

REGULAR MEETING – JULY 12, 2010

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

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on July 12, 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

Alexis Tibbetts, Superintendent
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

ABSENT: Cathy Thigpen

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. Kelley and carried 4-0:

Consent Agenda: Item #15 was moved to Discussion #1; added as item #22, Appropriation of District 2 School Board Member Capital Outlay funds to Fort Walton Beach High School; added as item #23, Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay funds to Choctawhatchee High School

Discussion Agenda: Added as item #1, School Resource Officer Program Agreement (Consent #15)

Construction Business: Added as item #1, Jacobs/Titan Capital Outlay Program No. 4, Task Order No. 6, Change Order No. 4; added as item #2, Jacobs/Titan Capital Outlay Program No. 4, Task Order No. 6, Change Order No. 5

VISITORS:

1. Dr. Charles Merkel presented an American Flag and a Certificate of Authenticity certifying that this flag flew in an A-10C on January 10, 2010, over Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, a NATO base used for the Global War on Terror. This was presented to the district in appreciation of the school supplies collected by students and sent to the children of Afghanistan.
2. Dr. Robert McEachern was recognized by the Board and Superintendent on the occasion of his retirement from the Okaloosa County School System. Dr. McEachern was presented a cobalt crystal vase in honor of his dedication to the education of children and his exemplary service as an educator and leader in the Okaloosa County School District.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of June 10 – 24, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-524)

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2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of June 10 – 24, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-525)
3. Crisis Management Flipchart and Crisis Checklist for Okaloosa County District Schools, presented by Jerry Sansom (Exhibit 10-526)

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 Regular Meeting of June 28, 2010; and Minutes of Workshop Meeting of June 30, 2010, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Recommendation to name the new dropout prevention and academic intervention program located on the Crestview High School campus the “North High School”, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-527).
3. Payment of Invoices dated July 12, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-528).
4. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-529).
5. Request to write off \$50.00 in worthless checks, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-530).
6. Fiscal year 2009-2010 Inventories from all schools and departments, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-531).
7. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the School Board of Seminole County for Medicaid Administrative Claiming, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-532).
8. Florida State Fire Marshall Inspection Reports for 2009-2010 for all Okaloosa County School District facilities, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-533).
9. SunSmart Schools Emergency Shelter School Agreement with the University of Central Florida for the following schools, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-534):
 - A. Antioch Elementary School
 - B. Baker School
10. Addendum to the Okaloosa County School District Dropout Prevention Plan to include the new Educational Alternative Program: 9th Grade Academic Intervention Program, presented by Mary Beth Jackson and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-535).
11. Cooperative Service Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Florida State University to use the FSU Multidisciplinary Center for Independent Evaluations for ESE students, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-536).
12. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the University of West Florida, presented by Steve McLaughlin and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-537).

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13. Application for the HP EdTech Innovators Award Program: Computers in the Math and Science Classroom Grant Proposal submitted by Edwins Elementary School, presented by Dr. Connie Hall and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-538).
14. Middle School Pacing Guides for Math, Science and Social Studies, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-539).
15. Moved to Discussion Agenda #1 - School Resource Officer Program Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa County Sheriff for 2010-2011, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
16. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-540).
17. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 10-541)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 10-542)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 10-541)
18. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-543).
19. 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 10-544):
 - A. James Branson, Transportation, 6 hours
 - B. Linda Bryant, Transportation, 62 hours
 - C. Shirley Longwood, Food Services, 3.25 hours
 - D. David Livingston, Transportation, 56.25 hours
 - E. Fiona Lukas, Baker School, 2 hours
 - F. Wanda Neel, Food Services, 2 hours
 - G. Janet Robinson, Student Services, 1 hour
20. Zoning Waivers, presented by Deputy Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-545; see Zoning Waiver file).
21. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) Correction to Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #07-39 Milk/Milk Products - Bay County (incorrect bid number) (Exhibit 10-546)
 - (2) Tag-on-Bid RFB-10-02 On-line Procurement with Santa Rosa County, multiple vendors, percentage off catalog prices (Exhibit 10-547)
 - (3) Tag-on-Bid #0536 Basketball, Tennis, Play Courts Resurfacing with Line Striping and Repairs with Sarasota County, awarded to Welch Tennis Courts, Inc., fixed prices (Exhibit 10-548)
 - (4) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #R4915 TCPN Annual Contract for Portable/Modular Building Systems and Related Services, awarded to Williams Scotsman, fixed prices (Exhibit 10-549)

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B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None

C. Service Agreements:

- (1) SA# 11-26 Jonathan Davis, Color Guard Instructor, Fort Walton Beach High School - \$12,000 (Band Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-550)
- (2) SA# 11-27 Brandi Johnson, Color Guard Instructor, Fort Walton Beach High School - \$6000 (Band Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-551)
- (3) SA# 11-28 Shane Gwaltney, Percussion Clinician, Fort Walton Beach High School - \$8400 (Band Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-552)
- (4) SA# 11-30 Dorothea L. Baites, Grant Writing Services, CHOICE Institutes - \$10,050 (Carl Perkins Grant Funds) (Exhibit 10-553)

22. Appropriation of District 2 School Board Member Capital Outlay funds to Fort Walton Beach High School for student desks, tables and chairs in the amount of \$10,620.04, presented by Chuck Kelley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-554).

23. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay funds to Choctawhatchee High School for vinyl flooring in the new IT lab in the amount of \$8000, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-555).

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Mr. Hill moved to approve the School Resource Officer Program Agreement with the Okaloosa County Sheriff for 2010-2011 with the addition of a resource officer at Lewis School and at CHOICE High School and Technical Center, and that the additional cost of \$84,190.00 to the district for the two officers be taken from the funds made available by the Board's decision to eliminate two director positions from the budget (Exhibit 10-556).

Mr. Hill stated that his reasons for adding an officer at Lewis is due to the parents' concerns with the combining of Lewis and Valparaiso schools, and the requirement to provide security for athletic events. His reason for adding an officer at CHOICE High School was because of the Best Chance program being housed on the campus. Mrs. Frakes seconded the motion for discussion.

Chief Deputy Larry Ashley stated that the Sheriff's Department is committed to the SRO program and believes that the continuity of having one agency in the schools across the district is of great benefit.

Mrs. Frakes expressed concern with the additional funding since the district is probably facing more budget cuts. She also noted for the record that although some parents may have left the Lewis/Valparaiso community meetings with the understanding that a SRO at Lewis was promised this year, there is no record of that commitment in the minutes of the School Board meetings.

Dr. Tibbetts stated that she doesn't believe that anyone from her staff made a commitment to have a resource officer at Lewis. She added that Lewis is the school with the fewest calls or referrals and it is adjacent to a military installation. She expressed concern with funding the additional positions when the district is possibly facing additional revenue cuts.

Mr. Walker stated that he would support the motion because he believes having the resource officers in the schools prevents a lot of problems.

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Mr. Kelley asked about the number of referrals at Lewis Middle School and CHOICE High School. Rodney Nobles responded that Lewis, with approximately 320 students, had 32 referrals with 1 arrest during the past school year. CHOICE High School, with approximately 300 students, had 150 referrals with 6 arrests during the past school year, and most of the referrals came from the ECCI that was housed on that campus.

Mr. Kelley expressed concern with funding for the program and the declining resources. He stated that he would support the motion because he believes that if it is a program the Board is going to implement in the schools, some schools should not be separated out. If the program is good enough for other middle and high schools, it is good enough for Lewis and CHOICE High School.

Mrs. Frakes stated that she believes everyone is interested in the safety of the schools. It is a responsibility of the Board to create a safe learning environment. However, it needs to be communicated to parents and the community that there are very tough cuts coming that will make people unhappy, but there is no choice due to the financial situation.

The Board commended the Sheriff's Department for the commitment to the SRO program and to fund their portion of the cost for the two additional officers.

The motion to approve the Agreement with the addition of two resource officers carried 4-0.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve Jacobs/Titan Capital Outlay Program No. 4, Task Order No. 6, Change Order No. 4, Declaration of Interim Shared Savings, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried 4-0 (Exhibit 10-557).

2. Motion to approve Jacobs/Titan Capital Outlay Program No. 4, Task Order No. 6, Change Order No. 5, Contract Modification to authorize use of Shared Savings in the amount of \$100,800.00 for costs associated with installing two HVAC units at Choctawhatchee High School, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried 4-0 (Exhibit 10-558).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: None

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:

Mr. McInnis stated that the Board previously approved a Retainer Agreement with Attorney Julie Weatherly to provide services related to an ESE matter. He requested the Board authorize Ms. Weatherly's scope of services to be expanded to provide service in another ESE Due Process matter that has come up.

Motion to expand the scope of services with Attorney Julie Weatherly was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

Dr. Tibbetts announced that the district has won the Florida Healthy School District award at the bronze level. This award is won due to the district's emphasis on health and wellness.

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BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

1. Motion to appoint Mr. Howard Hill and Mrs. Gloria Frazier as the Board's representatives to the Okaloosa County Value Adjustment Board for 2010 was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried 4-0.

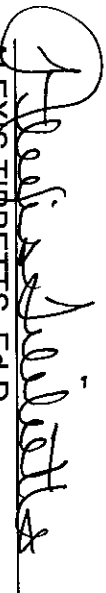
Mr. Kelley asked for an update on the aeronautical program contract. Mrs. Frakes stated that the director for Embry-Riddle World Wide was out of the country the past three weeks, but he has returned and negotiations have resumed.

Mr. Walker reminded staff that until the new budget is funded, money cannot be spent. All budget items must be approved by Mrs. Scallan before coming to the Board for approval.

Mrs. Frakes recognized Ben Woodberry, a freshman at Fort Walton Beach High School, who attended the meeting as part of the requirements to earn his Boy Scout Merit Badge in Communications.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder


ALEXIS TIBBETS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY


RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD