

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 9:30 (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 Ruby Knox, Vice-Chairman Brooke Wooten, Cindy Belin, and Marvin Davis, and Denny McGlon.

AGENDA WORKSHOP: The board will review the October 3 Agenda Packet.

BOARD MEETING:

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mr. McGlon and seconded by Mr. Davis the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 2, 4.01, 4.02, 5.01, 6.02, 7.04, 8.01, and 11-11.13, and the replacement of pages 6, 10A-10B, 7.01 and 7.02.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Superintendent Norton and the board recognized Warden Scott Payne, Florida Department of Corrections – Gulf CI, Assistant Warden Trampus Gray, and Lieutenant Mickey Gainnie. Mr. Norton expressed his appreciation to Warden Payne for allowing inmate crews to work within the school district during non-student-contact times. Warden Payne expressed his desire to continue to partner with the district. Currently, Warden Payne’s staff has certified two school district employees (Tracy Browning and Des Quinn) to supervise Gulf CI inmate crews. The crews assist with details such as painting, and cutting and cleaning the school grounds and athletic facilities at both ends of the county.

IV. HEAR FROM PUBLIC: None.

V. CONSENT MATTERS: On motion by Mr. McGlon and seconded by Mrs. Belin the board voted unanimously to take the following action:

- Approved the September 7 Minutes, and **(SM: 23/24 – 047)**
- Approved Budget Matters & Payment of Bills, including **(SM: 23/24 –048)**
 - 2023-2024 Salary Schedules (pending union ratification), and
 - 2023-2024 Elected Constitutional Officers Salaries
- PERSONNEL: (SM: 23/24 –049)**
- Approved Marcella Cowart’s letter of intent to enter DROP November 1, 2023, with an anticipated retirement date of October 31, 2032. She has requested Option 2 for terminal pay for all accrued leave.
- Approved Lisa Stripling’s letter of intent to enter DROP February 1, 2024, with an anticipated retirement date of January 31, 2032. She has requested Option 1 for terminal pay for all accrued leave.
- Approved Wendy Edwards for the PSJHS ELA position (*urgent hire*) effective September 25, 2023, and
- Approved Tyrek Sims for the Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant position effective October 19, 2023, and
- Approved the following personnel for Title V before/after school tutoring, weekend ACT prep, and/or Saturday school: Jacob Gibbs, Abigail Gilbert, Michelle Glisson, Lana Harrison, Alice Herrell, Shannon Jo Martin, Andrea Morgan, Sherry Whitfield, and Christy Wood, and
- Approved the SLP supplement for Jennifer Holloran who will supervise and be responsible for client services provided by the SLP Assistant, and
- Approved the following out-of-field gifted teachers: Joni White (PSJE), Shiane Stegall (WES), and Jacob Bidwell (WHS).
- Approved the updated 2023-2024 Out-of-Field Urgent-Hire Teachers list for 1st Semester, and
- Approved the Out-of-Field Teachers List for ESOL, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and PK Disabilities, and
- Approved the 2023-2024 Winter Supplement List.

On separate motion under personnel by Mrs. Belin and seconded by Mr. Davis the board voted 4-0 to approve Cameron Totman’s request for medical leave of absence (page 4.02), and Kristin Wooten’s paid planning to work with students (page 6.01, and the updated 2023-2024 Out-of-Field Teachers list for 1st semester (page 7.01).
Mr. Wooten abstained from voting on these pages because Cameron Totman is his sister-in-law and Kristin Wooten is his wife. (SM: 23/24 –050)

OUT OF STATE: (SM: 23/24 –051)

- Approved out of state travel for the WHS Wrestling Team for 3 separate event dates: Pawleys Island, SC – December 1- 3; Bainbridge, GA – December 15-16; Dothan, AL – January 25.
- Approved the WHS Band to travel to the Troy University Excellence in Leadership Conference November 2.

SURPLUS: (SM: 23/24 –052)

Declared the following item surplus, subsequently approving removal from inventory records, and disposal of item(s) according to board policy: #82 – 2006 International Bus (vin # 4DRBUAAN07A348796.

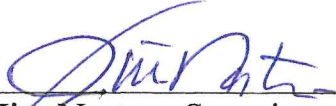
- VI. PROGRAM MATTERS:** On motion by Mr. Wooten and seconded by Mr. Davis the board voted unanimously to take the following action: (SM: 23/24 –053) ↓
 -Approved advertisement of the following Policy Changes: 2.90, 3.19, 3.40, 3.80, 4.21, 4.22, 4.24, 4.25, 5.18, 5.32, 5.62, 5.70, 6.29, 6.531, 7.77, and 8.16. The Public Hearing on these changes will be held at the November 7 meeting at 10:00.
 -Approved the revised 2023-2024 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar template, and (SM: 23/24 –054)
 -Approved a Nursing Services Agreement for a private duty nurse for a PSJHS student. (SM: 23/24 –055)
- VII. NEW FACILITIES (DISCUSSION):**
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**
- IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** AGENDA: Mr. Hoover to present 2023-2024 FSSAT Information
NOTE: Prior to start of the Executive Session, Chairman Knox asked everyone from the public to exit the board room. Executive Sessions are closed to the public as they deal with sensitive student matters, school safety, and negotiation items.
- XI.** Following the Executive Session, Chairman Knox continued with the public meeting. (SM: 23/24 –056)
 On motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board voted unanimously to take the following action:
 -Approved the 2023-2024 District Best Practices Assessment for FSSAT, and
 -Approved the 2023-2024 Resolution implementing a Student Crime Watch Program within Gulf District Schools.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Knox adjourned the meeting at 11:44. The board reconvened at 1:00 for RFQ presentations.

RFQ PRESENTATIONS

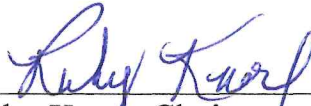
The board reconvened at 1:00 for RFQ presentations for the purpose of hiring an architect for the athletic facility projects being funded through the grant recently awarded the district by the Florida Legislature.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Knox called the meeting to order at 1:00 and called for the first presenters.
- II. PRESENTATIONS:** The following companies made presentations before the board: JRA, STOA, DAG, CRA.
- III. BOARD SELECTION PROCESS:** After hearing all presentations, the board ranked the 4 presenters as follows: (1) CRA, (2) JRA, (3) DAG, (4) STOA. After the ranking was declared, Attorney Costin announced that the board would precede to the next step in the selection process which is to begin contract negotiation discussions with CRA to determine if they can reach an agreement for moving forward. (SM: 23/24 –057) (Note: STOA did not provide a handout packet.)
- IV. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Knox adjourned the meeting at 2:43

Approved on



Jim Norton, Superintendent



Ruby Knox, Chairman

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School Board