

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 9, 2001

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 April 9, 2001, in the School District Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

PRESENT: Rodney Walker, Chairman
Cindy Frakes, Vice-Chairman
Howard Hill
Lloyd Taylor
Cathy Thigpen

Don Gaetz, 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:

The Superintendent requested the addition of two school trip requests to the Agenda. The Chairman approved the request.

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

Superintendent's Business: Added as item #5, Baker School Band to participate in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival; added as item #6, Crestview High baseball team to travel to Opp, Alabama

VISITORS:

1. On a motion by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Thigpen, Resolution 01-11 was unanimously adopted honoring the Plew Elementary School Knowledge Masters Team as the State Champions in the Spring 2001 Competition. Certificates were presented to the team members and Team Coach Jim Castleman.
2. The Choctawhatchee High School Indianettes were recognized as the National Champions in the Wide World of Sports Competition. Resolution 01-12 honoring their accomplishment was unanimously adopted on a motion by Mrs. Frakes and seconded by Mr. Hill. Certificates were presented to each team member and Team Coach Kim McCarthy.
3. The Blue Ribbon for Academic Excellence awarded by *Expansion Management* magazine was presented to the School District by representatives of the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council, Larry Sassano and Gloria Frazier.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):

1. Facilities Construction Update, presented by Bill Smith
2. Grants Update, presented by Ray Sansom

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3. Report and Action Plan to Improve Services and Programs for Students with Disabilities, presented by the Superintendent (Exhibit 01-209)
4. Discussion Budget Update, presented by the Superintendent (Exhibit 01-210)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 26, 2001; Minutes of Special Disciplinary Hearing of March 26, 2001; and Minutes of Special Meeting of March 29, 2001, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Payment of Invoices dated April 9, 2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-211).
3. Warrants in the amount of \$34,342,162.82, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-212).
4. Request to write off return checks valued at \$5.00 and below that were dated prior to December 31, 2000, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-213).
5. Request to write off return checks valued at \$5.01 and more that were dated prior to December 31, 2000, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-214).
6. Acceptance of a donation of \$3000.00 to the Niceville High School Athletic Department, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-215).
7. Acceptance of a donation of \$500.00 to Southside Elementary School's before and after school Child Care Program from Don Gaetz, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-216).
8. Surplus Property List #01-18, Gas Hot Water Heater, Cherokee Elementary, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-217).
9. Award of bid to Crestview Mechanical Contractors, Inc., for the HVAC Renovation and Upgrade for Industrial Arts Classroom and Central Plant Cooling Tower at Crestview High School in the amount of \$68,000.00, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-218).
10. Affiliation Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and HealthSouth for students enrolled in health related occupation programs at Okaloosa Applied Technology Center, presented by Sylvia Austin, R.N., and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-219).
11. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 01-220)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 01-221)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 01-220)

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12. Employment Separations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-222).
13. Reinstatement of Sick Leave due to line-of-duty illness/injury/medical examination, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-223):
 - A. Louanne N. Bruneau, Northwood Elementary, 2 days
 - B. Martha Erdbrink, Transportation, 7.5 hours
 - C. Patricia Houston, Northwood Elementary, 1 day
 - D. Bobby Hunter, Transportation, 35.76 hours
 - E. Rebecca Matthews, Valparaiso Elementary, 4 days
 - F. Mike Mangan, ESE, 4 days
14. Addition to Personnel Procedures - Infield Designation, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-224).
15. Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and OCEA regarding job priority, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-225).
16. Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and OCESPA regarding job priority, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-226).
17. Zoning Waivers, presented by Assistant Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-227):
 - A. South Zone
 - B. North Zone
 - C. Central Zone
 - D. Re-zone Student #4636929774 to Ruckel Middle School from Destin Middle School (Bluewater School of Choice Zone)
18. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-228; see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) CTB McGraw/Hill, Sole Source for Scoring of Terra Nova Spring 2001, grades one and two, in the amount of \$38,574.66, Student Services
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
19. Appropriate Funds for Start-up Costs for Proposed Technical High School, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-229).

Mr. Gaetz noted that the Memoranda of Agreement regarding job priorities have been finalized with OCEA and OCESPA. The agreements presented for approval are materially the same as those presented at Workshop.

Mrs. Frakes requested that item #19 include the flexibility to use the funds being set aside for curriculum development for the technical high school.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Taylor accepted Mrs. Frakes' request as a friendly amendment and the Consent Agenda as amended was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

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1. Motion to approve the School Improvement Plan Requests presented by Dr. Robert McEachern and recommended by the Superintendent for approval was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously:
 - A. District Waiver to allow University School students to take a summer course in Physics for original credit - Niceville High (Exhibit 01-230)
 - B. District Waiver of requirement of World Geography for graduation for students in the partial immersion program for English/Reading - Niceville High (Exhibit 01-231)
 - C. District Waiver of requirement of World Geography for graduation for students in the partial immersion program for Math - Niceville High (Exhibit 01-232)
2. Chairman Walker recognized Jim Kaiserski and Sally Aberth to address the proposed school calendar for the 2001-2002 school year. Both stated opposition to the early start date for school.

Mr. Hill and Mrs. Frakes stated support of the proposed calendar because it allowed for the end of the first semester before the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Walker stated that he preferred a later start date for school. He also stated that during the discussion of the school calendar last year the Board requested that input from parents and the school advisory councils be received and considered when planning the calendar.

Superintendent Gaetz stated that he would withdraw his recommendation on the calendar (Exhibit 01-233) in order to receive additional input from parents and would make a recommendation at the next meeting.

The Chairman recognized Sheila Olsen, representing OCEA, who stated that teachers were surveyed to solicit input into the calendar. Of the two calendars proposed by OCEA, the calendar recommended for approval was strongly supported by teachers. The high school teachers are strong supporters of having the first semester end prior to the Christmas holidays.

Jean Hood, OCEA representative, stated that in a previous year an unequal number of days in semesters was considered but Mr. J. C. Connor has stated that unequal semesters would have a negative impact on the district. Mr. Gaetz stated that he would report the consequences of unequal semesters.

Mr. Hill requested the Superintendent find out how many districts in Florida are finishing the first semester prior to the Christmas break. He also requested that two public meetings to receive input from parents be advertised-one in the north county area and one in the south county area.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

1. The Board acknowledged the submission of the Program Status Report for February 2001 covering the activities of Sverdrup/Delta on the Okaloosa County School District Construction Management Program, submitted by Ray Gabriel, Program Manager (Exhibit 01-234).

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:

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Mr. McInnis presented information regarding two case settlements to be funded from the School District Self-Insurance Fund and requested the Board's approval of the settlement in these two cases (Exhibit 01-235).

Motion was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the following case settlements: Piedad vs. Okaloosa County School Board in the amount of \$15,000.00 and Student Number 4651898911 vs. Okaloosa County School Board in the amount of \$15,000.00.

During the March 26 meeting Mr. McInnis informed the Board that Coregis Insurance had negotiated a settlement in Case No. 3:00CV248. He requested the Board's approval for the Chairman to execute the Settlement Agreement in this case.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement in Case No. 3:00CV248 and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Baker School JROTC to participate in a Drill meet in Biloxi, Mississippi, April 20 - 21, 2001 (Exhibit 01-236).
2. Baker School JROTC to attend summer camp at Fort McClellan, Alabama, May 27 - June 2, 2001 (Exhibit 01-237).
3. Crestview High School Winter Guard to participate in the Winter Guard International World Championships in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 4-9, 2001 (Exhibit 01-238).
4. Crestview High School Baseball team to play in the USA Invitational Tournament in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4-7, 2001 (Exhibit 01-239).
5. Baker High School band to participate in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on April 19-22, 2001 (Exhibit 01-240).
6. Crestview High School baseball team to participate in competition in Opp, Alabama, on April 19, 2001 (Exhibit 01-241).

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

DON GAETZ
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD