

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 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 School Board Members were present: Chairman Brooke Wooten, Vice Chairman Ruby Knox, Equillar Gainer, and Matt Terry. (District 1 seat TBA.)

AGENDA WORKSHOP:

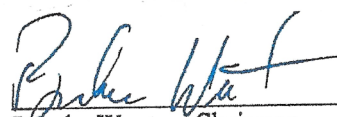
Chairman Wooten called the workshop to order at 9:30.

The board reviewed the August 12 board meeting packet. Mr. Norton informed the board that all four principals reported a good first day for students. Mr. Dailey informed the board that initial numbers were lower than projected but are expected to improve once all new enrollees are entered into the system. Mr. Terry advised the board that he had walked through the new softball field house and was very impressed with the facility. He stated that our student athletes would benefit from this project for years to come.

BOARD MEETING:

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wooten called the school board 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 2, 2A-2.33, 3.02-3.03B, 5.01-5.10, and the amendment of page 3.01. |
| III. | HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC: None |
| IV. | SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Mr. Lynn Tolbert with Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center addressed the board and staff regarding the center's <i>Student Wraparound Achievement Team (SWAT)</i> whose mission is to increase educational success for children exhibiting concerning behaviors in the school setting. Their goal is to see increased academic achievement, decrease discipline referrals, increase school attendance, and help the district promote overall well-being of students. (SM:25/26:035) |
| V. | CONSENT MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Terry the board voted unanimously to take the following action:
-Approved the July 29 Minutes, and (SM:25/26:036)
BUDGET MATTERS:
-Approved One change order for the PSJH Softball Project in the amount of \$14,500.00, and (SM:25/26:037)
-Approved the 2025-2026 Salary Schedules pending union ratification, and (SM:25/26:038)
PERSONNEL: (SM:25/26:039)
-Approved Mary Ann Peak's letter of intent to enter DROP September 1, 2026, with an anticipated retirement date of August 31, 2034, and the selection of Option 1 for terminal day for all accrued leave, and
-Approved August 12, 2025, as Lori Childers' transition date from a 10-month to a 12-month position, and
-Approved Denise Freeman for the WHS Biology position effective August 3, 2025, and
-Approved Rakeem Quinn for a PSJE paraprofessional position effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Willie Quinn for the PSJHS Student Support Coordinator position effective August 25, 2025, and
-Approved DaKarian Larry for a PSJHS 1-on-1 paraprofessional position effective August 18, 2025, pending completion of all pre-qualification screenings, and
-Approved the 2025-2026 District and School-Based Administrative Staff and school board attorney's annual fee, and
-Approved Grant Glass for a WHS PE position effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Jamie Norris for a WHS paraprofessional position effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Sadie Calareso as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for WES 5 th Grade Science effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Teleshia Colvin as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for WES Kindergarten effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Maggie McCoy as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for WES Bridges effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Denise Hill as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for WHS Spanish effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Mariah Lister as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for WHS CTE effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Matthew Suit as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for WHS Math effective August 1, 2025, and
-Approved Paid Plannings for 2025-2026 for the following teachers: WHS: Adam Edwards, Joe Bush, Kerri Barlow, David Mellies, and PSJHS: Jessie Ammons, TC Brewer, Kayla Dailey, Teresa Flake, Darrell Hynson, Jan Lowe, Ashley Payne, Lindsay Summerlin, Melissa Walker, and Tanner Jones, and WES: Christine Shepard.
-Approved the following substitute teacher applicants: Janice Adkison, Shanna Jo Martin, Edmund Middlebrooks, Brandi Shiver, and Tonie Weese. |
| VI. | PROGRAM MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Gainer and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board unanimously approved the District Comprehensive Evidenced-Based Reading Plan (CERP). (SM:25/26:040) |
| VII. | SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: |
| VIII. | BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: |
| IX. | ADJOURNMENT: |


Jim Norton, Superintendent


Brooke Wooten, Chairman