

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 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 September 27, 2010, in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, 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 4:00 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:

Consent Agenda: Item #2 was deleted; item #3 was revised to \$4850; item #14 was deleted.

Mrs. Frakes stated that the appropriation of capital outlay funds to Pryor Middle School for the purchase of iPads has been delayed until the principal receives additional information.

Mrs. Frakes stated that the appropriation of capital outlay funds to Choctawhatchee High School for the purchase of Autodesk Design Academy upgrade provides a savings on the purchase of future licenses and allows Choctawhatchee High School to have the latest technology.

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:

1. The recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Raquel Cheree Davis to the position of Specialist for Title I, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-728).

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of August 26 – September 8, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-729)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of August 26 – September 8, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-730)
3. The Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Inc., Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-731)

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4. Liza Jackson Preparatory School, Inc., Basic Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-732)
5. Okaloosa Academy, Inc., Basic Financial Statements and Supplemental Information (Exhibit 10-733)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Hill clarified that the appropriation of capital outlay funds for an interactive projector and CNC lathe that was Board approved at the September 13, 2010 Board meeting is going to the Niceville High School robotics competition team for designing and building parts.

In follow up to his recommendation at the Board Workshop regarding drafting a policy that new employees would be subject to direct deposit, Mr. Hill stated that as long as there are existing employees who do not participate in a direct deposit payroll system, the current payroll system would still be in effect and costs would continue to be incurred toward printing checks. Therefore, he will not pursue a proposal that would direct the attorney to draft a policy in this regard.

Mrs. Frakes asked Mrs. Scallan, Chief Financial Officer, to clarify her comments from the previous Board Meeting in regard to the spending of the stimulus funds anticipated to be received later this month.

Mrs. Scallan stated that the District has been given direction by the State and by the legislature that the Federal dollars in the Education Jobs Fund Program can be used to supplant. The recommendation from the State was that the District move expenditures that are currently budgeted for positions in the general fund over to the Federal funds. That would then free up money in the general fund which could be held in a reserve for the 2011-2012 budget. Mrs. Scallan confirmed that the instruction the District has received is from the State Department of Education, the Office of Funding and Financial Services, the office that releases the funds. She stated that the State is accountable to the Federal government and the State is giving direction on how to use those funds.

Discussion followed concerning the direction from the State as it relates to the release of the Education Jobs Fund Program dollars. Mrs. Scallan stated that it is her understanding that the District has until September 2012 to expend the funds; however, the State is recommending that the District go ahead and use the funding. Mrs. Scallan stated that she would present options of how funds can be applied at the next Board workshop.

Mrs. Thigpen requested clarification on language in the proposed new Policy 1-23 Intellectual Property. Mr. McInnis explained that policy is intended to cover those assets of the district that are in the form of names, logos, copyright type materials and things of that nature; not an asset that is sitting on a counter.

The Chairman recessed the Regular Meeting and called to order the Public Hearing at 4:23 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. McInnis stated that the purpose of the hearing was to consider revisions to School Board Policy 3-1(D), Instructional Materials. He stated that the revisions recommended to the policy are based upon legislation that was adopted in the 2010 legislative session.

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The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to approve revised School Board Policy 3-1(D) Instructional Materials as recommended by the Superintendent was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-734).

The Chairman concluded the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 4:25 p.m.

In regard to the District Improvement and Assistance Plan, Mr. Hill inquired about the varying percentages of targets for each student subgroup. Dr. Tibbetts explained that the District's subgroup goals set for the following year are based on the scores from the previous year.

Mr. Hill asked what changes were made to the SP&P. Mrs. Handzo stated that amendments to the SP&P are based on the new legislation that went into effect July 1. Once approved by the Board, the state will incorporate the amendments into the existing plan that is already in place and effective for the 2009-2010 through the 2011-2012 school years.

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 September 9, 2010 and Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 13, 2010, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Deleted - Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Pryor Middle School for the purchase of iPads in the amount of \$7000.00, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
3. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Choctawhatchee High School for the purchase of Autodesk Design Academy Upgrade in the amount of 4850.00, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-735).
4. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Choctawhatchee High School for a Field PA System in the amount of 8382.00, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-736).
5. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Crestview High School for band instruments in the amount of 9685.50, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-737).
6. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Fort Walton Beach High School for the installation and configuration of 1 WAP in the band room in the amount of \$1067.00, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-738).
7. Request to advertise a public hearing for adoption of new School Board Policy 1-23 Intellectual Property, presented by Rodney Nobles and Jeff McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-739).

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8. Request to advertise a public hearing for revision of School Board Policy 11-27 Security Plan, presented by Mike Foxworthy and Jeff McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-740).
9. Renewal of 96th Air Base Wing/Okaloosa County School Intragovernmental Support Agreement, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and Jeff McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-741).
10. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-742).
11. Payment of Invoices dated September 27, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-743).
12. Application for Impact Aid under P.L. 81-874 for the 2010-2011 school year naming Dr. Alexis Tibbetts as the authorized representative for the Board, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-744).
13. Permission to pay a materials and supplies stipend to qualified Adult Vocational Teachers, Behavior Analysts, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, School Psychologists, Social Workers, and Staffing Specialists, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-745).
14. Deleted - Renewal of Voluntary Group Vision Insurance, effective January 1, 2011, presented by Jim Palmer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
15. Modification to FCC Broadcast License, presented by Scott Deadwyler and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-746).
16. Renewal of the Contract Service Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners for courier services to be provided for the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative, presented by Ryan Gore and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-747).
17. Agreements between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the following employers to provide training to ESE students participating in the School-to-Work program, presented by Melody Sommer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-748):
 - A. Subway (Beal Parkway, Fort Walton Beach)
 - B. Subway (Racetrack Road, Fort Walton Beach)
 - C. Subway of Fort Walton Beach (Eglin Parkway)
18. Okaloosa County School District Open Enrollment Plan 2010-2011, presented by Jenny Calderone and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-749).
19. Okaloosa County School District Improvement and Assistance Plan 2010-2011, presented by Annette Maldonado and Jenny Calderone and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-750).
20. Title 1, Part A, School Improvement Initiative Application for 2010-2011, presented by Annette Maldonado and Jenny Calderone and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-751).

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21. Revision of 2010-2011 Pupil Progression Plan, presented by Guylla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-752).
22. Amendments to the Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students (SP&P) 2009-2010 through 2011-2012, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-753).
23. Out-of-Field Report for First Semester 2010-2011 School Year, presented by Carolyn McAllister and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-754).
24. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 10-755)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 10-756)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 10-755)
25. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-757).
26. 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 10-758):
 - A. Patricia Avery, Transportation, 72.5 hours
 - B. Renee Mayville, Human Resources Department, 13.25 hours
 - C. Lynda Woods, Walker Elementary, 3.75 hours
27. Zoning Waivers, presented by Deputy Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-759; see Zoning Waiver file).
28. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
 - C. Service Agreements: None

DISCUSSION AGENDA: None

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

1. On a motion by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved Program No. 3, Task Order No. 15, Change Order No. 5, Declaration of Shared Savings in the amount of \$810,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-760).
2. Motion to approve Program No. 3, Task Order No. 17, Change Order No. 26, Declaration of Shared Savings in the amount of \$2,640,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-761).
3. Motion to approve Program No. 4, Task Order No. 15, Time and Materials for Crestview High School and Baker School Campus Controls Installation and HVAC Upgrades, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-762).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: None

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BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 10-763)

Dr. Tibbetts stated that per communication from Chancellor Halthcock, DOE has identified the need for eight Race to the Top implementation committees on various topics, and they are seeking volunteers to serve on these committees. The committees will be representative based on geography and interest. The call for volunteers will be open until Friday, October 1.

Dr. Tibbetts announced that Elaine Anderson has been appointed to the 2010-2011 Special Ops Women's Honorary Commander's Program at Hurlburt Field.

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mr. Hill inquired about the status of the AS400 update, and commented that the program was running slow at Niceville High School. Ryan Gore, MIS Program Director, stated that he has received positive feedback, and as of this date he has not seen any adverse affects. He stated that the strain on the network is greatly decreased and that transactions are processing much faster with the new alignment. He stated that he would address the incidence at Niceville High School to determine if there is a specific hardware issue or if there is a network issue.

Mr. Hill stated that he received an email from a parent concerning having a school holiday on the day Columbus Day is observed. Mr. Gore commented that the Columbus Day holiday typically falls within FTE week, and although Districts have the option to take that as a school holiday, it is the State's recommendation not to take it because that is one additional day that students can attend school for funding. It is a recommendation from the state, but it is not a mandate.

Mrs. Frakes stated that the Annual Elected Official Appreciation Reception given by the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors is Thursday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Thigpen thanked the Rotary Club of Crestview for presenting dictionaries to all of the third grade students at schools in the north zone.

Mrs. Thigpen announced that the induction of the new SSTRIDE class at Crestview High School will take place tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m., and that Senator Gaetz will be leading the program.

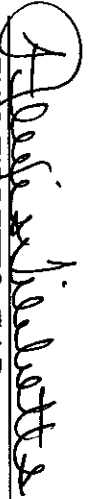
Mrs. Thigpen stated that the dedication ceremony for the naming of the Coach Paul Pope Field is Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., at Meigs Middle School.

Mrs. Thigpen asked Cheryl Seals to provide information on the My Team Parental Involvement Program. Ms. Seals stated that one of the main focuses in closing the achievement gap is to increase parental involvement. One of the initiatives that have been implemented at Crestview High School and Choctawhatchee High School is the My Team Parental Involvement Program. This program pairs at-risk (at-risk) students and their parents with a teacher. It is a means to get the parents involved and show them resources and tools that they can use to help their child be academically successful.

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There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder


ALEX S. TIBBETS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY


RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD