

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

The Gulf County School Board met in special session Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 3:45 E. T., (Agenda Workshop) and 4:00 E. T., (School Board Meeting) at the Wewahitchka High School Media Center. Superintendent Norton, Attorney Costin, and the following board members were present: Chairman Brooke Wooten, Vice Chairman Cindy Belin, Ruby Knox, and Denny McGlon. Governor Desantis has not yet appointed Mr. Quinn's replacement.

WORKSHOP: The board reviewed the August 13 Agenda Packet.

BOARD MEETING:

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 4:00.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mrs. Belin and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include verbal approval for rental fees for air conditioners for Port St. Joe High School, and approval for a special board meeting to be held Tuesday, August 27 at 8:00 A. M., E. T., at the administrative office.

III. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC: Marvin Davis addressed the board with concerns gathered from meetings in his community regarding the lack of color among the district's classroom teachers. He requested that every possible effort be made in the future to employ more color diversity among our teachers. He stressed that he was only referring to Highly Qualified teachers. Superintendent Norton advised Mr. Davis that his facts and percentages were not exactly correct. He stated that neither he nor his staff see color as a factor in the hiring process. He challenged Mr. Davis to provide applicants and assured him that those applicants would be considered as openings occur.

George Davis then addressed the board, offering his assistance in reaching out to a university with which he is presently associated, in hopes of recruiting more Highly Effective teachers of color applicants to the district. He assured Mr. Norton that he would get with him in the near future and help in any way he could.

Charles Gathers encouraged Mr. Norton and the board members not to be offended when citizens attend board meetings to voice concerns or ask questions, because the Sunshine Law dictates that a board meeting or workshop is the only time for citizens to address everyone at the same time with their concerns.

Cassie Studstill distributed information and made a few remarks pertaining to Community Partnership Schools. Assistant Superintendent Lori Price will meet with Mrs. Studstill to discuss the program.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board voted unanimously to take the following action:

-Approved the August 6 Board Meeting Minutes, and **(SM: 19/20 –024)**

PERSONNEL MATTERS: (SM: 19/20 –025)

-Approved Teddy Kemp for the Maintenance Tech position effective August 16, 2019, and

-Approved Albert Cumbie for a Maintenance I position effective August 30, 2019, pending completion of all pre-qualification screenings, and

-Approved Esther Taunton as a long-term substitute for WES effective August 5, 2019, and

-Approved buying the planning periods of Micah Peak (WHS) and Victoria Holmes (WES) as they work toward completing their Gifted Endorsement coursework, and

-Approved Brenda Wood and April Bidwell to conduct adult education two nights per week for school year 2019-2020, and

-Approved buying Sandy Quinn's (PSJE) planning period for 2019-2020, and

-Approved 2019-2020 Title I Tutors and 21st CCLC Employees and Substitutes, and

-Approved 2019-2020 Fall Supplements for PSJH, and

-Acknowledged that Kendra McDaniel and Allan Gibson have completed all requirements to drive a school bus.

V. PROGRAM MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Belin and seconded by Mrs. Knox the Board voted unanimously to take the following action:

-Acknowledged receipt of the Operational Audit (Report No. 2020-010, August 2019), and **(SM: 19/20 –026)**

-Acknowledged receipt of the Health Services Report of Services for School Year 2018/2019. **(SM: 19/20 –027)**

DOH Administrator – Sarah Hines, and DOH School Health Coordinator – Ann Barnes presented the 2018-2019 Report.

VI. BID MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Belin the board voted unanimously to take the following action: **(SM: 19/20 –028)**

-Awarded Bid #20-010 for three 93) 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 trucks to Bill Cramer at \$27,237.50 each, and

-Approved WHS's purchase of 110 Intellect Wave Dual Entry Student Desks via state contract #OT0027237 for \$18,909.00.

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VII.	<u>HURRICANE MICHAEL RELATED MATTERS:</u> On motion by Mr. McGlon and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board voted unanimously to take the following action: -Approved recommendation to proceed with the installation of new lights at the WHS Baseball Field at a cost of \$458,168.16, and (SM: 19/20 –029) -Approved recommendation to proceed with the installation of new lights at the WHS Softball Field at a cost of \$244,900.06, and (SM: 19/20 –030) (SM: 19/20 –031) ↓ -Approved a \$46,710.00 payment to Bracewell Flooring & Fencing for repair of PSJHS’s football field fence, and “ -Approved a \$17,450.00 payment to Bracewell Flooring & Fencing for fence repair at WES, and (SM: 19/20 –032) -Approved Superintendent Norton’s verbal recommendation for a 2-3 week rental fee of approximately 40K for air conditioners for Port St. Joe High School, pending Attorney Costin’s approval of the rental contract. (SM: 19/20 –033)
VIII.	<u>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:</u> Superintendent Norton reminded everyone that there will be a special meeting Tuesday, August 27.
IX.	<u>BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:</u>
X.	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Chairman Wooten adjourned the meeting at 5:03.

Jim Norton, Superintendent

Brooke Wooten, Chairman