GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The Gulf County School Board met in special session Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:45 (Agenda-Review Workshop) and 8:00 (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, and Matt Terry. (District 1 seat TBA.)

AGENDA WORKSHOP: The board reviewed the May 27 Agenda Packet.

BOARD MEETING:

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 8:00.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mrs. Gainer and seconded by Mr. Terry the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 2.01, 4.04, 6.01-6.06, and 8.01, and changing the July 17 meeting to July 16 with a 7:45 workshop and 8:00 board meeting. This change is being made due to Superintendent Norton and district administrators participating in the PAEC Summer Leadership Conference July 17-19.

III. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC: The following students and parents addressed the board concerning non-renewal of Port St. Joe High School teachers Karen Lankford and Staci Daniel: Boots Temple, Sonya Smith, Amber Schweikert, Eli Taylor, Jenny Fosshage, and Jude Fosshage. **(SM: 24/25 –101)**

IV. CONSENT MATTERS: On motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board voted unanimously to take the following action on all Consent Matters except page 6.03 which will be by separate motion(s):

-Approved the May 6 Minutes, and **(SM: 24/25 –102)**

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: **(SM: 24/25 –106)**

-Approved the WHS Band to attend Troy Band Camp June 15-19, 2025, and

-Approved PSJHS Girls' Basketball Team to attend summer camp in Montgomery, AL, June 16-17, and

PERSONNEL: **(SM: 24/25 –103)**

-Approved Keion McNair's resignation effective May 9, 2025, and

-Approved Micaela Stegall's request to rescind her resignation letter approved at the May 6 board meeting as her circumstances have changed and she wishes to continue in her teaching position at WES, and

-Approved Sharon Hoffman's request to transfer from PSJH back to the classroom at PSJE, and

-Approved Johnny Gilmer for a PSJH ELA position effective August 1, 2025, and

-Approved Ashley Lister for a WHS ELA position effective August 1, 2025, and

-Approved Brittany Crowson for a WHS Science instructor position effective August 1, 2025, and

-Approved Chadrick Lynn Clark for the Maintenance I position effective May 28, 2025, and

-Approved William Loren Tillman for an instructional position at WHS effective August 1, 2025, and

-Approved annual contract instructional employee Cameron Butts for non-renewal for SY 2025-2026, and

-Approved Ben Ranie for the summer grass cutter position in Wewahitchka, and

-Approved Summer Hours for the following employees: Jacqueline Patterson, Jessie Pippin, Diane Hicks, Anna Daniels, Stephanie Bailey, Lori Childers, and Sandy Quinn, and

-Approved Brandie Fee to work as a paraprofessional for the WES 3rd grade summer reading camp, and

-Approved the list of Annual Contract Non-Instructional Employees for Re-Appointment for SY 2025-2026, and

-Approved the 4-day workweek schedule for summer 2025. **(SM: 24/25 –105)**

On separate motion by Mrs. Gainer and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board unanimously approved the list of Annual Contract Instructional Employees for Re-Employment for SY 2025-2026, minus the names of Krystal Terry and Kristin Wooten.

On separate motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board voted 3-0 to include Kristin Wooten on the list of Annual Contract Instructional Employees for Re-Appointment for SY 2025-2026. Chairman Wooten abstained from voting on this single item as it involves his wife. **(SM: 24/25 –104)**

On separate motion by Mrs. Gainer and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board voted 3-0 to include Krystal Terry on the list of Annual Contract Instructional Employees for Re-Appointment for SY 2025-2026. Board Member Terry abstained from voting on this single item as it involves his wife. **(SM: 24/25 –104)**

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

-Approved the License Agreement with Neola, Inc., for modifying and maintaining Adopted Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures to be accessible to board, staff, and public via district website, and **(SM: 24/25 –107)**

-Approved the 5-Year Strategic Plan, and **(SM: 24/25 –108)**

-Approved the following 2025-2026 Contracts for PAEC Support Services: (1) District Participation (2) Instructional Services, (3) Human Resources, (4) Gateway Consultants, (5) Student Data Services (6) Risk Management, and (7) TSACG Compliance Services. **(SM: 24/25 –109)**

VI. BID MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Terry the board voted unanimously to award Bid #26-010 for Carpet Tile & Re-vinyl Tile to Carpet Country. **(SM: 24/25 –110)**

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Wooten adjourned the meeting at 9:12.

Jim Norton, Superintendent

Brooke Wooten, Chairman