

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 29, 2001

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

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on May 29, 2001, in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, Florida.

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

Don Gaetz, Superintendent
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

ABSENT: Cathy Thigpen

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and recessed the meeting for the Special Disciplinary Hearing. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 4-0:

Public Discussion: Added as item #1, Laurel Hill School Budget presented by Danny Riley

Consent Agenda: Added as item #15 A-C, Grant Applications; added as item #16, Original Credit Summer Course at Choctawhatchee High School

Construction Program: Added as item #1, Hanscomb, Inc., Fee Proposal for Cost Verification Services; added as item #2, Expanded Scope of Services to the TPM Contract to include Bruner Middle School Major Renovation and District Wide Title IX; added as item #3, Authorization to issue a Notice to Proceed with Design and Pre-GMP Phase for Bruner Middle School Major Renovation and District Wide Title IX Work; added as item #4, Sverdrup/Delta Program 2, Task Order #3, Change Order #18 (Summer 2001 Roofing Projects)

Attorney's Business: Added as item #1, Revision of School Resource Officer Agreement

VISITORS:

1. Resolution No. 01-17 was presented to Barbara Rose, Vivian Komando, and Richard Hernandez, for being selected for the 2001 Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program.
2. Resolution No. 01-18 was presented to the Destin Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team in honor of their 2001 State Championship.
3. Resolution No. 01-19 was presented to the Ruckel Middle School Knowledge Masters team honoring their State Championship in the Spring 2001 competition.

Resolutions No. 01-17, 01-18, and 01-19 were adopted on a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 4-0.

4. Resolution No. 01-20 was unanimously adopted on a motion by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Taylor and presented to Richard Rast, Ruckel Middle School Student, in honor of being the only student in Florida to achieve a perfect score in the Florida Math League Competition.

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5. City of Crestview Mayor George Whitehurst and Mr. Bob Lynn made a presentation on the proposed plans for the Okaloosa County Veterans' Memorial and Park.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Danny Riley expressed concern that the proposed 2001-2002 budget for Laurel Hill School would not result in better student performance (Exhibit 01-344).

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Hill stated concern with the amount of the dues for membership in the Florida Association of District School Superintendents and the Florida School Boards Association and questioned the value of these memberships. Mr. Walker stated that he agreed that the amount of the dues was high but believed that the district received invaluable information from these associations. Mr. Gaetz stated that he would be willing to withdraw the membership if a Board member objected to payment of the dues.

Mr. Hill noted that the Term of Agreement with EdEval, Inc., was through December 2004 and stated that an annual agreement would be appropriate. Mr. McInnis stated it should be an annual agreement but may include two annual renewals. The Chairman directed this technical change be made in the Agreement.

Mr. Walker and Mrs. Frakes questioned the purpose of the agreement and funding source for the services. Ray Sansom responded that some grants require an evaluation by an independent evaluator. The evaluation services will be paid from grant funding.

Mr. Hill asked if the youth symphony orchestra program at Kenwood would be an extra-curricular activity or a part of the regular music program. Mr. Walker stated that it was his understanding that it would be a part of the regular music program.

Mr. Walker stated that he was not supportive of the Florida Learn and Serve Grant application submitted by Mary Esther Elementary because of the proposed 33% matching school funds. Mr. Gaetz stated that the grant made no on-going commitment to or from district or school funds. The school has funds available and are willing to use these funds to induce additional funding from the grant.

Due to concerns expressed by the Board, Mr. Gaetz withdrew the Florida Learn and Serve Grant application involving the Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center until further clarification can be provided regarding the level of district involvement.

In response to Mr. Hill's inquiry, Betty Howard stated that Niceville High IB students would be eligible for the Geometry Honors original credit summer class to be offered at Choctawhatchee High School.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 4-0:

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of May 10, 2001; Minutes of Special Disciplinary Hearing of May 10, 2001; Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 14, 2001, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Budget Amendment #6, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-345).

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3. Monthly Financial Report for April 2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-346).
4. Renewal of membership in the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) for the 2001-2002 school year in the amount of \$13,844.00, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-347).
5. Acceptance of donations to Fort Walton Beach High School from the Wal-Mart Foundation in the amount of \$1000.00 and from LaDon Dewrell in the amount of \$1000.00, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-348).
6. Acceptance of donation to Silver Sands School from Summerhouse and Pandora's Golf Tournament in the amount of \$14,000.00, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-349).
7. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and EdEval, Inc., to conduct assessments and evaluations for the school district, presented by Ray Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-350).
8. Kenwood Elementary School Youth Symphony Orchestra Program, presented by Dr. Frank Fuller and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-351).
9. Cooperative Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Florida State University Regional Multidisciplinary Evaluation and Consulting Center for independent testing of ESE students for the 2001-2002 school year, presented by Carolyn Lulue and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-352).
10. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 01-353)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 01-354)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 01-353)
11. Employment Separations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-355).
12. 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 01-356):
 - A. Tonya Sant Angelo, Bruner, 1 day
 - B. Vicki Coburn, Transportation, 4 hours
 - C. Kathy Combest, Baker, 1 day
 - D. Martha Erdbrink, Transportation, 4.25 hours
 - E. Pam Mueller, Wright, 4 days
13. Zoning Waivers, presented by Assistant Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-357):
 - A. Re-zone three students to Ruckel Middle School from Destin Middle School (Bluewater School of Choice Zone)
14. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-358; see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) Sole Source Request, AIMS Multimedia, videocassettes in the amount of \$20,833.85, Media Services

