

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Special Session on July 30, 2001, in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, 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 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. The Superintendent was authorized to enter into catering arrangements with Cinco Bayou Baptist Church School, Emerald Coast Marine Institute, Okaloosa Academy, and Tall Pines Academy for the 2001-2002 school year on a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-526).
2. Motion to approve the ESE Federal Entitlement and Discretionary Supplement Project Grant Application, presented by Joe Ann Tabor and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-527).
3. The Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Florida Partnership for School Readiness Coalition for provision of Early Intervention Services for at-risk prekindergarten students, presented by Joe Ann Tabor and recommended for approval by the Superintendent, was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Frakes and seconded by Mr. Hill (Exhibit 01-528).
4. Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Report for June 2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-529).
5. Motion to approve Budget Amendment #8, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-530).

Mr. McInnis stated that since the Board's approval of the Agreement with the Speech and Hearing Center there has been an increase in the cost of services. The Center is proposing to increase the cost of an evaluation from \$110.00 to \$125.00, the cost of an ear mold from \$38.00 to \$39.00, and the cost of mileage from 29 cents per mile to 30 cents per mile. Carolyn Lulue has indicated that the increase is within the ESE budget. He asked that the Board authorize the Chairman to approve these changes.

Motion to approve the increase in the cost of services provided by the Speech and Hearing Center of Fort Walton Beach, Inc., and to authorize the Chairman to initial the contract changes was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-531).

Mr. McInnis stated that the Board has approved a physical therapy services contract as a flat rate contract versus hourly. The cost was pro-rated over a 12-month period and should have been pro-rated over a 10-month period in accordance with the bid. He requested the Board's approval to amend the contract accordingly.

Motion to amend the Therapy Services Agreement with Rehab Works, Inc., to authorize payment for services over a 10-month period was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-532).

Mr. Gaetz distributed a report on continued portable usage at the schools (Exhibit 01-533) and an activities report for the Community Affairs Department (Exhibit 01-534).

Mr. Gaetz informed the Board that the Daily News will be publishing an insert on Sunday, August 5, with the take-in and dismissal times for schools, the name and phone number of the school principals, and the bus schedules.

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

DON GAETZ
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD