



SCHOOL BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

Chairperson
Malissa Morgan
Vice Chairperson
Jill Holcomb
Members
Joe Arnold
Dixie Ball
India Riedel

Vision

*Achieving Excellence:
Putting Students First*

Mission

*To prepare all students
to be college and career
ready and function as
productive citizens.*

Core Values

Perseverance

Respect

Integrity

Dependability

Ethics

I. Call to Order

- A. Prayer
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Recognition Items

- A. Community Recognition
 - ★ Okeechobee Elks Lodge

-----**SCHEDULED RECESS**-----

III. Presentation

- Florida Coalition of School Board Members.....Erika Donalds, President

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- A. Superintendent
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The School Board will conduct a public hearing on the 2016-17 proposed millage rates and budget on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular School Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2016-17 FOR ADVERTISEMENT**
DATE: July 21, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

That the tentative Required Local Effort millage rate of 4.660 for the 2016-17 operating budget be approved for advertisement for public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the tentative Discretionary Local Effort millage rate of 0.748 for the 2016-17 operating budget be approved for advertisement for public hearing.

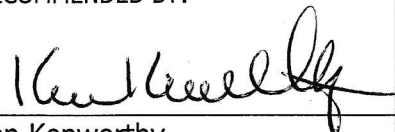
RECOMMENDATION:

That the tentative millage rate of 1.500 for the 2016-17 Capital Outlay budget be approved for advertisement for public hearing.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Millage Type	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Required Local Effort	5.650	5.215	5.143	4.954	4.660
Discretionary	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748
SUBTOTAL	6.398	5.963	5.891	5.808	5.408
Capital Outlay	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>
TOTAL MILLAGE	7.898	7.463	7.391	7.202	6.908
Millage Increase					
Millage Decrease	(0.028)	(0.435)	(0.072)	(0.189)	(0.294)

RECOMMENDED BY:



Ken Kenworthy
 Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2016-17 FOR ADVERTISEMENT**
DATE: July 21, 2016

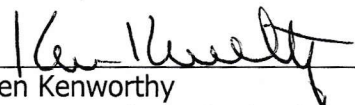
RECOMMENDATION:

That the tentative budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year for the Okeechobee County School District be approved for advertisement for public hearing.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The tentative budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year will be presented and available at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **SCHOOL STARTING AND DISMISSAL TIMES FOR 2016-17**
DATE: July 21, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

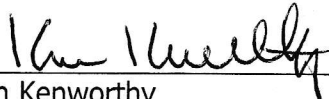
That the Board approve the starting and dismissal times for students for the 2016-17 school year as follows:

	<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Ending Time</u>
Seminole and Everglades Elementary School	8:00 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
All Other Elementary Schools	8:10 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Middle Schools	9:00 a.m.	3:40 p.m.
Okeechobee Freshman Campus	7:18 a.m.	1:47 p.m.
Okeechobee High School	7:00 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
Okeechobee Achievement Academy	7:20 a.m.	1:50 p.m.
Pre-K	8:15 a.m.	2:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The school hours for Seminole and Everglades Elementary will allow students to continue receiving an additional 60 minutes of instruction per day. Funding for the additional hour will come from Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI).

RECOMMENDED BY:



Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board

FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **SCHEDULING OF BOARD WORKSHOP FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING**

DATE: July 21, 2016


RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board schedule a date, time, and location for a workshop session on Strategic Planning.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

No Board action will be taken at this workshop. The workshop is open to the public.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **SCHEDULING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**
DATE: July 21, 2016

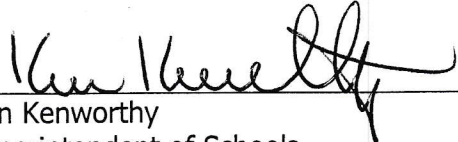
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board schedule a date, time, and location for an Executive Session for consideration of bargaining issues.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Executive Session is for the School Board to meet with their attorney and the Superintendent regarding contract negotiations with the Okeechobee County Education Association #1604.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **PROCARE THERAPY, INC.**
DATE: July 21, 2016

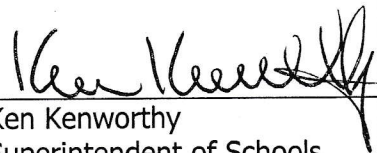
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve a contract with ProCare Therapy, Inc., to provide Psychology services for students effective August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This is a new contract. Funding is provided by the District with a fee of \$65 per hour. Medicaid is billed for services to eligible students. The agreement is included in Board member agendas and is available upon request in the office of the Director of Exceptional Student Education.

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Superintendent of Schools

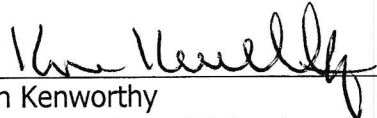
To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL**
DATE: July 21, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following personnel be employed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School or Center</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ammons, Katie	Paraprofessional	South Elementary School	08-03-2016
Flaherty, Melanie	Paraprofessional, Title I	Seminole Elementary School	08-03-2016
Gross, Bethany	Teacher, Elementary	South Elementary School	08-01-2016
Lamb, Robinette	Paraprofessional	Seminole Elementary School	08-03-2016
Lowry, Shera	Teacher, Elementary	South Elementary School	08-01-2016
Zapata, Marialejandra	Paraprofessional, ESOL	South Elementary School	08-03-2016

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Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **PAYMENTS TO PERSONNEL**
DATE: July 21, 2016

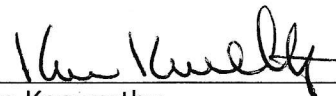
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the following payments to personnel:

<u>Name/Group</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Time Period (Maximum)</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Ami Alaniz	Clerical Duties for Student Services	\$11.35 Per Hour	06/24/2016 – 06/30/2016 9 Hours Per Day	District Funds

Note: All professional development shall comply with provisions in the negotiated personnel contracts.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board

FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, AND SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYMENT**

DATE: July 21, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

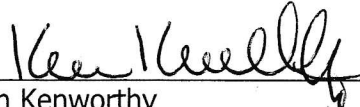
That resignations for the following personnel be accepted:

Name	Position	School or Center	Effective Date
Murdoch, Mary-Ann	Bus Driver	Transportation	06-04-2016
Parrish, Shannon	Teacher, Elementary	Everglades Elementary School	06-07-2016

That the resignation of Tamecia Snowden, Drop Out Prevention Teacher, Okeechobee Achievement Academy, be accepted with prejudice effective June 8, 2016, due to lack of sufficient notice.

That the resignation of Krischell Harris, Teacher, VE, South Elementary School, be accepted with prejudice effective June 8, 2016, due to lack of sufficient notice.

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Superintendent of Schools

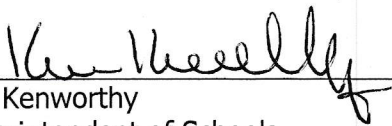
To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL**
DATE: July 21, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following personnel transfers be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Box, Elizabeth	Teacher, Social Science Yearling Middle School	TSA, Tech Specialist Okeechobee High School	07-20-2016
Campbell, Deborah	Teacher, ESE Everglades Elementary School	Teacher, PE South Elementary School	08-03-2016
Lozano, James	TSA, Tech Specialist Okeechobee High School	Teacher, Elementary Everglades Elementary School	08-03-2016
Nichols, Eileen	Teacher, Elementary South Elementary School	Teacher, Elementary North Elementary School	08-03-2016

RECOMMENDED BY:


Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools


To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **LEAVE REQUESTS**
DATE: July 21, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following leave of absence be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Leave Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Through</u>
Castaneda, Maribel	Everglades Elementary School	Personal Without Pay	08-03-2016	11-15-2016
Lee, Gina-Extension	Transportation	Personal Without Pay	08-09-2016	03-21-2017

RECOMMENDED BY:



Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
DATE: July 21, 2016

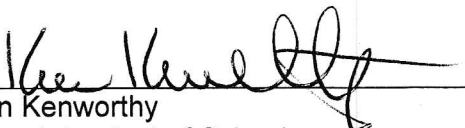
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve an agreement with Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Inc., effective August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This is a renewal agreement with no changes to services or rates. Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches provides a certified Orientation & Mobility Instructor who delivers specialized training for visually impaired students at school and after school. Funding is provided from IDEA funds. The agreement is included in Board member agendas and is available upon request in the office of the Director of Exceptional Student Education.

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Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **AGREEMENT WITH HPS, HELPING PEOPLE SUCCEED, INC.**
DATE: July 21, 2016

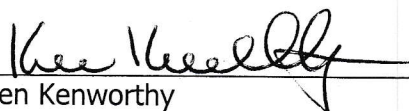
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve an agreement with HPS, Helping People Succeed, Inc., for student mental health services effective August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This is a renewal agreement. Referrals for services are made by the school psychologists or guidance counselors to the school social worker who then contacts the agency. There are no fees assessed to the School Board unless there are special circumstances approved by the Coordinator of Exceptional Student Education. Special circumstance services are paid from IDEA Project 4749 for non-Medicaid students. The agreement is included in Board member agendas and is available upon request in the office of the Director of Exceptional Student Education.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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Superintendent of Schools

To: The Okeechobee County School Board
FROM: Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: **WARRANT REGISTER FOR JUNE, 2016**
DATE: July 21, 2016

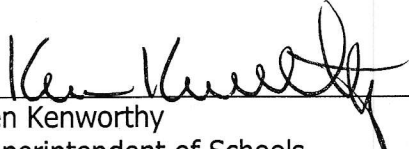
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Warrant Register for June, 2016, be approved as follows:

General Disbursement Account – Warrants #158915 thru #159301

Operating General Fund	\$1,633,996.57
Federal Programs Fund	417,503.39
Food Service Fund	134,566.22
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>87,170.78</u>
Total	\$ 2,273,236.96

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