

**REGULAR MEETING – MAY 10, 2010**

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

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on May 10, 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 6:05 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

Consent Agenda: Item #15 was revised to reflect Academic Intervention Programs: The New High School South and the New High School North.

Mr. Walker acknowledged receipt of the specific discipline criteria for the academic intervention programs, per Mrs. Frakes' request at the Board Workshop.

Upon request, Mary Beth Jackson clarified that the ratio of students receiving direct instruction at the New High School would be 1-12. Fifty students will receive academic instruction with four teachers for one-half of the day, while fifty additional students will receive instruction in the CTE program. The two groups will switch instructional settings halfway through the instructional day.

Mr. Hill inquired about the funding for the teachers providing vocational instruction. Mrs. Jackson responded that the instructors already present and teaching vocational courses will be utilized in this program. Mr. Hill asked about the number of students currently enrolled in the vocational classes. Mr. Gardner stated that most of the classes are in good shape as far as the number of high school students, and that adding twelve students will not be an issue because students will be separated throughout several labs.

**VISITORS:**

1. Dr. Charles E. Merkel, was unable to attend and his presentation of a United States Flag to the District in appreciation of the school supplies sent to Afghanistan will be re-scheduled.
2. The Ruckel Middle School Academic Team was recognized by the Board as First Place Winners in the Spring 2010 Knowledge Masters Open, Middle School Division (Exhibit 10-284)
3. The Board recognized Linda Evanchyk, who has been inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. Dr. Tibbetts stated that Ms. Evanchyk has championed National Board Certified Teachers across the District (Exhibit 10-285)

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### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request**

### **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:**

1. On a motion by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Thigpen, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mary Sheheane to Food Service Manager at Fort Walton Beach High School, recommended for approval by the Superintendent (Exhibit 10-286).
2. The recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Allen Tew to Foreman, Maintenance Department, was approved on a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-287).

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

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of April 8 – 21, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-288)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of April 8 – 21, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-289)
3. Quarterly Report on Service Agreements under the \$5000 threshold, January through March 2010, presented by Rick Norris (Exhibit 10-290)
4. Quarterly Report on Short-Term Facility Use Contracts and Lease Agreements with fees of less than \$5000, presented by Rick Norris (Exhibit 10-291)

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 26, 2010, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Choctawhatchee High School for renovation of the IT Department in the amount of \$7456.84, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-292).
3. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Riverside Elementary School for technology needs in the amount of \$6278.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-293).
4. Payment of Invoices dated May 10, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-294).
5. Warrants in the amount of \$15,494,883.01, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-295).
6. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-296).
7. Check Recovery Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Safe-Check for NSF checks recovery services, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-297).

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8. Lighting Retrofit Agreements between the School Board of Okaloosa County and EnergyLite, Inc., to provide lighting upgrades at the following schools, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. Bluewater Elementary School in the amount of \$91,143.00 (Exhibit 10-298)
  - B. Edwins Elementary School in the amount of \$54,854.00 (Exhibit 10-299)
  - C. Kenwood Elementary School in the amount of \$75,901.00 (Exhibit 10-300)
9. School Volunteer Lists, submitted by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-301).
10. Letter of Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Pediatric Services of America to provide services during extended school year, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-302).
11. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the School Board of Walton County to provide ESE services to certain Walton County students, presented by Melody Sommer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-303).
12. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for the Crime Scene Investigation classes at Crestview High School for the 2010-2011 school year, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-304).
13. Okaloosa County School District Customer Satisfaction Survey Results provided by the Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development at the University of West Florida, presented by Steve McLaughlin and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-305).
14. Summer calendars for Junior Lifeguard Program and Summer Bridge Program, presented by Steve McLaughlin and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-306).
15. Academic Intervention Programs: The New High School South and The New High School North presented by Mary Beth Jackson and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-307).
16. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 10-308)
  - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 10-309)
  - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 10-308)
17. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-310).
18. 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 10-311):
  - A. Jan Robinson, Student Services, 5 hours
19. Zoning Waivers, presented by Deputy Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-312; see Zoning Waiver file).
20. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (see bid file for additional information):

