

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 22, 2000

The Invocation was offered by Cindy Frakes; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Gaetz.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on May 22, 2000, in the Fort Walton Beach Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE.

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

Walter Gordon, 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 Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (All changes were approved by the Chairman at Workshop):

Consent Agenda (C.A.): Item #13 was moved to D.A. #2; item #14D was deleted; items #18 and #19 were moved to D.A. #3; added as item #22, Donation of \$3000 to Shalimar Elementary; added as item #23, Donation of \$2000 to Choctawhatchee High School; added as item #24, Donation of \$2660 to Edge Elementary; added as item #25, Alternate Summer School Schedule for Choctawhatchee High; added as item #26, Agreement between the Board and Gulf Coast Treatment Center

Discussion Agenda (D.A.): Added as item #2, C.A. #13; added as item #3, C.A. #18 and C.A. #19

Superintendent's Business: Added as item #4, Davidson Middle School 8th graders to Washington, DC

VISITORS (Presentations began at 5:00 p.m. during Workshop):

1. Recognition of *Opus One* of Niceville High School, selected as Florida Outstanding Choral Ensemble by the Florida League of the Arts, presented by Walter Gordon (presented during Workshop)
2. Mary Eplett and Bob Sheffield presented certificates to the State and International Science and Engineering Fair Award winners (Exhibit 00-305).
3. Donna Hannah recognized Jacob Williams of Meigs Middle School as the Okaloosa County representative at the State Geography Bee.
4. Certificates were presented to the Okaloosa County Best of Show Artists by Donna Hannah. The high school winners were Andrea Acosta and Shawn Blake of Niceville High School and the middle school winners were Shawn Waywell and Lesley Campbell of Pryor Middle School.
5. Kim Lisher of Fort Walton Beach High School and Patrick Diffie of Pryor Middle School were recognized by Donna Hannah as the Van Porter Artists of the Year 2000.

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6. The Superintendent presented certificates to members of the Choctawhatchee High School Girls Weightlifting team in recognition of their State Championship (Exhibit 00-306).
7. Mr. Gordon presented certificates to the Meigs Middle School Knowledge Master team and coach in recognition of the team placing second in the state competition and 12th internationally.
8. Recognition of Ruckel Middle School Knowledge Master Team, State Champions 2000, presented by Walter Gordon (presented during Workshop)
9. Recognition of Niceville High School Knowledge Master Team, State Champions 2000, presented by Walter Gordon (presented during Workshop)
10. Cherokee Elementary School was recognized as a "Team Nutrition School" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A certificate was presented to the school by Superintendent Gordon.
11. On a motion by Mr. Gaetz and seconded by Mr. Hill the Board unanimously adopted and presented Resolution No. 00-6 to the Longwood Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team for winning the state title.
12. Resolution No. 00-7 was presented to Susanna Moore and Lindsey Bumgardner of Niceville High School for winning State Novice Forensics titles. The Resolution was unanimously adopted on a motion by Mr. Gaetz and seconded by Mr. Hill.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. On behalf of Patricia Douglas, James Hill addressed the Board regarding a discrepancy in her daughter's final grade in English Honors. The Board responded that, in accordance with Florida law, the teacher's grade book in the official document of grades and that the Board does not have the authority to change a student's grade. And further, the Superintendent has investigated the situation and the Board will support the decision of the Superintendent in reference to the grade. (Exhibit 00-307)

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):

1. Facilities Construction Update, presented by Bill Smith
2. Annual Report on Okaloosa World Languages and Title VII Foreign Language Assistance Program, presented by Donna Boles
3. Reading Recovery 1st Site Report, presented by Beth Holmes (Exhibit 00-308)
4. Okaloosa Academy Charter School Mid-Year Report, presented by Susan Lowery (Exhibit 00-309)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of May 4, 2000; Minutes of Special Meeting of May 4, 2000; and Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 8, 2000, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

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2. Acceptance of donation of \$1000 for athletic scholarships from E. Rushing to Baker School, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-310).
3. Self-help project for the installation of restrooms in the fourth and fifth grade classrooms at Walker Elementary School, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-311).
4. Award of Contract to Hydro Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$19,800.00 for the HVAC and electrical upgrades to the main mechanical room (boiler) at Plew Elementary School, presented by Mark Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-312).
5. Application for Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant 2000-2001, presented by Barbara Edenfield and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-313).
6. Application for continuation of the Adult Education Grant/Geographical, Adult and Family Literacy Act of 1998, presented by J. J. Steele and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-314).
7. 2001 Project Application for Title I, PL103-382, presented by Linda Maddox and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-315).
8. 2001 Project Application for Delinquent or At-Risk Students under Title I, PL103-382, presented by Dr. Thomas Grandstaff and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-316).
9. Addendum to Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Lori Hagle, Orientation and Mobility Specialist, to increase the amount of contracted hours for services to ESE students for the remainder of the 1999-2000 school year, presented by Liz Cavanah and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-317).
10. Application for Project Connect submitted to The Transition Center Career Development and Transition Project at the University of Florida, presented by Debra Husted and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-318).
11. Application for Carl D. Perkins III, 131 Secondary Education Entitlement, presented by Jo Sisson and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-319).
12. Amended Interinstitutional Articulation Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Troy State University/Florida Region, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-320).
13. Moved to Discussion Agenda #2 - Adoption of Resolution No. 00-5 Urging Educators to Refrain from the Use of Writing as a Means of Punishment, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
14. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 00-321)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 00-322)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 00-323)
 - D. Deleted - Termination of Employee #263-71-5113
15. Employment Separations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-324).

