

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 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 Denny McGlon, Vice-Chairman Ruby Knox, Cindy Belin, Marvin Davis, and Brooke Wooten.

Workshop: The board reviewed the February 1 agenda packet.

BOARD MEETING:

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Davis the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 2, 3.02, 4.02, 40.3, 4.05, 4.06, the replacement of page 4.01, and the removal of page 6.

III. STUDENT RECOGNITIONS: The board honored the following students: The 2022 Sunshine State Scholar – PSJH student – Luke Lentz; WHS students who achieved dual certification for Welding and Carpentry – Braxton Durden and James Taylor Cozart.
SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Rodney Herring made a surprise visit to present Superintendent with the honorary designation and commission as a Kentucky Colonel. Mr. Herring noted the names of some others who received this honorary commission, including George H. W. Bush, Winston Churchill, Ty Cobb, Walt Disney, John Glenn, Charlton Heston, Elvis Presley, Ronald Reagan, Roy Rogers, Norman Schwarzkoph, Darryl Strawberry, Betty White, and Tiger Woods.

IV. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC: (1) Chester Davis spoke to the board regarding the idea of a community ethics committee that was discussed at the January 31 townhall meeting. He also expressed concerns about his wife’s job with the school district. (2) Parents – Kristin and Timothy Bryan shared concerns surrounding bullying in the schools.

V. CONSENT MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Belin and seconded by Mr. Davis the board voted unanimously to take the following action:
-Approved the January 11 Minutes, and (SM: 21/22 –076)
-Approved the Budget Matters & Payment of Bills, and (SM: 21/22 –077)
PERSONNEL: (SM: 21/22 –078)
-Approved Susie McFarland’s letter of intent to enter DROP April 1, 2022, with an anticipated retirement date of October 31, 2026; she has requested Option 1 for accrued annual leave and Option 2 for accrued sick leave.
-Approved Darrion Wilson’s resignation effective February 28, 2022, and
-Approved Janice Adkison’s retirement effective June 30, 2022, and
-Approved Amanda Simpson for the WHS Finance I position effective February 7, 2022, and
-Approved adding a second teacher to the PSJHS welding program. This position will function in an apprentice- type role to allow seamless continuation of programs with the inevitable attrition due to retirement, and
-Approved K-3 Tutoring personnel, and
-Approved the purchase of PSJHS’s Biology & Science Teacher -Kenneth Childree’s planning as he is teaching 6 periods, and
-Approved Jeff Martin to serve as PSJH Principal Designee during the second semester for extra-curricular events; these funds were already allocated for Principal Designee.
-Approved Abby Cozine to work one extra hour per day to maintain compliance in the Bridges classroom.

On separate motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Davis the board voted 4-0 to approve the 2022 Spring Sports Supplements. Mr. Wooten abstained from this single item because his daughter is recommended as the WHS Assistant JV Softball Coach. (SM: 21/22 –079)

VI. PROGRAM MATTERS: None

VII. BID MATTERS: None

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

X. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman McGlon adjourned the meeting at 11:17.