

# GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 9:45 (Agenda-Review 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 Cindy Belin, Vice-Chairman Denny McGlou, Marvin Davis, Ruby Knox, and Brooke Wooten.

**Agenda-Review Workshop:** The board reviewed the June 15 agenda packet.

## BOARD MEETING:

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

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Mr. McGlou and seconded by Mr. Davis the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 3.01, 4A, 4.01-4.06, 5.01, 5.02, 10, 10.01, 19.02A-19.02A10, 19.02B-19.02B23, 19.02C-19.02C01, and 22, and the replacement of pages 4 and 5.

**III. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mr. Grady "Buck" Booth addressed the board requesting they make every effort to ensure that Gulf County School District's biological science curriculum does not solely educate students on the Theory of Evolution to the exclusion of other science-based viewpoints. He stressed there are other science-based options that should be included in the district's science curriculum. Mr. Norton stated that he recently received a complaint/concern about material in some of the history books. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – Lori Price, assured Mr. Booth that Gulf District Schools' curriculum does not solely teach/promote the Theory of Evolution, but exposes the students to other science-based viewpoints as well. She further assured Mr. Booth that she would make contact with other Florida districts (particularly Holmes County and Baker County, as he requested) to see how they address various theories/viewpoints in their science curriculum. The discussion continued from evolution to the subject of Critical Race Theory, with Superintendent noting that Governor Ron DeSantis announced that Florida has banned the teaching of critical race theory (CRT) in public schools. Superintendent Norton and Board Member Davis each stated their positions on the teaching of CRT.

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

- Approved the May 24 Minutes, and (SM: 20/21 – 151)
- Approved Budget Matters & Payment of Bills (SM: 20/21 –152)

**PERSONNEL: (SM: 20/21 –153)**

- Approved Jessica Brock's resignation from her position as PSJH Guidance Counselor effective August 13, 2021, and
- Approved Debbie Peak's final date of employment to be January 31, 2022, and
- Acknowledged that Superintendent Norton has administratively re-assigned Duane McFarland to serve as Interim PSJE Principal / Director of Safety, Security & COVID Response
- Approved creation of an Assistant Principal position at PSJE beginning SY 2021-2022, and
- Approved Micah Peak's Request for Transfer from WHS to the PSJH Guidance Counselor position, and
- Approved Zac Jasinski's Request for Transfer from WES to the PSJH math position, and
- Approved Lindsay William's Request for Transfer from PSJE Bridges Instructor to PSJH Bridges Instructor, and
- Approved moving Teddy Kemp from Maintenance Tech to Maintenance Foreman, and
- Approved Updated Re-Appointment of Annual Status Non-Instructional Employees for SY 2021-2022, and
- Approved Summer Program Personnel Change, and
- Approved reinstating PSJH's Girls/Boys Golf Program, and
- Approved the Maintenance Salary Schedule, and
- Approved Administrative Placement for Darlene Ake for SY 2021-22 until further notice to ensure her current teaching assignment is filled with a certified teacher, and

**SURPLUS: (SM: 20/21 –154)**

Declared the following item(s) surplus, subsequently approving removal from WHS inventory records, and disposal of item(s) according to board policy:

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**V. PROGRAM MATTERS:** On motion by Mr. Wooten and seconded by Mr. McGlou the board voted unanimously to take the following action:

- Approved the 2021-22 MOU with Northwest Florida Health Network, and (SM: 20/21 –155)
- Approved the MOU with Morning Light Wellness Center, and (SM: 20/21 –156)
- Approved invoice for the 2021-22 FADSS Dues (Superintendents' Association), and (SM: 20/21 –157)
- Approved invoice for the 2021-22 FSBA Dues (School Board Association), and (SM: 20/21 –158)
- Approved invoice for the 2021-22 FSLRS & FEN Dues (Labor Relations), and (SM: 20/21 –159)

	<p>06/15/21 Page 2</p> <p>-Approved the 2021-22 PAEC Virtual Franchise Contract, and (SM: 20/21 –160)          -Approved the 2021-22 PAEC Resolution and Contract for District Participation, and (SM: 20/21 – 161)          -Approved the 2021-22 PAEC Resolution and Contract for Professional Development (PDC), and “          -Approved the 2021-22 PAEC Resolution and Contract for Curriculum Support Services, and “          -Approved the 2021-22 PAEC Resolution and Contract for Human Resources Support Services, and “          -Approved the 2021-22 PAEC Resolution and Contract for Gateway Educational Computing Consultants, and “          -Approved the 2021-22 PAEC Resolution and Contract for Student Data Services, and “          -Approved the Revised School Advisory Member Handbook, and (SM: 20/21 –162)          -Approved the 2021-2022 Contract with Early Learning Coalition of NW Florida, Inc., for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, and (SM: 20/21 –163)          -Approved the Advertised Changes to the following GCSB Policies: 2.70, 3.14, 3.25, 3.40, 3.48, 3.68, 3.90, 4.11, 4.18, 4.23, 4.60, 4.70, 5.10, 5.18, 5.32, 5.321, 5.325, 5.55, 5.70, 6.09, 6.11, 6.17, 6.20, 6.545, 8.10, 8.50, 8.502. (SM: 20/21 –164)</p>
<b>VI.</b>	<b><u>SCHOOL SAFETY &amp; SECURITY MATTERS:</u></b> On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Wooten the board unanimously approved the panic alert system. (SM: 20/21 –165)
<b>VII.</b>	<b><u>BID MATTERS:</u></b> On motion by Mr. McGlon and seconded by Mr. Davis the board voted unanimously to take the following action: (SM: 20/21 –166) -Approved Bracewell’s Flooring and Fencing BLT for removal and replacement of the fence around the bus barn/maintenance yard as well as the PSJE Butterfly Garden. Bracewell’s provided the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$48,170.00, and (SM: 20/21 –167) -Awarded Absolute Business Solutions (ABS) the 2021-2022 copier maintenance contract for all copiers in the district at \$18,000.00.
<b>VIII.</b>	<b><u>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:</u></b>
<b>IX.</b>	<b><u>BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:</u></b> The board will hold a special meeting Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 7:45 (Workshop), and 8:00 (board meeting), to address other vacancies currently being advertised.
<b>X.</b>	<b><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b> Chairman Belin adjourned the meeting at 11:10.