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16. Cleared Certification Requirements and Issuance of Contract for 1999-2000 School Year, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-325).
17. 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 00-326):
 - A. John Mike Killimett, Bruner, 1 day
 - B. Jennifer Langston, Bluewater, 4 days
 - C. Tracey Wiles, Silver Sands, 3 days
18. Moved to Discussion Agenda #3 - Addition to the Okaloosa County School District HRMD Plan, presented by Becky Spence and Van Crigger and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
19. Moved to Discussion Agenda #3 - Update of the Okaloosa County School District Performance Appraisal Section of the HRMD Plan, presented by Emmett Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
20. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-327; see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) Interactive Teaching Network, Sole Source, \$10,710.00, ESE Department
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
21. Surplus Property List #00-23, Computers to be cannibalized for parts, MIS Department, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-328).
22. Acceptance of an anonymous donation in the amount of \$3000 to Shalimar Elementary to be used for an accelerated math program, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-329).
23. Acceptance of donation in the amount of \$2000 from Southern Commercial Construction, Inc., to the Choctawhatchee High School volleyball team, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-330).
24. Acceptance of donation in the amount of \$2660 from Shelley Rae Fleet to Edge Elementary to be used for the purchase of a three-station stainless steel water fountain to be installed on the PE field, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-331).
25. Alternate Summer School Schedule at Choctawhatchee High School, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-332).
26. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Gulf Coast Treatment Center to provide acute, partial hospital and residential treatment programs for adolescent children, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-333).

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

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1. The Superintendent's recommendations for Support Personnel for 2000-20001, as amended (Exhibit 00-334), were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Hill (Exhibit 00-304; 5/8/00).
2. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 00-5 Urging Educators to Refrain from the Use of Writing as a Means of Punishment was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried 4-1, Mr. Gaetz dissenting.
3. Mr. Taylor moved to place on the table the addition to the Okaloosa County School District HRMD Plan (Consent #18) and the update of the Okaloosa County School District Performance Appraisal Section of the HRMD Plan (Consent #19). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

1. The Board acknowledged submission of the Program Status Report for April 2000 covering the activities of Sverdrup/Delta on the Okaloosa County School District Construction Management Program by Ray Gabriel, Program Manager (Exhibit 00-335).

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mr. Gaetz gave a detailed review of the legislative funding for the school district for FY 2000-2001 (Exhibit 00-336). He emphasized that the majority of the increase in funding is not coming from the state but instead from the legislated increase in local property tax. Mr. Walker added that a large portion of the increase is in categorical funds and is not available to be used in the salary package or for other identified needs of the district.

Mr. Gaetz stated that when the Board approved the new school funding allocation formula, the Board was told that all principals had been made aware of and given the opportunity to have input into the formula. Now, some principals have indicated that they were not involved or aware of the new formula when it was approved and that they will have a significant decrease in their budget as a result of the new formula. If this is the case, then the formula may need to be re-addressed.

Mr. Gaetz stated that he has been invited by representatives of the America's Promise Group to attend their meeting on June 12. He suggested that Mr. Hill, because of his involvement with the military community, or Mrs. Frakes, because of her involvement with the mentoring initiative, attend in his place.

Mr. Taylor asked for dates and times of the ESE Committee meetings? Jeff Roser responded that the organizational meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 6, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Mr. Walker announced that Sheila Olsen will be serving as President of OCEA for the coming year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. The Workshop Schedule for 2000-2001 Budget was presented. Mrs. Frakes indicated that she would be out of town for two of the workshops. (Exhibit 00-337)
2. Baker School JROTC cadets to attend summer camp at Fort McClellan, Alabama, June 4-10, 2000 (Exhibit 00-338).

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3. Davidson Baseball Team to attend a Braves baseball game in Atlanta, Georgia, May 20-21, 2000 (Exhibit 00-339).
4. Davidson 8th grade to travel to Washington, D.C. on May 27-29, 2000 (Exhibit 00-340).

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

WALTER C. GORDON
SUPERINTENDENT AND
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD