

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Thursday, September 5, 2024

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Thursday, September 5 at 4:45 (Agenda-Review Workshop), 5:15 (Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Final Budget) and School Board Meeting at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Attorney Costin, and the following Board Members were present: Chairman Ruby Knox, Vice-Chairman Brooke Wooten, Cindy Belin, and Marvin Davis, and Denny McGlon. Superintendent Norton was unable to attend due to attending a district event. Assistant Superintendent Josh Dailey chaired the meeting.

AGENDA WORKSHOP: The board reviewed the September 5 Agenda Packet.

BOARD MEETING:

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024-2025 Final BUDGET: (SM: 24/25 – 033)

-No one from the public was present to comment on the 2024-2025 Final Budget:

-On separate motions as noted below the school board unanimously approved the following rates:

- Required Local Effort	2.854	Mr. Davis / Mrs. Belin
- Basic Discretionary	0.748	Mr. McGlon / Mr. Wooten
- Capital outlay	0.786	Mrs. Belin / Mr. Davis
- Voted	1.000	Mr. Wooten / Mr. McGlon

Total of 5.388

-On motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Belin the board unanimously approved the 2024-2025 Final Budget.

(SM: 24/25 –034)

-On motion by Mr. McGlon and seconded by Mr. Wooten the board unanimously approved the Annual Financial Statements.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mr. Wooten and seconded by Mr. Davis the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 5.01, 5.01A, 8.01, 9.01, 10.02, 10.03, Packet 15, Packet 17, 18, 18.01, 19-19.08, 20, 21, and 22, and the replacement of page 14.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM UNITED WAY: United Way representatives were on hand to present to the district various gift cards purchased with the cash donations given during the *Stuff the Bus* event for Gulf County Schools.

V. HEAR FROM PUBLIC: Parents Kimberly Sumner and Denise Miller addressed the board to express their concerns regarding the earlier start time for students as well as the demise of the Gold Card program. The staff informed the parents that the change of start times was implemented to reflect a change by the legislature. Mr. Dailey and Ms. Hancock thanked both parents for coming and added that the staff is currently looking into various ways that each school can recognize and reward their students for academic achievements each nine weeks.

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

-Approved the August 6 Minutes, and (SM: 24/25 –035)

PERSONNEL: (SM: 24/25 –036)

-Approved Julie Carr's retirement letter effective November 19, 2024, and

-Approved Equilar Gainer's resignation effective August 9, 2024, and

-Approved Lacrethia Middleton for a PSJE paraprofessional position effective August 13, 2024, and

-Approved Melissa Meyers for a PSJ Jr/Sr High school food service position effective August 22, 2024, and

-Approved Sherry Whitfield for a bus driver position in the Wewahitchka area effective October 1, 2024, and

-Approved the 2024 Academic Supplement list, and

-Approved the following changes to the fall coaching supplements for WHS: Assistant Volleyball Coach – Chevon Johns; Varsity Football Assistant Coach – Gabe McClellan; JV Assistant Football Coach – (splitting) Jarrett Browning and Jarkeavis Bess; Junior High Football Coach – Bobby Johns, and

-Approved buying Andrew Bidwell's planning period, and

-Approved an urgent supplement of \$10,000 for a teacher meeting the following criteria: Teaches 150 or more students during the school day and teaches distance learning for 3 periods.

-Approved Leslie Arreguin as a school food service substitute, and

-Approved Leslie Arreguin, Equilar Gainer, and Lana Stephens (pending pre-employment requirements) as substitute teacher applicants.

On separate motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Belin the board voted 4-0 to approve the following:

-Approved Cameron Totman to conduct night school for Adult Education students at the PSJ site, and

-Approved Cameron Totman to provide Adult School students the statewide assessments during the testing windows for a maximum of 32 paid hours.

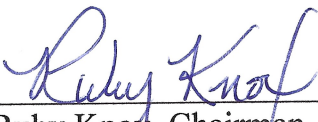
(SM: 24/25 –036A)

Mr. Wooten abstained from voting on these two items because this employee is his sister-in-law.

	09/05/24 Page 2 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: (SM: 24/25 -037) -Approved the WHS Band to attend Troy Band Day September 21.
VII.	<u>PROGRAM MATTERS:</u> On motion by Mr. Wooten and seconded by Mrs. Belin the board voted unanimously to take the following action: -Approved the PAEC TSA Agreement & Resolution, and (SM: 24/25 -038) -Approved the PAEC Risk Management Agreement, and (SM: 24/25 -039) -Approved advertisement of the following policies: 2.24, 3.40, 3.81, 4.13, 4.22, 4.24, 4.25, 5.24, 5.30, 5.341, 6.39, 7.71, 8.10, and 9.30, and (SM: 24/25 -040) -Approved the 2024-2025 Unified Statewide Assessment Calendar, and (SM: 24/25 -041) -Approved the 2024-2025 Student Progression Plan, and (SM: 24/25 -042) (SM: 24/25 -043) ↓ -Approved the MOU with Florida Department of Health, Bay County (dental services via Bay Mobile Dental Unit), and -Approved the Audiologist Contract, and (SM: 24/25 -044) -Approved the Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Services Agreement. (SM: 24/25 -045)
VIII.	<u>SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY MATTERS:</u> On motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board voted unanimously to take the following action: -Approved the 2024-2025 District Comprehensive School Safety Plan, and (SM: 24/25 -046) -Approved the 2024-2025 Gulf District Schools Family Reunification Plan. (SM: 24/25 -047)
IX.	<u>CRA PROJECT MATTERS:</u> On motion by Mr. McGlon and seconded by Mr. Davis the board voted unanimously to reject the bid for the bathroom /concession stand project at the PSJ Football Field and revise the project and re-advertise. (SM: 24/25 -048)
X.	<u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:</u>
XI.	<u>BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:</u>
XI.	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Chairman Knox adjourned the meeting at 6:10.



Josh Dailey, Assistant Superintendent



Ruby Knox, Chairman