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- B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
- 15. Grant Applications, submitted by Ray Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. EPA Financial Assistance Program, submitted by Dr. Bill Smith (Exhibit 01-359)
 - B. Florida Learn and Serve, submitted by Mary Esther Elementary (Exhibit 01-360)
 - C. Deleted - Florida Learn and Serve, submitted by Pryor Middle, Bruner Middle, Edwins, Combs-New Heights, Wright, and Florosa Elementary Schools
- 16. Original Credit Geometry Honors class during 2001 summer school at Choctawhatchee High School for IB students, presented by Betty Howard and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-361).

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

- 1. Consideration of School Improvement Plan Requests, Responses and Updates, presented by Terry Hecker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval: None

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion to approve fees under a Task Order between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Hanscomb, Inc. for construction cost verification services on the re-roofing of eleven (11) schools and the Bruner Middle School Major Renovation Project, fee plus expenses not to exceed \$18,500.00, as recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried 4-0. (Exhibit 01-362)
- 2. Motion to expand the Scope of Work of the TPM Contract with Sverdrup/Delta to include the Bruner Middle School Major Renovations and District Wide Title IX Projects, costs not to exceed \$4.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, as recommended for approval by the Superintendent was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 4-0. (Exhibit 01-363)
- 3. Motion to authorize the Chairman to issue the Notice to Proceed to Sverdrup/Delta for the Design and Pre-GMP services for the Bruner Middle School Major Renovations and District Wide Title IX Projects, total Pre-GMP costs including TPM Fee not to exceed \$719,899.00, as recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 4-0.
- 4. Motion to approve Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 3, Change Order No. 18, for School Re-Roofing Projects during 2001 Summer, in the amount of \$1 million, as recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 4-0. (Exhibit 01-365)

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

- 1. Facilities Construction Update, presented by Bill Smith
- 2. Community Affairs/Grants Update, presented by Ray Sansom (Information Only):
 - A. Grants Summary (Exhibit 01-366)
 - B. Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Inc., Financial Statements for year ended June 30, 2000 (Exhibit 01-367)

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- C. Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Inc., request for invitation to submit a proposal to the Gates Foundation for grant funding for Laurel Hill Community Library-Media Center (Exhibit 01-368)
 - D. Nomination of Marcia Hull of the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation for Champion for Arts Education Award (Exhibit 01-369)
 - E. Military Appreciation Day, November 3, 2001, sponsored by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce (Exhibit 01-370)
3. Mr. Gaetz requested the report on paperwork reduction be deferred to the next regular workshop. The Chairman approved the request. Mr. Walker informed the Superintendent that teachers have expressed concerns regarding ESE Preliminary Evaluations and he requested the Superintendent investigate this matter.

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:

Mr. McInnis presented a revised Agreement for School Resource Officer Program which now includes the north and south sites of Okaloosa Academy Charter School and will increase the contract amount by approximately \$60,000 to be funded by a combination of the Academy's share of Safe School Funds and their own funding.

Mrs. Wascom asked for clarification on the funding since the Academy's share of Safe School Funds is not sufficient to cover the \$60,000.

Mr. Gaetz suggested the proposed revisions be approved subject to a written representation from the charter school that they will be responsible for the payment of the cost difference that is not funded by their share of Safe School Funds as a pass-through from them to the District to the Okaloosa County Sheriff.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to approve the revised Agreement for School Resource Officer Program between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Sheriff of Okaloosa County contingent upon the District receiving written representation from Okaloosa Academy, Inc., that they will be responsible for payment of the costs of their school resource officers as a pass-through from them to the District to the Okaloosa County Sheriff. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously. (Exhibit 01-371)

Mr. McInnis requested the Chairman schedule a closed Attorney-Client Session to discuss matters relating to pending litigation against the District on Thursday, June 7, 2001, at 8:00 a.m. The Chairman so approved.

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mrs. Frakes asked if a time line has been established for the gifted education study. Mr. Gaetz responded that Dr. McEachern plans on providing the Board with a report and recommendations prior to the beginning of second semester. Implementation of the gifted program will not be until the following school year.

Mr. Hill noted that at the previous meeting Mr. Gaetz suggested providing an employment guarantee to "no-positioned" employees. He asked if the Board needed to take action on that recommendation. Mr. Gaetz responded that because he received no objection from the Board on the recommendation, he exercised what he believed was his authority under Florida Statute as the Board's representative and made that offer. Mrs. Spence is working closely with Mr. Foxworthy to place these employees in positions as they come open through retirements and resignations.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

Mr. Gaetz informed the Board that Edge Elementary School, a school with 47% free and reduced lunch population, had 100% of its students achieve a level 3 or better in writing. Only two other schools in the state were able to achieve that and those schools did not have a high free and reduced lunch percentage. Edge Elementary also doubled its math performance from last year and every single student improved. In reading, math and writing, Edge Elementary has met and exceeded every benchmark that the district or state has set for them.

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

DON GAETZ
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD