

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 9:30 (Agenda-Review Workshop) and 10:00 (School Board Meeting) at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. The following School Board Members were present: Chairman Brooke Wooten, Vice Chairman Ruby Knox, Equillar Gainer, and Matt Terry. Assistant Superintendent Josh Dailey sat in for Mr. Norton who was out due to illness. Attorney Costin was in court and unable to attend. Mr. McGlon officially resigned from his District 1 Gulf County School Board Member position effective January 31, 2025.

AGENDA WORKSHOP: The board reviewed the February 4 Agenda Packet.

BOARD MEETING:

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 1A, 2A-2C, 4.01, 4.02, 5.03, 5.04 and 6.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- The board hosted two of the Port St. Joe High School 7th Grade Civics Classes and their teacher – Mrs. Jen Worthy, for the workshop and board meeting. The board and district staff interacted with the students to explain the board meeting process as well as various actions and agenda items throughout the meeting.
- The board recognized the Gulf District Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Ashton Lovejoy (*PSJE Teacher*), and the Gulf District Employee of the Year – Mrs. Deborah Barnes (*PSJH Bookkeeper and School Crossing Guard*).
- The board recognized the 2025 Gulf District Sunshine State Scholar – Ruby Williams (*Port St. Joe High School Junior*). Ruby read her winning essay, which highlighted her plans to pursue a career in the medical field. Ruby's passion in this area developed while doing life with her older sister who has struggled with serious medical issues since birth. Ruby has seen the impact medical issues can have on families emotionally and financially, even to the point of limiting medical care options.

IV. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

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

- Approved the January 14 Minutes, and (SM: 24/25: 078)
- Approved Budget Matters & Payment of Bills, and (SM: 24/25 –079)
- PERSONNEL: (SM: 24/25 –080)
- Approved Emily Hollis' resignation letter effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and
- Approved Joseph "Bud" Spears' letter of intent to enter DROP February 1, 2026, with an anticipated retirement date of January 31, 2034, and selection of Option 2 for terminal pay for all accrued leave, and
- Approved Diana Dykes letter of intent to enter DROP July 1, 2026, with an anticipated retirement date of June 30, 2034, and selection of Option 1 for terminal pay for all accrued leave, and
- Approved Samantha Naylor for the Accounts Payable Finance II Exempt position effective April 7, 2025, and
- Approved list of 2024-2025 Out-of-Field Teachers for 2nd Semester, and
- Approved list of 2024-2025 Urgent Hire Out-of-Field Teachers for 2nd Semester, and
- Approved Gene Quinn for the PSJHS Assistant Jr. High Girls' Basketball Coach position, and
- Approved Tonya Cox as the WHS SGA Sponsor for the 2nd Semester, and
- Approved 2025 Spring Sports Supplements, and
- Approved the following substitute teacher applicants: Cynthia Cassani, Kristina Gentry, Sherry Ferry (P), Bud Raymond (P), Tonya Rollins (P), Adrian West (P).

On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board voted 3-0 to approve Kristin Wooten for the WHS hospital homebound position.

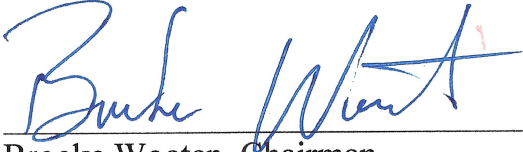
(Mr. Wooten abstained from voting on this single item involving his wife.)

VI. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE MATTERS: Mr. Dailey updated the board and visitors on the recent trip to Wakulla where district staff, school food service staff, and a representative of the school board were able to observe the day-to-day functionality of the privatized school food service program at the elementary and high school.

VII. PROGRAM MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board unanimously acknowledged receipt of the Financial and Federal Single Audit Report for FYE June 30, 2024. (SM: 24/25 –081)

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VIII.	<u>BID MATTERS:</u> None.
IX.	<u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:</u>
X.	<u>BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:</u> Board members received a copy of Mr. McGlon's resignation letter to Governor Ron DeSantis, dated January 29, 2025, and effective January 31, 2025. Mrs. Cumbie announced that anyone interested in applying for the District 1 seat should go to Governor DeSantis' website and search out <i>Appointments</i> and follow the instructions on the website; such appointments are made at the state level rather than locally. (SM: 24/25 -082)
XI.	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Chairman Wooten adjourned the meeting at 10:23.


Josh Dailey, Assistant Superintendent


Brooke Wooten, Chairman