

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

The Gulf County School Board met in special session Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 9:00 A. M. (Special Workshop) and 10:06 (Special School Board Meeting) at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton, Attorney Costin, and the following board members were present: Cindy Belin, Danny Little, Brooke Wooten, and John Wright. Mr. Quinn was unable to attend due to illness.

9:00 - SPECIAL WORKSHOP: (See SM:16/17 - 093)

Personnel – The Board discussed the two job descriptions tabled at the February 7 meeting. Mr. Little continued to express his concern that Superintendent Norton intended to hire two people to fill Mr. Layfield's position when he retires in the next few months. Mr. Layfield reminded the Board that the job he now holds was originally two separate jobs but, as a cost-savings measure, the two were combined when his predecessor left. He added that it was thoroughly discussed at the time the decision was made to combine the two positions that it would most likely have to be separated again when he retired.

Wewahitchka Elementary School Covered Play Area – Mr. Little restated his position that the Wewahitchka Elementary School Covered Play Area needed to be closed in and completed sooner rather than later. Superintendent Norton stated that he intended to complete the project as soon as possible, which is why it is listed on the 5-Year Work Plan. He emphasized that he could not, in all good conscience, commit to completing the project immediately, considering the fact that some of our employees could lose their jobs if the referendum vote does not pass.

Utilities Update – Addressing Mrs. Belin's concerns from the February 7 meeting regarding the water usage at Port St. Joe High School, Mr. Layfield informed the Board that a leak had been discovered under the concession stand at the PSJ Softball Field and that repairs are underway.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 10:06.

II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mrs. Belin the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

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

IV. **CONSENT MATTERS:** On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mrs. Belin, the Board voted unanimously to take the following action: (SM: 16/17 – 093)
Approved Rachel Crews as a Hospital/Homebound Teacher and as an IAES (Intervention Alternative Education Setting) Teacher, and
Approved Bobby Johns to drive a Gulf County School Board bus, and
Approved the following personnel for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program:
Teachers: Amy Lee and Melinda George
Substitute Teachers: Barbara Whitfield, Rachel Crews, and Lois Byrd
Approved the Transportation Specialist Job Description and salary schedule, and
Approved the Maintenance Director Job Description.

V. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

VI. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Wooten adjourned the meeting at 10:18.