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- A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
- (1) RFB 10-B15 Carpet & Tile Bid, District-wide, awarded to The Flooring Authority as the primary and Crestview Carpets as the secondary, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-313)
  - (2) RFB 10-B16 Services and Repairs for Fire Extinguishers and Kitchen Hood Extinguishing Systems, District-wide, awarded to Fire Master, three-year bid, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-314)
  - (3) RFB 10-B19 Roll Toilet Tissue and Paper Towels, District-wide, multiple vendors; three-year bid, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-315)
  - (4) Tag-on-Bid #10C-53S with Palm Beach County for Mobile Video Surveillance Equipment, Parts, Repairs, Installation and Services for School Buses and Other Vehicles; multiple vendors, three-year contract, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-316)
  - (5) Tag-on-Bid #1001031 with Orange County for School Planners and Folders; multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-317)
  - (6) Tag-on-Bid #10-011/BP with Brevard County for Bulk Commodity Processing; multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-318)
  - (7) Tag-on-Bid RFB-1475-09 with Monroe2-Orleans Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Engineering, Biomedical Equipment and Supplies for Project Lead The Way Biomedical Program; multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-319)
  - (8) Renewal of RFP 08-P03 Energy Savings Program, awarded to Energylite, Inc., Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-320)
  - (9) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #09-094/DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Beef Processing; multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-321)
  - (10) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #09-081/DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Cheese Processing; multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-322)
  - (11) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #09-093/DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Chicken Processing; multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-323)
  - (12) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #09-112/DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Turkey Processing; multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-324)
  - (13) Renewal of Sole Source Purchase, Discovery Education, Instructional Technology - \$34,450.00 (Exhibit 10-325)
- B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
- C. Service Agreements:
- (1) SA# 10-97 Dee Dee Watson, Summer Dance Clinician for the Dance Team, Pryor Middle School - \$1920 (Internal Funds – Dance Team Account) (Exhibit 10-326)

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**DISCUSSION AGENDA:** None

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

1. Motion to approve the GMP from Jacobs/Titan for Program No. 4, Task Order No. 9, Longwood Elementary School HVAC System Replacement and Lighting Retrofit Project, in the amount of \$2,799,050.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-327).

It is noted that the Board received the Faithful+Gould Cost Verification Report for the GMP from Jacobs/Titan for Program No. 4, Task Order No. 9, Longwood Elementary School HVAC System Replacement and Lighting Retrofit Project, in the amount of \$2,799,050.00. The report indicates that the proposed GMP for the project is well within reasonable market range.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:** None

**BIDS AND PURCHASING:** None

**ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:**

Mr. McInnis requested Board approval of Amended Order of Student Expulsion Number 10-12.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to approve Amended Order of Student Expulsion Number 10-12, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:**

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 10-328)

Dr. Tibbetts stated that Kenwood Elementary School was selected the Civil Air Patrol School of the Year.

First place winners at the Tech Bowl which was held at the Niceville Community Center were as follows: Edge, elementary school division; Ruckel, middle school division; and Choctawhatchee, high school division.

Dr. Tibbetts announced that Project Child teachers at Elliott Point, Lee Barkley, Johanna Hayden, and Janet Webb, received the Innovation Star Cluster Award at the National Conference last week.

**BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kelley made reference to an article in the Sunday Daily News regarding the half-cent sales tax. He agreed with the comment that the School Board has reluctantly reached this point. He stated that the District is behind in technology in the schools and the maintenance of aging schools which are matters that prompted the sales tax issue; however the Board is now doing a better job of planning for the future. He stated that he is not aware of other options the Board has not explored; however, he urged the public to give Board members their thoughts on whether or not they support the half-cent sales tax, and to come forward with options for the Board to explore. He stated that if the public is not in support of the half-cent sales tax, the District will do without or will try to find other options.

Mr. Hill responded that he had proposed holding off the sales tax increase for a couple of years when the economy may be better. He suggested that voters call Board

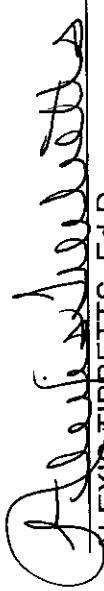
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members if they have questions or if they would like additional information. He added that the State has moved capital funds to operations which restrict the District's capital projects.

Mr. Walker asked Mrs. Scallan what the District's shortfall has been in the past three years. Mrs. Scallan responded that the District's shortfall is approximately \$29 million. She explained the legislative changes, and stated that statutory changes have limited the District's flexibility. Mr. Walker noted that 85% of the budget is in salaries, retirement and benefits which reduces the District's flexibility.

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

Jan Crawford, Recorder



ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
CORPORATE SECRETARY



RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD