

I. Call to Order

Call to Order: Chairman Morgan

- Present: District 1 – Joe Arnold
 District 2 – Malissa Morgan, Chairman
 District 3 – Dixie Ball
 District 4 – Amanda Fuchswanz
 District 5 – Jill Holcomb, Vice Chairman

 Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
 Tom Conely, School Board Attorney

Invocation: Tom Conely
 Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Morgan

II. Recognition Items

Staff Recognition

- ★ High Impact Teachers
 - Judith Adler*, Math Teacher, Yearling Middle School
 - Thomas Anderson*, Teacher, Tantie Juvenile Residential Facility
 - Sylvia Bandi*, Math Teacher, Yearling Middle School
 - Randi Barnes*, Math Teacher, Osceola Middle School
 - Britani Bryner*, Math Teacher, Yearling Middle School
 - Ashley Davis*, 4th Grade Teacher, South Elementary School
 - Jennifer Ellis*, 4th Grade Teacher, South Elementary School
 - Laura Hall*, 4th Grade Teacher, South Elementary School
 - Lori Harper-Kyle*, Reading Teacher, Okeechobee High School
 - Deanna Kielbasa*, ESE Gifted Teacher, Seminole Elementary School
 - Jenni Melear*, Reading Teacher, Yearling Middle School
 - Barbara Quam*, Reading/Social Studies Teacher, OHS Freshman Campus
 - Sonya Smith*, Math Teacher, Osceola Middle School
 - Michael Talas*, Language Arts Teacher, Okeechobee High School
 - Angela Varson*, Language Arts Teacher, Yearling Middle School
 - Jerilynn Ward*, ESE Varying Exceptionalities Teacher, North Elementary School
 - Laura White*, 4th Grade Teacher, Seminole Elementary School

- ★ Retirements
 - Gail Rathbun, Paraprofessional, ESE, Everglades Elementary School, 19 Years
 - Judy A. Thompson, Food Service, Seminole Elementary School, 10 Years

Scheduled Recess

III. Presentation

- K-12 Assessments and AccountabilityMichelle Branham
 Coordinator
 Ms. Branham provided a power point presentation highlighting assessments. The presentation offered information on: Spring Test Administration Updates, Statewide and District Assessment Schedule, FSA Writing Online Completion, Access for ELLs 2.0 Update, Score Changes – SAT & PERT, MGSSS Last Administrations, District Common Course Exams, EOC District Assessment Building, New Florida Readiness Screener, and Proposed Senate Bill 964. Senate Bill 964 highlights: Fewer Assessments, Test Administration, Performance Evaluations, and School Grading and Accountability. Superintendent Kenworthy proved a Legislative Summary for SB 964 by Senator Montford. There will be a press conference tomorrow at the Capitol to announce SB 964.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of Meeting on February 14, 2017

Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Jill Holcomb
Vote:	5-0 In Favor

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V. Items for Action

Chairman Morgan asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the Items for Action. There were no requests.

Approval of Items for Action Agenda:	
Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Jill Holcomb
Vote:	5-0 In Favor

A. SCHEDULING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board schedule a date, time, and location for an Executive Session for consideration of bargaining issues.

Motion:	Joe Arnold made a motion that the Executive Session be held Tuesday, April 11, 5:00, in the Superintendent's office.
Second:	Dixie Ball
Discussion/Additional Information	Superintendent Kenworthy stated that the meeting must be held prior to April 12, 2017.
Vote:	5-0 In Favor

B. RESOLUTION #17-005 WITH GOVERNMENT CAPITAL CORPORATION FINANCING "LITERACY SOFTWARE PROGRAM"

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve Resolution #17-005 with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing "Literacy Software Program" and appointing the Superintendent an authorized signer pending legal review.

Motion:	Dixie Ball
Second:	Joe Arnold
Discussion/Additional Information	Superintendent Kenworthy stated Footsteps2Brilliance will pay all closing costs and finance charges regarding the financing of this program. This agreement will allow the District to spread the cost of this project over five (5) years.
Vote:	5-0 In Favor

RESOLUTION # 17-005

A RESOLUTION REGARDING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING "**LITERACY SOFTWARE PROGRAM**".

WHEREAS, the Okeechobee County School District desires to enter into that certain Financing Agreement, by and between Government Capital Corporation and Okeechobee County School District, for the purpose of financing "**Literacy Software Program**". The Okeechobee County School District desires to designate this Agreement as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" of the Okeechobee County School District for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Okeechobee County School District desires to designate Ken Kenworthy, who's title is Superintendent, as an authorized signer of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. That the Okeechobee County School District enters into a Financing Agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing "**Literacy Software Program**".

Section 2. That the Financing Agreement, by and between the Okeechobee County School District and Government Capital Corporation is designated by the Okeechobee County School District as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 3. That the Okeechobee County School District designates Ken Kenworthy, who's title is Superintendent, as an authorized signer of the Financing Agreement, by and between the Okeechobee County School District and Government Capital Corporation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of the Okeechobee County School District in a public meeting held on the 7th day of March, 2017.

Lessee: Okeechobee County School District	Witness Signature
 Malissa Morgan (Printed) Chairperson of the Board	 Ken Kenworthy (Printed) Secretary of the Board

VI. Consent Agenda

Chairman Morgan asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the *Consent Agenda*. There were no requests.

Motion To Approve the Consent Agenda:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	5-0 In Favor

A. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School or Center</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lehman, Catherine	Teacher, Kindergarten	Central Elementary	02/13/2017
Morgan, Eva	Food Service, 6 hour	Everglades Elementary	02/21/2017
Nunez, Kimberly	Full Time ESE (open Allocation)	North Elementary	02/22/2017

B. EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Chason, Helen	Food Service, Substitute	02/09/2017

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C. RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, AND SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

That resignations for the following personnel be accepted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School or Center</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Adams, Nancy	Food Service Assistant, 6 hours	Yearling Middle School	06/01/2017
Conrad, Bruce Retirement	Teacher, Social Studies	Yearling Middle School	06/01/2017
Enrico, Hilda W. Retirement	Teacher, VE, Full Time	Everglades Elementary School	06/01/2017
Rathbun, Gail Retirement	Paraprofessional, ESE	Everglades Elementary School	04/03/2017
Raulerson, William Michael Retirement	Custodian, Specialist 1	Maintenance Department	05/01/2017

That Tracey Demelo, Food Service, 6 hour, be terminated as a probationary employee effective February 7, 2017.

D. LEAVE REQUESTS

That the following leave of absence be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Leave Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Through</u>
Daniel, Dawn (Revised)	Everglades Elementary School	Short Term	Beginning January 3, 2017 and continuing for a total not to exceed 60 days and not extending beyond December 29, 2017	
Hales, Erin (Revised)	North Elementary School	Personal without pay	04/05/2017	04/04/2018
Meigs, Cheryl	IT Department	Personal without pay	02/20/2017	04/10/2017
Sauceda, Jennifer	Okeechobee Achievement Academy	Short Term	02/06/2017	05/10/2017
Spieß, Caren	Everglades Elementary School	Short Term	Beginning January 19, 2017 and continuing for a total not to exceed 60 days and not extending beyond January 18, 2018	
Stratton, Cynthia Denise (Revised)	District Office	Short Term	Beginning January 3, 2017 and continuing for a total not to exceed 60 days and not extending beyond March 3, 2017	
Tankersley, Tamara	Transportation	Short Term	01/30/2017	01/29/2018
Waldron, Ana	Yearling Middle School	Short Term	02/09/2017	03/24/2017

E. ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST FOR 2016-17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following personnel be added to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Davis, Angelica	I
Gonzalez-Groso, Ibis	III
Johnson, Ashley	I

Rank I – Less than 60 college credit hours
Rank II – 60 or more college credit hours
Rank III – Bachelor's degree or higher

