

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 9:50 A. M., (Agenda Workshop) and 10:00 A. M. (Board Meeting) at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. The following board members were present: Chairman Linda R. Wood, Vice-Chairman George M. Cox, Danny Little and Billy C. Quinn, Jr. Superintendent Norton and Attorney Costin were also present. Mr. Wright was unable to attend due to a doctor's appointment.

Agenda Workshop - 9:50 A. M. (The Board received and reviewed amendments to the April 2 board meeting agenda packet)

BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

I. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- The Port St. Joe High School NJROTC Color Guard presented the colors for the opening of the board meeting. Commander Marty Jarosz briefed the Board on the numerous community and civic activities in which the NJROTC unit participates. Special recognition was directed to Cadet Javarri Beachum who has been appointed to the United States Naval Academy Prep School. The Prep School is located in Newport, Rhode Island. Cadet Beachum will complete a course of study that will lead to an Appointment to the Naval Academy with the Class of 2018.
- The Board presented Carmel Dodson with a *Star Polisher* plaque in recognition of being voted the 2014 Gulf County Teacher of the Year. Chairman Wood read the *Star Polisher* poem and thanked Mrs. Dodson for her service to the Gulf County School District.
- The Board recognized Port St. Joe High School students Bryanna Stuart and Cierra Scoggins for submitting a winning video in the SWAW Video PSA Contest Winner. Ms. Angel Barbee accompanied the students and explained the video contest requirements.
- Rev. James Wiley addressed the Board, extending an invitation to school employees and community members to attend a seminar at Oak Grove Church on April 13 entitled *The Roots of Liberty*. (SM:13-022A)

II. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC: None

III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Quinn the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 3.031 and 3.032.

IV. **CONSTRUCTION MATTERS:** Mr. Norton gave the final briefing on the renovation project at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

V. **CONSENT ITEMS:** On motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Little the Board voted unanimously to take the following action:

Approved the March 5 Minutes. (SM:13-023)

Approved Budget Matters and Payment of Bills. (SM:13-024)

PERSONNEL: (SM:13-025)

Approved adding a teacher on special assignment at Port St. Joe Elementary School as MTSS specialist. (*Funded through Title I*)

Approved April McLemore's resignation effective April 5, 2013.

Approved Doris Jean Whitten as the Staffing Specialist effective April 3, 2013.

Approved the following teachers for the after-school tutoring/enrichment programs March 18 – May 17, 2013:

Title I Program: Brenda Wood (*replacing Pausha Player*)

21st Century Program: Janice Adkison and Julie Hodges

Approved the following annual contract employees for non-renewal for school year 2013-2014:

INSTRUCTIONAL:

Port St. Joe Elementary School:

Karen Butts, Lori Childers, Ann Gingell, Kendall Hicks, Ana McFarland, Serena Mirabella, Jessica Mock, Michelle Scheller and Kara Taylor

Port St. Joe High School:

Sandra Cook, Josh Dailey, Angelo Jardina, Kimberly McFarland and Reina Nixon

Wewahitchka Elementary School:

Tessa Anderson, Stephanie Bailey, John Gibbens, Aileen Mork, Ashley Taunton, Heather Taylor and Deborah Wade

Wewahitchka High School:

David Barnes, Lorena Barwick, Genevieve Baughman, April Bostwick, Dennis Kizziah and Kimberly McMillion

District Office:

Luke Barber, Jennifer Holloran, Carol Kelley (*Part Time*), Daphne Lister, Johna Pittman, Laura Suber, Judy Williams

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

Port St. Joe Elementary School: Paulette Best, Stacey Dyer and Connie Myrick

Port St. Joe High School: Courtney Cummings, Dona Jones and Kenny McFarland

Wewahitchka Elementary: April Causey, Betty Hughes, April McLemore, Sherry Whitfield and Sheila Williams

District Office: Judith Husband, Ben Ranie and Susie White

Maintenance: Mike Wood

Bus Drivers: Paul Davis, Mike Dunn, Robert Pelc, Royce Watkins, Mary Lou White and Shirley Williams

Approved Tracy Browning for the supplementary position of Port St. Joe High School Head Varsity Weightlifting Coach.

Approved Karen Odom and Pausha Player for substitute teaching.

Approved Toni Johnson as a custodial and school food service substitute.

SURPLUS MATTERS: (SM:13-026)

Approved removing the following surplus items from property records:

Honda 4-Wheeler (*stolen*) #90902376, Walk in cooler/freezer (#00051621), Ice Maker (#51062388), Serving Line (#00051620)

1989 Station Wagon (#88023373), 1993 Chevy Van (#99023423), Washer/Dryer Combo (#61133769)

Printer Tally 225 (#51042338), Textbook Inventory Program (#92030144)

Computer Property (#99040405)

Gateway Computers/Laptops: #61083549, #61073501, #61073499, #61073513, #61073481, #61043356, #61043358

Shea Computers: #51052348, #92040260, #92040274, #92040282, #92040284, #92050374

Obsolete Computers from WES:

#22056659, #22056661, #22056666, #22076718, #22076721, #220706729,, #92040155, #92050306, #92050319, #92050338, #92050386, #95020041

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

Approved the 2013 update of the Gulf County Schools' Cheerleading Rules & Policies. (SM:13-027)

Approved the Northwest Regional Data Center Contract. (SM:13-028)

Approved the 2013-2014 Contract with Florida Virtual School (K-5). (SM:13-029)

Approved the 2013-2014 Contract with PAEC for Virtual Franchise Services (6-12). (SM:13-030)

Approved the Contract with Rebecca Hare for teaching Music at Port St. Joe Elementary School. (SM:13-031)

Acknowledged receipt of School Health Services Monthly Reports for January and February 2013. (SM:13-032)

VII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Norton expressed his concerns regarding the outlook for the 2013-2014 Budget. He and Mrs. Worley reminded everyone that most of the funds being promised to districts by the Legislature are earmarked prior to our receiving them, and districts have very little flexibility in how funds are spent. Mr. Norton advised the Board that the district could possibly be faced with declaring a *State of Financial Urgency*, resulting in a *Reduction in Force*.

VIII. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:** On motion by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Little the Board unanimously approved travel expenses for Mr. Cox to attend the Summer FSBA Board of Directors' meeting in June.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 10:55 A. M.