thigpen.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on January 11, 2010, in the School District Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Rodney Walker, Chairman  
Cindy Frakes, Vice-Chairman  
Howard Hill  
Chuck Kelley  
Cathy Thigpen

Alexis Tibbetts, 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 Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously.

Visitors: Item #2 was deleted, Ruckel Knowledge Master Team; item #4 was deleted, Recognition of Joshua Hinton, Winner of the Governor's Recognition Scholarship Essay Contest

Consent Agenda: Added as item #18, Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Laurel Hill School

**VISITORS:**

1. Matt Clark, Corporate Training Manager at KBR Services, proposed a partnership to the Board with the CHOICE Construction Technology Institute. He explained that KBR's commitment is to work with training programs and school programs, and to offer financial support where it is needed, oversight and jobs. KBR is committed to helping school systems train students and provide jobs for them when they have completed their training. A portfolio was provided outlining how KBR's partnership between education and industry works. Mr. Clark explained that since working with the CHOICE CTI program in December, KBR has expended approximately \$9,000 on consumables for the welding programs at Crestview and Baker High Schools, and OATC (Exhibit 10-01).
2. Deleted - Ruckel Knowledge Masters Team was recognized as First Place winners in the Middle School Division, Fall Competition
3. The First Place Winners at the Florida Junior Beta Club Convention were recognized and presented with certificates (Exhibit 10-02).
4. Deleted - Joshua Hinton was unable to attend to receive the award as winner of the Governor's Recognition Scholarship Essay Contest. Recognition has been re-scheduled for the next Board meeting in January.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** No Request

**PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:** None

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

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of November 19 – December 2, 2009, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-03)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of November 19 – December 2, 2009, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-04)
3. State of Florida, State Board of Administration, Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008, Report No. 2009-124R, Reissued, December 2009, (Replaces April 13, 2009 Report) presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-05)
4. Race to the Top, presented by Guyla Hendricks (Exhibit 10-06)

### CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of December 10, 2009, and Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 14, 2009, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Meigs Middle School for baseball dugouts in the amount of \$9983.78, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-07).
3. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Mary Esther Elementary School for an electronic sign in the amount of \$7500.00, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-08).
4. Payment of Invoices dated January 11, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-09).
5. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-10).
6. Budget Amendment #3 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-11).
7. Monthly Financial Statement for November 2009, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-12).
8. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-13).
9. Partnership Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Baptist College of Florida for students enrolled in the Music Education Baccalaureate programs, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-14).
10. Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Gulf Coast Community College to provide educational field experiences for students enrolled in the Educator Preparation Institute, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-15).

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11. School Resource Officer Program Modification Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Sheriff of Okaloosa County, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-16).
12. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 10-17)
  - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 10-18)
  - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 10-17)
13. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-19).
14. Reinstatement of Sick Leave due to line-of-duty illness/injury/medical examination, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-20):
  - A. Deborah Barrow, Shoal River Middle School, 14.25 hours
  - B. Charles Hutchins, Bluewater Elementary School, 30 hours
  - C. Lynda Woods, Walker Elementary School, 2.75 hours
15. Zoning Waivers, presented by Deputy Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-21; see Zoning Waiver file).
16. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-22; see bid file for additional information):
  - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
  - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
  - C. Service Agreements:
    - (1) SA# 10-84 Jessica Murphy, Collaborate with school-based personnel in the delivery models of Title IV Programs, Student Services - \$9500.00 (Special Revenue, Project 0480)
17. Participating Local Education Agency Memorandum of Understanding for Race to the Top, presented and recommended for approval by the Superintendent (Exhibit 10-23).
18. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Laurel Hill School, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-24):
  - A. Appropriation of \$15,994.40 for the purchase of classroom technology equipment (see attachment – ELMOs, MIMIOs and Interactive White Board totaling \$19,662.40)
  - B. Re-appropriation of the balance of funds from Project 9316 Capital Improvements in the amount of \$3428 for the purchase of classroom technology equipment
  - C. Re-appropriation of the balance of funds from Project 0383 School Sign in the amount of \$240 for the purchase of classroom technology equipment

**DISCUSSION AGENDA:** None

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**CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to approve Program No. IV, Task Order No. 6, Change Order No. 1, Redistribution of the Owner's Allowance to cover Owner's Scope Modifications to the Choctawhatchee High School Chiller Replacement Project in the amount of \$336,933.00, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-25).

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:** None

**BIDS AND PURCHASING:** None

**ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:**

Mr. McInnis stated that Delta Health Group, Inc., d/b/a Silvercrest Manor, has requested permission to assign its Motor Vehicle Lease for Disaster Transportation Services Agreement with the School Board to FL HUD Silvercrest, LLC, d/b/a Silvercrest Manor.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to assign the Motor Vehicle Lease for Disaster Transportation Services Agreement between the Okaloosa County School Board and Delta Health Group, Inc., d/b/a Silvercrest Manor, to FL HUD Silvercrest, LLC, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-26).

Mr. McInnis informed the Board that he, along with the City Attorney of Fort Walton Beach, have been monitoring litigation in central Florida concerning storm water utility user fees, and whether or not municipalities had the legal authority to charge those fees to other governmental agencies, such as the School Board. Litigation has come to an end and the appellate court has affirmed the lower court ruling, finding that because of sovereign immunity governmental agencies cannot be charged storm water utility user fees. He stated that he is currently working with the City regarding the billing situation based on the outcome of the court ruling. Mr. McInnis requested permission to not pay the storm water utility fees until further notice, in order to allow time for him to work with the City on their position on the court ruling.

Motion to not pay the storm water utility user fees to the City of Fort Walton Beach based on the outcome of the recent appellate court ruling was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:**

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 10-27)

Dr. Tibbetts stated that online voting for the 2010-2011 school calendar will be available to parents from January 14 through January 28, and that staff members will vote by written ballot.

Dr. Tibbetts extended her appreciation to all the students who participated in the Martin Luther King Oratorical and Poster Contest on January 9<sup>th</sup>. She commented that there will be numerous Martin Luther King Day activities this weekend.

**BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Frakes announced that Lee Hale, Assistant Principal at Choctawhatchee High School, has been named Assistant Principal of the Year for the State of Florida.


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Mrs. Thigpen announced that the three finalists for Teacher of Year are Eddie Steadman of Ruckel Middle School, Greer Harvell of Meigs Middle School, and Dawn Pack of Destin Elementary School.

Mr. Hill informed the Board that the Educational Support committee has selected six finalists and will conduct interviews tomorrow.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

  
ALEXIS TIBBETS, Ed.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
CORPORATE SECRETARY

  
RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD