

**I. Call to Order**

Call to Order: Joe Arnold, Chairperson

Present: District 1 – Joe Arnold, Chairperson  
District 2 – Malissa Morgan, Vice Chairperson  
District 3 – Dixie Ball  
District 4 – India Riedel  
District 5 – Jill Holcomb  
Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools  
Tom Conely, School Board Attorney

Invocation: Mark Mayer, Real Life Children’s Ranch  
Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance: Girl Scout Troops 60197

**II. Opening Items**

**Staff Recognition**

- ★ Golden Mouse Award – Tracy Phillips, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, North Elementary School
- ★ Retirements
  - Louise Conrad, ESE Paraprofessional, 29 Years
  - Shirley Selph, Bus Driver, 40 Years

**Proclamations/Resolutions**

- ★ Retired Educators Day



**PROCLAMATION**  
**FLORIDA RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY**

**School District of Okeechobee County, Florida**

*Whereas*, the educational system within our state and county is a vital part of our society, providing education for people of all ages; and

Whereas, at the heart of the educational system are educators who are devoted to sharing their knowledge and experience with their students; and

Whereas, Okeechobee County is home to many retired educators who have spent most of their lives giving themselves to our education system and our students.

Now therefore, the School Board of Okeechobee County, Florida, extends its appreciation and gratitude to these valued educators and proclaims that November 15, 2015, be observed as:

**RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY**

*Passed and adopted* this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

(Signature on File)

Malissa Morgan  
Chairman

ATTEST:

(Signature on File)

Ken Kenworthy  
Superintendent of Schools



★ Assessment & Accountability

## RESOLUTION

### *ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY*

#### School District of Okeechobee County, Florida

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Okeechobee County strongly supports a fair accountability system to inform instruction and issue school grades; and

**WHEREAS**, the first administration of the Florida Standards Assessment was not successful. A validity study confirmed that some content did not match the Florida Standards that were supposed to be measured and there were problems with every aspect of administration; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized in F.S. 1008.34 that learning gains shall constitute a significant portion of school and district grades but are not available due to the transition to a new test. Because proficiency is so closely tied to socio-economic status, failure to include learning gains will unfairly penalize small and rural districts with high free and reduced lunch rates; and

**WHEREAS**, school grades will not be issued until February, 2016 for the 2014-15 school year, nearly a full year after some of the assessments were administered and only days before the next administration, rendering the information gleaned from the results of little value; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of the National Assessment of Educational Progress in setting cut scores is not appropriate because the tests measure different standards, are norm vs criterion referenced, and have different definitions of proficiency and level distinctions. Seeking a simple percentage from another test to determine what Florida's cut scores should be is not scientific and a misuse of such information; and

**WHEREAS**, it is claimed that there are no consequences to the issuance of school and district grades for the 2014-15 school year, the mere release of a letter grade is a consequence and a false representation as to the learning that has occurred throughout the previous year.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the School Board of Okeechobee County, Florida, calls upon the Governor of Florida, the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Education, and the Florida State Board of Education to:

- Suspend school and district grades for the 2014-15 school year until all 13 recommendations of the validity study conducted by Alpine Testing Group are addressed and implemented; and
- Amend F.S. 1008.34, beginning with 2014-15 and going forward, to prohibit calculation of school and district grades solely on proficiency without consideration of learning gains; and
- Phase in the recommended cut scores to give students adequate time to reach the new rigorous and ambitious bar that has been set for reaching proficiency; and
- Recognize the impact that socio-economic status has on the accountability system.

**ADOPTED** by the School Board of Okeechobee County, in Regular Session, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, in Okeechobee, Florida.

Okeechobee County School Board  
(All Signatures on File)

Attest:

(Signature on File)

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Ken Kenworthy  
Superintendent of Schools

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Malissa Morgan, Chairman, District 2

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Jill Holcomb, Vice Chairman, District 5

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Joe Arnold, Member, District 1

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Dixie Ball, Member, District 3

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India Riedel, Member, District 4



**III. Reorganization of the Board**

Chairman Arnold turned the meeting over to Superintendent Kenworthy for reorganization of the Board. Mr. Kenworthy explained that according to Florida Statute 1001.371, the Board is required to reorganize each November by electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman and establishing the schedule and location for regular meetings.

Superintendent Kenworthy, acting as Secretary to the Board for the purpose of reorganization and in accordance with Statute, declared the floor open for nominations for Chairman of the School Board. Joe Arnold nominated Malissa Morgan as Chairperson, and Jill Holcomb seconded the motion. Superintendent Kenworthy asked for any other nominations and hearing none, ceased nominations. The Board voted unanimously to elect Malissa Morgan as Chairperson of the School Board of Okeechobee County.

Superintendent Kenworthy declared the floor open for nominations for Vice Chairman of the School Board. A motion was made by Joe Arnold nominating Jill Holcomb as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by India Riedel. Superintendent Kenworthy asked for any other nominations and hearing none, ceased nominations. The Board voted unanimously to elect Jill Holcomb as Vice Chairman of the School Board of Okeechobee County.

India Riedel made a motion that the School Board continue to hold regular meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the District School Board Administration Office, Room #303, located at 700 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, unless otherwise advertised. The motion was seconded by Joe Arnold, and the Board voted unanimously to continue the regular meeting schedule and location as stated. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Morgan for continuance of the agenda.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of Meeting on October 13, 2015

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| Motion to Approve Minutes with Correction: | Joe Arnold   |
| Second:                                    | Dixie Ball   |
| Vote:                                      | 5-0 In Favor |

**V. Items for Action**

Chairman Morgan asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the Items for Action agenda. Superintendent Kenworthy requested that Item V.F., *School Improvement Plan – Yearling Middle School*, be pulled from the agenda:

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| Approval of Items for Action Agenda with the removal of Item V.F. |              |
| Motion:   | Joe Arnold   |
| Second:   | Jill Holcomb |
| Vote:   | 5-0 In Favor |

A. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE FOR FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARD INSURANCE TRUST

Superintendent’s Recommendation: That the Board appoint a member to serve as Trustee for the Florida School Board Insurance Trust.

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| Motion: | India Riedel made a motion to appoint Jill Holcomb to serve as Trustee for the Florida School Board Insurance Trust. |
| Second: | Joe Arnold   |
| Vote:   | 5-0 In Favor   |

B. BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSORTIUM

Superintendent’s Recommendation: That the Board appoint a member to serve on the Small School District Council Consortium (SSDCC) Board of Directors.

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| Motion: | Joe Arnold made a motion to appoint Malissa Morgan to serve on the Small School District Council Consortium Board of Directors. |
| Second: | Jill Holcomb  |
| Vote:   | 5-0 In Favor  |

C. APPOINTMENT TO OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board appoint a member to serve on the Okeechobee County Economic Council as an ex-officio member.

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| Motion: | Dixie Ball made a motion to appoint Joe Arnold to serve as an ex-officio member of the Okeechobee County Economic Council. |
| Second: | Jill Holcomb   |
| Vote:   | 5-0 In Favor   |

D. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve the School Improvement Plan for South Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year.

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| Motion:                           | Joe Arnold  |
| Second:                           | India Riedel  |
| Discussion/Additional Information | The School Improvement Plan was presented to the Board by Tracy Downing, Principal, South Elementary School. The complete plan is available upon request from Mrs. Downing. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor  |

E. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve the School Improvement Plan for North Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year.

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| Motion:                           | Joe Arnold  |
| Second:                           | India Riedel  |
| Discussion/Additional Information | The School Improvement Plan was presented to the Board by Pat McCoy, Principal, North Elementary School. The complete plan is available upon request from Mrs. McCoy. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor  |

F. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – YEARLING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pulled from Agenda

The School Board of Okeechobee County, Florida, hereby certifies that pursuant to a legal notice, a meeting for public hearing was held in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office, 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Okeechobee on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, for the purpose of discussing amendment of Board Policy 5.50. The Board further certifies that it remained in session until 8:05 p.m. and there appeared no one at said hearing to oppose or discuss this policy revision.

G. AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 5.50 STUDENT RECORDS

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve amendment of School Board Policy 5.50 Student Records.

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| Motion:                           | Joe Arnold   |
| Second:                           | Dixie Ball   |
| Discussion/Additional Information | Superintendent Kenworthy commented that the proposed revision will align Policy 5.50 with current statutes regarding:  |
|                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual notification to parents and students of their rights regarding education records.</li> <li>• The non-collection or retention of information including</li> </ul> |

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|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• biometric information which is restricted by 1002.222, F.S.</li> <li>• Release of confidential and exempt student information authorized by 1002.221, F.S.</li> <li>• Use of student Social Security numbers until the Department of Education issues a student identification number.</li> </ul> |
|       | Advertisement of intent to amend Board Policy 5.50 was approved by the School Board on October 13, 2015, and legally advertised to the public on October 14, 2015, as required by Chapter 120, Administrative Procedures Act, Florida Statutes. There were no inquiries or comments from the public regarding the policy amendment.        |
| Vote: | 5-0 In Favor   |

H. BID AND CONTRACT FOR ASPHALTING OKEECHOBEE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve a bid for asphaltting the track at the Okeechobee High School and a contract submitted by Lynch Paving & Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$55,952.00.

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| Motion:                           | India Riedel   |
| Second:                           | Dixie Ball   |
| Discussion/Additional Information | Brian Barrett, Director of Operations, stated that the track was last surfaced in 2002, and that it is in need of remilling and resurfacing at this time. The Board had lengthy discussion about resurfacing the track in its current state versus bringing the track up to a condition that would allow regional track meets to be held at Okeechobee High School. Discussion included the feasibility of widening the track by two lanes with the current available space and drainage issues. Also included in discussion were the advantages, disadvantages, and substantial cost of installing a track with a rubberized surface. The Board concluded the conversation by requesting the Superintendent to investigate the options available and cost to bring the track up to standards for regional competition and to report his findings at the December 8 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting. |
| Motion:                           | India Riedel made a motion to table the item.  |
| Second:                           | Joe Arnold   |
| Vote:                             | In Favor: Malissa Morgan, Jill Holcomb, Joe Arnold, India Riedel<br>Opposed: Dixie Ball  |

I. BID AND CONTRACT FOR ASPHALTING PROJECT AT OSCEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve a bid for asphaltting at Osceola Middle School and a contract submitted by Lynch Paving & Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$29,752.00.

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| Motion:                           | Joe Arnold   |
| Second:                           | India Riedel   |
| Discussion/Additional Information | Brian Barrett, Director of Operations, stated that this project involves asphalt repair, sealcoat, and striping of Osceola Middle School bus loop, parking areas, and drive. Three contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, and one contractor submitted a bid. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor   |

J. BID AND CONTRACT FOR ASPHALTING PROJECT AT NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve a bid for asphaltting at North Elementary School and a contract submitted by Lynch Paving & Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$87,036.00.

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| Motion: | Dixie Ball   |
| Second: | Jill Holcomb |

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| Discussion/Additional Information | Brian Barrett, Director of Operations, stated that this project involves asphalt overlay and striping of North Elementary School lots and drive. Three contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, and one contractor submitted a bid. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor   |

K. REMAINING COMPONENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve the remaining components necessary to complete the Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2015.

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| Motion:                           | Dixie Ball  |
| Second:                           | Joe Arnold  |
| Discussion/Additional Information | Superintendent Kenworthy explained that the necessary data components required by law for completion of the Annual Financial Report have recently been released by the Division of Retirement. Each local entity must now show their pension liability even though they do not hold the funds. The analysis of pension data states that the net position of the district, with inclusion of pension liability, decreased \$23,584,540.31. However, the report also states that the District is in healthy financial condition with a 12.7% fund balance of total General Fund revenues. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor  |

L. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH CLASSIFIED UNIT FOR 2015-17

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board ratify proposals for the 2015-17 Classified Contract between the School Board and Okeechobee County Education Association #1604 to be effective July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, including the following Salary Schedules:

- 2015-16 Classified Salary Schedule
- 2015-16 Classified Pay Grade Summary Sheet
- 2015-16 Classified Supplemental Salary Information

- #1B 2015-16 Differentiated Pay
- #30 2015-16 After School and Summer Programs / Classified Personnel Inservice Participation
- #34 2015-16 Part-Time Pay for Athletic Events

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| Motion:                           | Joe Arnold   |
| Second:                           | Dixie Ball   |
| Discussion/Additional Information | Superintendent Kenworthy thanked the Okeechobee County Education Association #1604 for their assistance in reaching agreement on this contract and for completing a summary that accompanied ratification materials. He added that this is the largest raise that classified employees have received in many years, and that it will bring those employees in a competitive range with private industry positions in the area. The Classified Unit held a vote on November 4, 2015, and the results were 195 in favor of ratification and 8 opposed. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor   |

M. FLORIDA SAFE SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR 2014-15

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board review and approve the results of the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Report for the 2014-15 school year.

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| Motion:                           | Joe Arnold   |
| Second:                           | Dixie Ball   |
| Discussion/Additional Information | Superintendent Kenworthy noted that the Board is required to discuss this report in a public meeting; however, the report is not public record for security reasons. Joni Ard, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, reported that the report basically looks at safety issues and how the District monitors facilities, conducts safety |

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|       | and security checks, and trains students and staff to maintain a safe and secure environment. The District is in full compliance of all areas in the assessment. |
| Vote: | 5-0 In Favor   |

N. PRESENCELEARNING CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve a consulting services agreement with PresenceLearning, Inc. to provide speech therapy services for students effective October 16, 2015, through July 31, 2016.

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| Motion:                           | Joe Arnold  |
| Second:                           | Dixie Ball  |
| Discussion/Additional Information | Superintendent Kenworthy commented that there is a shortage of speech therapists across the state and that this agreement will provide speech therapy services online for secondary students. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor  |

O. CONTRACT AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TRANSFINDER FOR TRANSPORTATION ROUTING AND MANAGEMENT

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve a Contract & License Agreement with Transfinder for the Routefinder Pro Transportation Management System for an initial cost of \$17,995.00.

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| Motion:                           | Dixie Ball   |
| Second:                           | Jill Holcomb   |
| Discussion/Additional Information | This is a new routing software program. The Transportation Department will implement the routing system on a small scale to begin with for summer school. After that, existing routes will be entered in the system a few at a time. Implementation will progress slowly from that point to be sure all "bugs" are worked out and that the system is performing as expected. Joe Arnold asked what student data the system will require, how student data will be entered into the Routefinder system, and if the data will be secured. Superintendent Kenworthy confirmed that the student data for the system will be pulled directly from Skyward, and Nicole Havee, Supervisor of Transportation, further explained the system and answered security concerns. Mr. Arnold asked that the use of student numbers rather than student names be investigated. |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor   |

P. SCHEDULING OF BOARD WORKSHOP FOR TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board schedule a date, time, and location for a workshop session on technology. A few suggested dates and times are:

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| Motion: | After discussion of possible dates and times, Joe Arnold made a motion to conduct the workshop at 3:30 p.m., just prior to the next Board meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. |
| Second: | India Riedel  |
| Vote:   | 5-0 In Favor  |

Q. SCHEDULING OF MASTER BOARD TRAINING

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board schedule a date, time, and location for a Master Board training session.

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| Motion:                           | After discussion of possible dates and times, Joe Arnold made a motion to schedule the Master Board Training session at 4:00-8:00 p.m., on Monday, January 25, 2016, in the Superintendent's office. |
| Second:                           | India Riedel   |
| Discussion/Additional Information | This training session is "The A+ Plan for School Boards: How School Boards Impact Student Achievement."  |
| Vote:                             | 5-0 In Favor   |

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**VI. Consent Agenda**

Chairman Morgan asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the *Consent Agenda*. Superintendent Kenworthy requested that Item C., Leaves of Absence, be pulled for revision and separate consideration.

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| Motion To Approve Remaining Consent Agenda: | Joe Arnold   |
| Second:                                     | India Riedel |
| Vote:                                       | 5-0 In Favor |

A. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

| Name   | Position                                | School or Center              | Effective Date |
|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Granger, Heather<br>(Out of Field Math/Social Studies) | Teacher,<br>Science/Math/Social Studies | Osceola Middle School         | 11-02-2015     |
| Hair, Brittany   | Food Service Assistant                  | Osceola Middle School         | 10-22-2015     |
| Jones, Jimmeria  | Paraprofessional                        | Seminole Elementary School    | 10-12-2015     |
| Lee, Gina  | Bus Driver                              | Transportation                | 10-21-2015     |
| Montoya, Janette                                       | Bus Driver                              | Transportation                | 10-27-2015     |
| Shipley, Donald  | Custodian II                            | Okeechobee High School        | 10-12-2015     |
| Viens, Scott   | Behavior Specialist                     | Exceptional Student Education | 11-02-2015     |

B. RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, AND SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYMENT

| Name                         | Position            | School or Center             | Effective Date |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Reiss, Ryan                  | Teacher, Elementary | Everglades Elementary School | 11-09-2015     |
| Selph, Shirley<br>Retirement | Bus Driver          | Transportation               | 11-02-2015     |

Suspension of employment without pay for Debra Tilton, 3rd Grade Teacher, Everglades Elementary School, effective October 20, 2015, was extended through resolution of this employment matter.

D. ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR 2015-16

| Name            | Rank |
|-----------------|------|
| Conner, Julie   | II   |
| Guijosa, Vanesa | I    |
| Hudoff, Jessica | III  |
| Muller, Shelby  | II   |
| Timko, Andrew   | I    |

E. PAYMENTS TO PERSONNEL

| Name/Group  | Purpose  | Rate of Pay      | Time Period (Maximum)    | Funding Source                                  |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Teachers on Special Assignment | Student Mentoring for Check & Connect Preparation and Monitoring | \$20.00 Per Hour | 25 Hours Each in 2015-16 | 1611 – Check & Connect (Approx. \$20,000 Total) |
| Johnson, Debbi<br>Roehm, Daryl                                |  |                  | 50 Hours Each in 2015-16 |   |
| Knowles, Deanna<br>Loredo, Merita                             | Additional Bonus for Bus Driver Recruitment (JV & JP)            | \$350 Each       | N/A                      | Transportation Budget                           |
| 20 Teachers   | Revision of Semester I Common Course Exams                       | \$13.50 Per Hour | 4 Hours Each             | 1623 – Special Needs                            |
| Walker, Alicia  | After School Band Instruction for Grades 4-5                     | \$20.00 Per Hour | 70 Hours in 2015-16      | North Elementary School Budget                  |

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

F. REIMBURSEMENT FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED CERTIFICATION

The Board approved reimbursement to teachers in Title I schools for the costs of the necessary



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certification exams to become highly qualified.

G. MOU WITH NORTH EAST FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM (NEFEC)

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) for Virtual Instruction Program services for the 2015-16 school year.

H. ANNUAL ACCOUNTING AND RETENTION AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA, INC.

The Board approved an Annual Accounting and Retention Agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. effective through September 30, 2017.

I. CARL D. PERKINS DJJ GRANT APPLICATION FOR CYPRESS JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

The Board approved the Carl D. Perkins Department of Juvenile Justice Grant application in the amount of \$34,583.00 for the 2015-16 project year.

J. TITLE II, PART A, GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2015-16

The Board approved the Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund Grant application in the amount of \$421,478.00, including estimated roll forward, for the 2015-16 project year.

K. TITLE III, PART A, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION

The Board approved the Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition Grant award/application in the amount of \$95,274.36, plus \$20,000.00 roll forward funds, for the 2015-16 project year.

L. FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION FOR INDIAN EDUCATION

The Board approved the Formula Grant application for Indian Education in the amount of \$9,624.00 for the 2015-16 school year.

M. WARRANT REGISTER FOR OCTOBER, 2015

The Board approved the Warrant Register for October, 2015, as follows:

General Disbursement Account – Warrants #156465 thru #156799

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Operating General Fund   | \$ 1,545,498.97        |
| Federal Programs Fund    | 39,650.39              |
| Food Service Fund        | 260,574.23             |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 130,118.12             |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 1,975,841.71</b> |

Item Pulled for Revision and Separate Consideration

C. LEAVE REQUESTS

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve Leaves of Absence listed below with revisions as shown.

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

| Name              | School                    | Leave Type           | From   | Through    |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| Clements, Jessina | Central Elementary School | Personal Without Pay | 10-29-2015   | 10-25-2016 |
| Davis, Amy        | IT Department             | Short Term           | Beginning October 13, 2015 and continuing for a total not to exceed <del>32</del> 60 days and not extending beyond October 12, 2016. |            |
| Egli, Jason       | Okeechobee High School    | Short Term           | Beginning September 3, 2015 and continuing for a total not to exceed 32 days and not extending beyond December 18, 2015.             |            |

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| Meigs, Cheryl    | IT Department              | Short Term | Beginning October 5, 2015 and continuing for a total not to exceed <del>32</del> -60 days and not extending beyond October 4, 2016. |            |
| Murdoch, MaryAnn | Transportation             | Short Term | 10-05-2015  | 12-04-2015 |
| Sherlock, Jean   | Okeechobee High School     | Short Term | 09-21-2015  | 10-22-2015 |
| Walsh, Jacinda   | Seminole Elementary School | Short Term | 10-09-2015  | 10-30-2015 |
| Wilson, Rene     | District Office            | Short Term | 11-30-2015  | 02-29-2016 |

**VII. Information Items**

A. SUPERINTENDENT

- Reminder: Please turn in copy of certificate of completion for the mandatory Board Ethics training to Mrs. Arbogast for Board files.
- The Department of Education will be in district on December 10, 2015 for the Special Facilities pre-application visit for Okeechobee High School. The committee will include two Department of Education people and two staff members from school districts not eligible to participate in the Special Facilities Program. The District will make a presentation to the committee to explain the need for rebuilding OHS, and the group will visit OHS. The committee's task is to determine if there is a need for the requested project. The Superintendent and Brian Barrett may have the presentation ready in time to preview it with the School Board at their December 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Superintendent Kenworthy thanked the Board for their participation in the recent Master Board Training.
- OHS recently had a visit from Nat King Cole's twin daughters. Okeechobee High School responded to an invitation to participate in the Nat King Cole Generation Hope Foundation Project Hope program "Keeping Music Alive." OHS was one of the schools selected and received three trumpets, one clarinet, one French horn, and a snare drum during the Cole Foundation's visit to start what they hope will be a long term relationship with the OHS music program.
- During Thanksgiving week, school and district offices will be open Monday through Tuesday with limited staff. Schools and offices will be closed for Christmas break beginning on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Office staff will return on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>; teachers will return on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>; and students will report back on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Veteran's Day is tomorrow, and schools have many activities planned. The Board was invited to attend.

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS - NONE

C. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY – NONE

D. PUBLIC - NONE

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by Dixie Ball, the Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting of the School Board is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 700 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

(Signature on File)

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Malissa Morgan, Chairperson

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Ken Kenworthy  
Superintendent of Schools