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F. PAYMENTS TO PERSONNEL

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>
Guijosa-Huerta, Vanesa	Facilitate GED Testing as a Paraprofessional	\$10.00 Per Hour	02/14/17 - 06/16/17 Up to 4 Hours a Day and Up to 6 Times Per Month	#1705 – Community Ed Fee Support
Turbeville, Jenni	Prepare Video Presentation	\$12.00 Per Hour	01/02/17 - 05/31/17 Up to 30 Hours	#4721 - Title II Teacher Training & Recruitment

Correction to Item Approved by Board 01-17-17

5 Guidance Counselors	Schedule Incoming 11 th & 12 th Grade Students	\$23.00 Per Hour	45 21 Hours	OFC/OHS budget
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Note: All professional development shall comply with provisions in the negotiated personnel contracts.

G. ADD ON PROGRAM – ATHLETIC COACHING ENDORSEMENT/CERTIFICATION

The Board approved the Add-On Program for Athletic Coaching Endorsement/Certification.

H. AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION) AGREEMENT

The Board approved the AVID College Readiness System Services and Products Agreement with the AVID Center for the 2017-18 school year at a cost of \$33,126.00.

I. APPROVAL OF GED TEST ADMINISTRATOR

The Board approved the following additional employee to administer the GED tests scheduled for the 2016-17 school year:

- Vanesa Huerta Guijosa

J. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 2017

The Board approved the Monthly Financial Statement for January, 2017, and ordered it filed as public record.

K. BUDGET AMENDMENT #7 FOR JANUARY, 2017

The Board approved Budget Amendment #7 for January, 2017.

L. PROPERTY DISPOSAL LIST #4 FOR THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR

The Board approved the items listed on Property Disposal List #4 for the 2016-17 fiscal year as surplus, to be removed from property control records, and authorized the Superintendent to donate or sell such items in accordance with state statute.

Property Number	Description	Cost	Condition	School/Cost Center
1145	Hydraulics Trainer	1,311.50	Unrepairable	OHS
2416F	Toshiba Projector	1,657.77	Unrepairable	OHS
2566F	Toshiba Projector	1,183.68	Unrepairable	OHS
3617F	Printer HP Design Jet	2,374.46	Unrepairable	OHS
3988F	Server Dual Core Xeon	7,453.35	Obsolete	OHS
4136F	Lenovo Tablet	2,583.00	Unrepairable	OHS
4368F	Epson Projector	1,624.00	Unrepairable	OHS
5520F	Dell Laptop	805.09	Unrepairable	OHS
15315	Blener, Pipe, Hossfield, #2	1,246.90	Unrepairable	OHS
17470	Washer Cleaning System	1,299.00	Unrepairable	OHS

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20987	Dell Laptop	1,501.30	Unrepairable	OHS
5217F	Dell Desktop	814.88	Unrepairable	OHS
6256F	Dell Latitude Laptop	969.76	Unrepairable	ESE
19466	Ice Maker-Scotsman	2,064.00	Unrepairable	CES
18752	Milk Cooler	1,575.00	Unrepairable	EES
		28,463.69		

VII. Information Items

A. SUPERINTENDENT

- Department of Education will meet in Okeechobee Monday, March 13, 9:00-1:00, regarding special facilities. The meeting will start at the District Office, move to the Freshman Campus and finish at Okeechobee High School.
- Schools will be closed for Spring break, March 13 -17. The District Office will remain open.
- A calendar of end-of-the-year events is included in Board packets.

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS - NONE

C. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY - NONE

D. PUBLIC -

Brad Will, CORE Construction, said that he is not available to attend the meeting Monday, but suggested that the District focus more on ADA shortcomings, rather than flood issues. Superintendent Kenworthy said he has concerns over saving the three newest buildings. If the rest of the campus is built at a higher elevation, additional water would pond in and around those buildings.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Dixie Ball, seconded by Joe Anrold, the Board adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the School Board is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

(Signature on File)

Malissa Morgan
Chairman

(Signature on File)

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools