

REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

The Invocation was offered by Mr. Hill; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Taylor.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on September 10, 2001, in the School District Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

PRESENT: Rodney Walker, Chairman
Cindy Frakes, Vice-Chairman (arrived 6:05 p.m.)
Howard Hill
Lloyd Taylor
Cathy Thigpen

Don Gaetz, Superintendent
Don Anchors, Esq., for 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 4-0:

Consent Agenda: Added as item #15B, Zoning Waivers for North Zone Schools; added as item #17, Extension of Lease with Eglin Air Force Base; added as item #18, Waiver of Contract and Authorization to Disburse School Recognition Funds

Mrs. Frakes arrived at 6:05 p.m.

VISITORS:

1. Resolution No. 01-25 was presented to the Fort Walton Beach High School Yearbook staff and sponsor in recognition of their award of First Place in the Taylor National Yearbook Competition for the 2001 "Valhalla". The resolution was unanimously adopted on a motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Hill.
2. Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of The Summerhouse Restaurant and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montalto of Pandora's Restaurant were recognized for their support of Silver Sands School and the Special Olympics with their donations of over \$100,000. Resolution No. 01-26 was adopted by acclamation and presented to the owners.
3. On a motion by Mrs. Frakes and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Resolution No. 01-27 was unanimously adopted and presented to Mr. Darryl Brooks who received the "Educator of the Year" award by the North American Council of Automotive Teachers.

The Chairman recessed the Regular Meeting and called to order the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Chairman stated that he was reconvening and continuing the public hearing previously scheduled for August 27, 2001, for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering approval of School Board Policy Chapter 1 entitled School Board Governance and Operations.

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The Chairman called for public comment on School Board Policy Chapter 1; there was none.

Motion to approve Chapter 1, School Board Governance and Operations, and to repeal Chapters XIV and XV of the old policy book was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-609).

The Chairman opened the public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering approval of the proposed School District Budget and Millage Rate. He called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to approve the 2001-2002 Millage Rate @ 8.2180 (RLE @ 5.8170; Discretionary @ 0.7000; Capital Outlay @ 1.7010) and the School District Budget of \$234,678,181.09 was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-610).

The Chairman concluded the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:18 p.m.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Mrs. Sandra Pope expressed concerns regarding children serving themselves during lunch stating that she believed this was a safety hazard (Exhibit 01-611).

The Chairman directed the Superintendent to investigate this practice and report back to the Board with the findings of the investigation and any recommendations to correct any existing safety hazard, to change the serving procedures, or other appropriate actions. He further directed the Superintendent to communicate to Mrs. Pope the findings of the investigation and any recommendations he will be making to the Board.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):

1. Facilities Construction Update, presented by Bill Smith
2. Community Affairs/Grants Update, presented by Ray Sansom
3. Report on In-County Travel paid during the period of August 22-29, 2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-612)
4. Report on Out-of-County Travel paid during the period of August 22-29, 2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-613)
5. Report of remedy in prior miscalculation and underpayment of \$53,799.59 to Emerald Coast Marine Institute, presented by Patricia Wascom (Exhibit 01-614)
6. Report on athletic ticket prices by school and by sport as requested by Howard Hill, presented by Betty Howard (Exhibit 01-615)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Gaetz requested two clarifications be made to his proposal regarding the disbursement of School Recognition Funds added to the Agenda as Consent #18. To be

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include in the signed statement, "That the process allowed any individual to submit a plan; That the definition of staff as used by that school be included in the information supplied to the Superintendent. Then to be included in the last statement of the proposal, "and that all decisions were made in open meetings." The Chairman approved the addition of these clarifications to the proposal.

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

1. Minutes of Special Meetings of August 21, 2001, and Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 27, 2001, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Payment of Invoices dated September 10, 2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-616).
3. Warrants in the amount of \$28,227,472.18, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-617).
4. Annual Financial Report and Report of Financial Data to the Commissioner of Education for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-618).
5. Annual Fixed Asset End of Year Report for Fiscal Year 2000-2001, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-619).
6. Acceptance of donation to Crestview High School from Tim Hester in the amount of \$750.00, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-620).
7. Acceptance of donations to Fort Walton Beach High School from Preston Hood Chevrolet in the amount of \$600.00 and Steve Riggs in the amount of \$600.00, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-621).
8. Acceptance of donations to Fort Walton Beach High School from The Zoo Gallery in the amount of \$1000.00, Flamingo Café in the amount of \$1000.00, and Anchors Street in the amount of \$500.00, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-622).
9. Grant Applications, presented by Ray Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. Soccer Association, submitted by Choctawhatchee High (Exhibit 01-623)
 - B. Governor's Mentoring Initiative: Military Installation Mentoring Project (Exhibit 01-624)
 - C. Governor's Mentoring Initiative: Workplace Mentoring Initiative (Exhibit 01-625)
 - D. Governor's Mentoring Initiative: School-based Mentoring Project (Exhibit 01-626)
10. Special Program and Procedures for Exceptional Students, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-627).
11. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 01-628)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 01-629)

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- C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 01-628)
- 12. Employment Separations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-630).
- 13. Cleared Certification Requirements and Issuance of Contract for 2001-2002 School Year, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval: None
- 14. 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 01-631):
 - A. Larry Ammons, Niceville High, 6 days
 - B. Thomas Koncar, Meigs Middle, 10 days
 - C. Carl Maddox, Richbourg Middle, 1 day
- 15. Zoning Waivers, presented by Assistant Superintendents and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-632):
 - A. South Zone Schools
 - B. North Zone Schools
- 16. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-633; see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) Bid #02-B16 Transportation Replacement Parts and Supplies, percent off catalog price, awarded to First Class Coach, Florida Transportation System, Unity School Bus Parts, and Ward International
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
- 17. Extension of Lease Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Eglin Air Force Base for Cherokee Elementary School and Oak Hill Elementary School, presented by Jeff McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-634).
- 18. Waiver of the collective bargaining agreement and authorization for disbursement of School Recognition Funds, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-635).

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

- 1. Motion to approve School Improvement Plan requests was made by Mrs. Frakes, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously:
 - A. District Waiver to use S/N/U grades for music, physical education, art and technology - Bluewater Elementary (Exhibit 01-636)
 - B. Waiver to sell food - Oak Hill Elementary, Plew Elementary, and Valparaiso Elementary (Exhibit 01-637)
- 2. Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the development of an adjunct faculty to meet specific teaching needs as provided for by Section 231.1725, Florida Statutes, was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-638).
- 3. The Superintendent was authorized to pay \$850.00 bonuses to fourteen full-time Okaloosa County teachers left out of the Legislature's definition of qualified recipients

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for the recruitment and retention bonus on a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously (Exhibit 01-639).

4. Approved during Public Hearing - Final Adoption of the Millage Rates and School District Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-610).

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the following construction program items was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously:

1. Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 1, Change Order No. 27, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-640).
2. Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 2, Change Order No. 17 Amended, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-641).
3. Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 3, Change Order No. 21, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-642).
4. Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 4, Change Order No. 5, presented by Patricia Wascom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-643).
5. Approval of GMP for Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 3, Change Order No. 19, Bruner Middle School Project, presented by Jeff McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 01-644).

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:

On behalf of Mr. McInnis, Mr. Anchors requested the Chairman schedule a closed Attorney-Client Session. He recommended the meeting be scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2001, at 8:00 a.m.

Due to conflicting schedules, Mr. Gaetz stated that he would poll the Board Members and schedule the meeting with Mr. McInnis as soon as possible.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Armed Forces Appreciation Day on November 3, 2001, hosted by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce (Exhibit 01-645).
2. Antioch Elementary third grade classes to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 26, 2002 (Exhibit 01-646).
3. Baker School FFA Chapter to attend the SunBelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie, Georgia, on October 16-18, 2001 (Exhibit 01-647).
4. Baker School sixth and seventh grade students to visit New Orleans, Louisiana, April 12 and April 26, 2002 (Exhibit 01-648).

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5. Baker School JROTC to participate in a Drill meet in Bay Minette, Alabama, on December 1, 2001 (Exhibit 01-649).
6. Bruner Middle School eighth grade students to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 17, 2002 (Exhibit 01-650).
7. Niceville High School Band to participate in a "Cruise Festival" traveling to Nassau on April 18-21, 2002 (Exhibit 01-651).
8. Niceville High School Newspaper staff to attend the Southeast Regional High School Journalism Workshop at Troy State University, Alabama, on September 20, 2001 (Exhibit 01-652).
9. Niceville High School speech and debate team to participate in the Earlybird Speech and Debate Tournament in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on September 14-16, 2001 (Exhibit 01-653).

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mrs. Thigpen stated that the Gifted Program committee will be meeting on September 20, 2001. She requested the Board Members submit their comments and recommendations by September 19th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

DON GAETZ
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD