

# GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, May 7, 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 reviewed the May 7 Agenda Packet.

## BOARD MEETING:

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Knox 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 3A, 5.01-5.05, 11.02-11.03V, 11.04-11.04.C, 14, 15, and 15A, and the replacement of page 8. The board also approved the following board meeting date changes: The June 4 meeting is rescheduled for 10:00 AM Wednesday, June 5, and the July 25 meeting is rescheduled for 11:00 AM Thursday, July 18.

**III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** The board recognized the Wewahitchka High School Welding Students for their 1<sup>st</sup> Place win at the recent welding competition at Lively. WHS Welding Instructor Eddie Price lauded the students' hard work and certification achievements.

**IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** South Gulf County Fire & Rescue Chief – Mike Barrett provided the board with a copy of the U.S. Fire Administration's Activity Book "*Let's Have Fun With Fire Safety*" which will be used to educate children on valuable fire safety and prevention tips. These booklets will be distributed by each of the area fire departments. (SM: 23/24 –120)

**V. ADULT SCHOOL GRADUATE(S) RECOGNITION:** The board honored the following three 2024 Gulf County Adult School graduates with a special graduation ceremony during the meeting: Whitney Butler, Jarrett Cookingham, and Kellie Simmons. Other 2024 Adult School Graduates not attending the board meeting are Austin Adkison, Steven McAnally, Corbin Rester, Shelby Squires, Michael Taylor, Nathan Taylor, Ethan Tolley, and Mark Willis.

**VI. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

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

- Approved the April 2 Minutes, and (SM: 23/24 –121)
- Approved Budget Matters & Payment of Bills, including (a) Letter of Intent to Sun State International to lock in 77-passenger bus price, and (b) *Differentiated Pay* protocol, and 2023-2024 Administrative Schedule, and (SM: 23/24 –122)

**PERSONNEL:** (SM: 23/24 –123)

- Approved David Peavy's resignation effective May 15, 2024, and
- Approved Jennifer Street's resignation effective the end of SY 2023-2024, and
- Approved David Causey's resignation effective May 24, 2024, and
- Approved extending Brenda Wood's DROP through August 31, 2025, and
- Approved Kenny Parker's Letter of intent to enter DROP July 1, 2024, with an anticipated retirement date of June 30, 2032. He has requested Option 1 for terminal pay for all accrued leave.
- Approved Charles Buggs for the PSJH Physical Education position effective April 24, 2024 and
- Approved Duane McFarland for the WHS Assistant Principal position effective April 16, 2024, and
- Approved Emily "Allie" Godwin for a WES teaching position effective August 1, 2024, and
- Approved Tracy Browning for the Assistant Transportation Director position effective May 8, 2024, and
- Approved personnel for 2024 Summer Programs: Chelsey Ardire, Anna Daniels, Brandie Fee, Sherry Whitfield, Paulette Best, Niki Calareso, Lexie Plair, Barbara Taunton, Jessica Vaughan, Debbie Gerber, Christine Shepard, Theresa Dietz, Ashley Wooten, Elizabeth Emerson, Melissa Lipford, Celeste Chiles, Kara Taylor, Jeannie Ford, Lisa Finney, Carolyn Ranie, Elizabeth Davis, Becky Armstrong, Bonita Smith
- Approved the Non-Renewal SY 2024-2025 Lists for the following Annual Contract positions: Instructional Employees and Urgent Hire Teachers, Non-Instructional Employees, District Office Employees, Maintenance Workers, Bus Drivers.

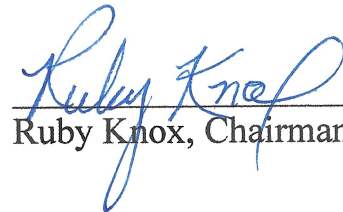
**Note:** On separate motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board voted 4-0 to approve Kristin Wooten and Cameron Totman be included on the Non-Renewal List for SY 2024-2025 for Annual Contract Instructional Employees. Mr. Wooten abstained from voting on these two employees (Wooten – wife, Totman – sister-in-law). (SM: 23/24 –124)

**OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL:** (SM: 23/24 –125)

-Approved the WHS Wrestling team to travel to the following national level tournaments:  
Chattanooga, TN - December 13-15, and Mill Spring, NC - December 26-29.

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VIII.	<p><b><u>PROGRAM MATTERS:</u></b> On motion by Mr. Wooten and seconded by Mrs. Belin the board voted unanimously to take the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Approved the Updated Organizational Chart, and (SM: 23/24 –126)</li> <li>-Approved a <i>Private Duty Nursing</i> Services Agreement, and (SM: 23/24 –127)</li> <li>-Approved the FSU Multidisciplinary Center 2024-2025 Service Agreement, and (SM: 23/24 –128)</li> <li>-Approved the updated contract with Roy Lee Carter (vegetable garden maintenance), and (SM: 23/24 –129)</li> <li>-Approved the Contract for Custodial Services, and (SM: 23/24 –130)</li> <li>-Approved the Agreement with PAEC for FLVS. (SM: 23/24 –131)</li> </ul>
IX.	<p><b><u>BID MATTERS:</u></b> On motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board voted unanimously to take the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Approved the Renewal Agreement with United Data Technologies, Inc (UDT), and (SM: 23/24 –132)</li> <li>-Approved the IP Phone System Upgrade, and (SM: 23/24 –133) (SM: 23/24 –134) ↓</li> <li>-Awarded the 2024-2025 Copier Maintenance Agreement to ABS for the same amount as last year, and (SM: 23/24 –135) ↓</li> <li>-Awarded the 2024-2025 Extermination Contract to Charlie Pettis Pest Services for same amount as last year.</li> </ul>
X.	<b><u>CRA UPDATE:</u></b> The project continues to move forward.
XI.	<b><u>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:</u></b>
XII.	<b><u>BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:</u></b>
XIII.	<b><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b>

  
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 Jim Norton, Superintendent

  
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 Ruby Knox, Chairman