GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 4:30 (Agenda-Review Workshop) and 5:00 (School Board Meeting) at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton, Attorney Costin, and the following School Board Members were present: Chairman Brooke Wooten, Vice Chairman Ruby Knox, Equillar Gainer, Denny McGlon, and Matt Terry.

AGENDA WORKSHOP: The board reviewed the January 14, including a presentation from Sodexo.

BOARD MEETING:

I.	**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 5:00.
II.	**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 2.01, 3.04-3.06, 4.02, 4.02A, 4.02B, 5, 5A, 5.02, 6, and 7-7.01.
III.	**STUDENT RECOGNITION:** None.
IV.	**HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC**: Mrs. Era Jamerson - WES School Food Service Worker – addressed the board on behalf of herself and her fellow school food service workers on both ends of the county to express concerns about privatizing the district's school food service. Mr. Norton, Board Members, District Staff, and the Sodexo Representative assured Mrs. Jamerson and the audience that this process is just in the fact-finding stage. The district will continue to make every effort to work in the best interest of our students and our employees.
V.	**CONSENT MATTERS:** On motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board voted unanimously to take the following action: -Approved the December 10 Minutes, and **(SM: 24/25 – 073)** **(SM: 24/25 –074) ↓** -Approved Budget Matters & Payment of Bills and approved adding an additional signer to the district bank accounts, and PERSONNEL: **(SM: 24/25 –075)** -Approved Eric Bidwell's letter of intent to enter DROP March 1, 2026, with an anticipated retirement date of February 28, 2034, with selection of Option 1 for terminal pay for all accrued leave, and -Approved Michelle Glisson's resignation effective December 6, 2024, and -Approved Sharon Peters' retirement letter effective the end of SY 2024-2025, and -Approved Lisa Stripling's retirement letter effective the end of SY 2024-2025, and -Approved Parker Harris for the WHS Welding Instructor position effective January 21, 2025, and -Approved changing the WHS computer lab paraprofessional position to a Spanish/ELL teaching position, and -Approved Denisse Hill as an Urgent Hire for the WHS Spanish position effective January 21, 2025, and -Approved Gina Karnes for a WHS ELA position effective January 15, 2025, and -Approved Angela (Connor) Kelsoe for the PSJHS Food Service Asst. Manager position effective January 15, 2025, and -Approved the Special Services Out-of-Field list, and -Approved WHS Basketball Supplements for Ray Glisson (MS Girls Head Coach), and Sherry Whitfield (Varsity Asst.), and -Approved buying Lana Harrison's planning period (retro) for SY 2024-2025, and -Approved buying Karen Lankford's planning period effective December 11, 2024, and -Approved Paul Hand as a substitute teacher applicant pending completion of all pre-employment requirements.
VI.	**SODEXO PRESENTATION:** Mr. Ron Gomez addressed the board to explain what the privatization of school food service entails. He also addressed several questions and concerns addressed by Mrs. Jamerson and board members.
VII.	**PROGRAM MATTERS**: On motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. McGlon the board unanimously approved advertising an RFP for School Food Service. **(SM: 24/25 –076)**
VIII.	**BID MATTERS:** On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board unanimously approved the Electronic Bid Services Proposal from Central Bidding from Central Auction House. **(SM: 24/25 –077)**
IX.	**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
X.	**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
XI.	**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Wooten adjourned the meeting at 5:50.

Jim Norton　　　　　　　　　　Brooke Wooten