

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 12, 2010

The Invocation was offered by Dr. Tibbetts; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Frakes.

Mrs. Frakes asked that the Board and audience observe a moment of silence in memory of the two Hurlburt Field airmen who died in the plane crash in Afghanistan which impacted four Okaloosa County students.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on April 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
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 Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously:

Consent Agenda: Added as item #24D, Termination of Employee #xxx-xx-4233

Construction Business: Added as item #1, Establish an Owner Direct Allowance in the amount of \$700,000 for Summer 2010 Construction Period for Task Order No. 9, Longwood Elementary School HVAC Replacement Project, for the purpose of Owner Direct Purchases

VISITORS:

1. The Board recognized Ross Spock, Niceville High School, as the State Champion of the 100-yard backstroke in the Florida High School Athletics Association Swim Competition (Exhibit 10-204).
2. The Board recognized Nate Hartley, Niceville High School, as the State Champion in the Florida High School Athletics Association Wrestling Competition, 171 pound weight class (Exhibit 10-205).
3. The Fort Walton Beach High School Stars Dance Team was recognized by the Board as the Jazz Grand Champions in the 2010 American Championship State Competition and for being voted the team with the best sportsmanship during the competition (Exhibit 10-206).
4. Mr. Chuck Whitehead, on behalf of the North Florida Bulls Travel Baseball Program, presented funds in the amount of \$8012.32 to support the Okaloosa School District middle school baseball programs. These funds were raised through an inaugural baseball tournament, "The Bulls Give Back Classic." The funds are to be divided among the eight middle school baseball programs.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

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PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:

1. The Superintendent's recommendation for the appointment of Angie Vaughan to the position of Principal, Florosa Elementary School, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-207).

The Chairman recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. for the scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Okaloosa School Board Leasing Corporation. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of March 4 – 17, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-208)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of March 4 – 17, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-209)
3. State of Florida, State Board of Administration, Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-210)
4. Grants Update, presented by Kaye McKinley (Exhibit 10-211)
5. Technology Forecast, presented by Eric Mitchell and Dolores Noechel (Exhibit 10-212)
6. Update on District Facilities Ten-year Work Plan, presented by Dr. Bill Smith (Exhibit 10-213)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 22, 2010 and Minutes of Student Disciplinary Hearing of March 22, 2010, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 2 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Destin Elementary School for MIMIO's in the amount of \$13,455.75, presented by Chuck Kelley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-214).
3. Appropriation of District 5 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Bluewater Elementary School for a security camera in the amount of \$2050.00, presented by Howard Hill and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-215).
4. Payment of Invoices dated April 12, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-216).
5. Warrants in the amount of \$31,090,450.38, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-217).
6. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-218).

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7. Request to advertise a public hearing for revision of School Board Policy 2-17 Purchasing Procedures, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-219).
8. Certificates of Participation, Series 2007 – Resolution and documents related to First Amendment to Lease Schedule, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-220).
9. Surplus Property List, items for disposal at public sale on April 22, 2010, presented by Steve Bolton and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-221).
10. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and IVANCO, Inc., for the implementation of a District Wide Intercom System Program, presented by Steve Bolton and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-222).
11. Proposal for the replacement of the intercom system at Ruckel Middle School, presented by Steve Bolton and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-223).
12. Proposal for the replacement of the intercom system at Wright Elementary School, presented by Steve Bolton and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-224).
13. Revision of MIS 4052 Application for Use of District Building/Facilities and MIS 4053 School/Facility Use Contract, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-225).
14. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-226).
15. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start to provide speech therapy, language therapy, and educational and related services for eligible prekindergarten children enrolled in the Head Start Program, presented by Melody Sommer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-227).
16. Department of Juvenile Justice 2010-2011 School Year Calendar, presented by Dr. Robert McEachern and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-228).
17. Interlocal Software Development Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the School Board of Brevard County, presented by Ryan Gore and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-229).
18. Community Education: Summer Driver's Education Program, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-230).
19. School Psychology Internship Cooperative Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Georgia Southern University School Psychology Program, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-231).
20. Application for Federal Assistance Grant, The Smart Choices Program: Reduce Alcohol Abuse, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-232).

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21. Summer intensive studies/summer school schedule for Summer 2010, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-233).
22. Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Grant Application, STEMconnect, presented by Dolores Noechel and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-234).
23. DoDEA, Education Directorate: Promoting Student Achievement at Schools Impacted by Military Force Structure Changes Discretionary Grant Program Application, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-235).
24. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 10-236)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 10-237)
 - C. Transfer Report (No Report)
 - D. Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-4233 during probationary period (Exhibit 10-238)
25. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-239).
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 10-240):
 - A. Audrey Lynn Allen, Transportation, 20 hours
 - B. Angelia Pogue, Transportation, 48.75 hours
27. Zoning Waivers, presented by Deputy Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-241; see Zoning Waiver file).
28. Policy Statement and Agreement between the Local Education Agency and Florida Department of Education, School Business Services, Food and Nutrition Management for National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Afterschool Snack, Summer Food Service Program, Seamless Summer Option, and Special Milk Programs, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-242).
29. 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) RFB 10-B18 Door Replacement & Repair Bid, District Wide, awarded to Warren Hollow Metal Doors & Frames, Inc., as the primary; and to D. L. Curtis Construction, Inc., as the secondary, Fixed Prices, Maintenance Department (Exhibit 10-243)
 - (2) RFB 10-B20 Tire Recapping awarded to GCR Tires in the amount of \$45,719.40 (based on estimated usage), Transportation Department (Exhibit 10-244)
 - (3) Renewal of RFQ 07-Q01 Construction Cost Engineering Consulting Services awarded to Faithful+Gould, Fixed Prices, Facilities Department (Exhibit 10-245)

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- (4) Tag-on-Bid #GS1030008 Private School Bus Program-The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Fixed Prices, Transportation Department (Exhibit 10-246)

- (5) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #10-968-153 RN with Pinellas County Schools for Bleacher Repairs & Motorization, Fixed Prices, Maintenance Department (Exhibit 10-247)

B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None

C. Service Agreements: None

DISCUSSION AGENDA: None

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion was made by Mr. Hill to establish an Owner Direct Allowance in the amount of \$700,000 for the Summer 2010 construction period for Task Order No. 9, Longwood Elementary School HVAC Replacement Project, for the purpose of Owner Direct Purchases, as presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-248).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: None

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

- 1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 10-249)

Dr. Tibbetts expressed her appreciation of the support the Choctawhatchee, Meigs, and Pryor communities have shown the two families who were impacted by the death of the two airmen in the Osprey crash in Afghanistan.

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mrs. Frakes stated that Senate Bill 6 has gone to the Governor for signing and he will have to act on this bill by the close of business on Friday. The Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Board of Directors voted unanimously to oppose this bill and a letter to the Governor asking that he veto the bill was hand-delivered today. Mrs. Frakes highlighted these points from the letter:

- SB 6 conflicts with the Constitution of Florida in regard to the collective bargaining process and the elected school board's authority to operate, control and supervise all free public schools within the district.
- SB 6 is probably the largest unfunded mandate in recent history. No new funding is provided; instead, it requires school districts to direct five percent of their existing FEEFP funds for the implementation of the provisions of this bill. This comes after three years of education budget cuts and further reductions expected over the next few years.
- SB 6 will impact the recruitment of excellent teachers since Florida already lags behind neighboring states and the national average in beginning teacher pay. Additionally, it denies all job stability for teachers and ignores upper level degrees and work experience.
- SB 6 fails to define key terms and elements of reform and provides insufficient guidance to DOE and to the State Board to adopt rules to fill these voids. Additionally, the bill was crafted without benefit of discussion and input from education experts.

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Karen Peek, President of OCEA, stated that a number of teachers had gathered on the front lawn of the building to garner support from the public in asking the Governor to veto this bill. She stated that it is a sad day in Florida when the elected leaders do not listen to the people they represent. Not just teachers, but the general population believes Senate Bill 6 is flawed. In conclusion she stated that they hope to be celebrating the Governor's veto of this bill by Friday; however, no matter the outcome of this bill, professional educators will survive and overcome the effects of this bill.

Mrs. Thigpen commended Mrs. Peek on her diligence in leading the teachers on this issue. Having been on the Board for ten years, she stated that she has never seen a group of teachers get behind an issue like they have this one. Teachers have made personal contacts, written emails, and made phone calls regarding this issue and they know what they are talking about. They have done the research and they know the language in the bill that they don't like.

Mr. Walker commented that the reform proposed in SB 6 is something you would normally see in a year when funds are plentiful, not at a time when budget cuts have already been made and further reductions are expected.

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 RIBBITTS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY



RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD