

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 9:45 (Agenda Workshop) and 10:00 (School Board Meeting) at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton, Attorney Costin, and the following board members were present: Chairman John Wright, Vice-Chairman Billy C. Quinn, Jr., Danny Little, Linda R. Wood, and Brooke Wooten.

AGENDA WORKSHOP: The Board reviewed amendments to the agenda packet.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00.

II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Mrs. Wood and seconded by Mr. Little the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 2, 2.04, 3.02, 3.03, 5.01, 5.02-5.03, 8-8.02, and the replacement of pages 2-4, and 7-13. The Board also agreed to change the May 3 meeting to Wednesday, May 11, 9:45 (Workshop) and 10:00 (Board Meeting). The change is made in order to accommodate student recognitions during the school day.

III. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** The Board recognized the following *High Impact Teachers*. These Gulf District Schools educators were recently recognized by the Department of Education as being among the highest impact teachers in the state based on analysis of former students' performance on statewide standardized tests: Anita Askew and Jeannie Ford (Wawahitchka Elementary), Misty Wood (Wawahitchka High), Janice Adkison and Brenda Wood (Port St. Joe Elementary), and Kristal Smallwood (Port St. Joe High School).

IV. **HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

V. **CONSENT ITEMS:** On motion by Mrs. Wood and seconded by Mr. Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to take the following action:

Approved the March 8 School Board Minutes, and (SM: 15/16 – 112)

Approved Budget Matters and Payment of Bills, and (SM: 15/16 –113)

PERSONNEL: (SM: 15/16 –114)
Approved Kayla Vargas' letter of resignation from her Port St. Joe Elementary School teaching position effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year, and

Approved Valerie Clayton's letter of resignation from her position as Site Director of the 21st Century Program at Port St. Joe Elementary School effective June 1, 2016, and

Approved Serena Mirabella's letter of resignation effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year, and

Approved Rebecca Lacour as the Jr. High Softball Coach at Port St. Joe High School for school year 2015-2016, and

Approved Darlene Ake to teach the Summer VPK program for the 2015-2016 school year.

SURPLUS: Declared the following item(s) surplus, subsequently approving removal from inventory records, and disposal of item(s) according to board policy: (SM: 15/16 –115)

WHS Canon Copiers: #81032717, #82030022
Maintenance Copier: #99070414

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: (SM: 15/16 –116)
Approved out-of-state travel for the PJSBS NJROTC unit's field trip to the Wild Adventure Theme Park in Valdosta, Georgia, on May 7, 2016.

VI. **PROGRAM MATTERS:** On motion by Mrs. Wood and seconded by Mr. Wooten the Board voted unanimously to take the following action:

Acknowledge Receipt of the Auditor's Report for FYE 063015, and (SM: 15/16 –117)

Approved the Gulf District Schools' Instructional Personnel Evaluation System, and (SM: 15/16 –118)

Approved the School Health Monthly Reports for December 2015 and January and February 2016. (SM: 15/16 –119)

VII. **HIGHLAND VIEW PROPERTY:**

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

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IX.	BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:
X.	ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Wright adjourned the meeting at 11:07.

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WORKSHOP

The Gulf County School Board held a special workshop session Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 1:00 at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton, Attorney Costin, and the following board members were present: Chairman John Wright, Vice-Chairman Billy C. Quinn, Jr., Danny Little, Linda R. Wood, and Brooke Wooten. The School Board takes no action during workshop settings.

WORKSHOP AGENDA:

Vocational Classes:

Mr. Warren Yeager (RESTORE ACT Coordinator) addressed the Board regarding the possibility of the District securing grant funds via RESTORE ACT (BP OIL) dollars to help fund the startup of a vocational welding program at Wewahitchka High School, beginning school year 2017-2018, giving students the opportunity to earn *Industry Certification* in welding prior to graduating high school. Mr. Yeager stated that this type of project fits perfectly within the guidelines for RESTORE ACT funding, noting that all projects are ultimately approved by the Gulf County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Yeager suggested the District compile information pertaining to estimated costs for retrofitting a designated facility to house the program, costs for securing all necessary equipment, materials, and student stations to run the program as well as associated costs the District may foresee. He cautioned against including administrative costs or salaries because RESTORE ACT funds are not designated to subsidize administrative costs. Port St. Joe High School Welding Instructor Tommy Knox expressed his support for beginning a welding program at Wewahitchka High School and shared several success stories of students who had become *Industry Certified* in the Port St. Joe program and who had later gone on to secure very lucrative employment in the field. There was much discussion as to which program would most benefit the students at Wewahitchka High School at this time. The question is whether we should continue offering the carpentry class or phase this program out at the end of 2016-2017 and begin a welding program – offering industry certification – beginning 2017-2018 school year. The consensus of the Board was to pursue implementing the welding program at Wewahitchka High School for school year 2017-2018. Superintendent Norton stated that he was committed to implementing the program in 2017-2018 and directed his staff to begin the process of securing necessary information. Mrs. Price will work with principals to survey students to determine interest in the program, and Mr. Layfield and Mr. Little will gather information on the electrical cost per student station. The district will compile a complete proposal to submit to Mr. Yeager in the very near future.

Year End Audit Reports:

Board members asked if all areas noted on the audits had been addressed and rectified. Mrs. Worley stated that administrators who are responsible for each of the areas of concern had already addressed the issues and she was pleased with the progress.

Ticket Prices:

Athletic directors from Port St. Joe High School (John Palmer) and Wewahitchka High School (Loren Tillman) expressed their desire and intention to begin charging \$5 for every ticket at the gate for all regular season varsity football games. This only affects varsity football; all other ticket prices will remain the same. NOTE: ONLY STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE ADVANCE TICKETS FOR \$3, but at the gate – students must also pay \$5. Employee ID badges will continue to be accepted as well as Gold Cards for regular season games.

Superintendent's Report:

School Board Member Concerns: