GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Wednesday, July 16, 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 July 16 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 Mr. Terry and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 5.02, 12.01, and 12.01A and the removal of page 12.
III.	**HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
IV.	**CONSENT MATTERS:** On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board unanimously approved advertisement of the anticipated 2025-2026 Millage Rates. **(SM:25/26 –014)** On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board voted unanimously to take the following action: -Approved the July 1 Minutes, and **(SM:25/26 –015)** PERSONNEL: **(SM:25/26 –016)** -Approved Neldys Crespo for the PSJHS Spanish position effective August 1, 2025, and -Approved Lee Fontaine for the PSJHS Welding Instructor position effective August 1, 2025, and -Approved Cameron Totman (Port St. Joe) and April Bidwell (Wewa) to conduct night school for adult education students, and -Approved additional summer hours for Jenny Clark and Amber Jones (PSJHS Guidance), and -Approved advertisement for 4 CTE teachers, one per school, in anticipation of the TRIUMPH grant to begin January 1, 2026. -Acknowledged temporary assignment of Micah Peak to assist Karen Shiver with the startup and implementation of the TRIUMPH CTE grant program, and -Approved Linda Joann Pitts as a substitute school bus driver.
V.	**PROGRAM MATTERS:** On motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board unanimously approved taking the following action: -Pulled the 2025-2026 Employee Handbook and the 2025-2026 Student Handbook / Code of Conduct to allow board members additional time to fully review both documents, and -Approved the Mental Health Allocation Plan, and **(SM:25/26 –017)** -Approved the Gulf Coast State College Articulation Agreement, and **(SM:25/26 –018)** -Approved the Independent Contract with Roy Lee Carter for maintaining the vegetable gardens. **(SM:25/26 –019)**
VI.	**BID MATTERS:** On motion by Mrs. Gainer and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board voted unanimously to take the following action: -Awarded Bid #26-006 for PSJHS Football Field Stadium Bathrooms to Monolith Construction Panhandle, LLC in the amount of $267,624.76, and **(SM:25/26 –020)** -Awarded Bid #26-005 for the PSJHS Softball Field House to Big Fish Construction in the amount of $149,900.00, and waived the Pay and Performance Bond requirement for this bid. **(SM:25/26 –021)**
VII.	**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:37 the board went into Executive Session for the purpose of School Safety Specialist Jay Bidwell providing the Quarterly Safety Update. The session concluded at 9:15.
VIII.	**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
IX	**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Gainer the board unanimously approved Matt Terry to serve as the board's representative on the Value Adjustment Board, and Mr. Wooten to serve as alternate. **(SM:25/26 –022)**
X.	**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Wooten adjourned the meeting at 9:36.

Jim Norton, Superintendent

Brooke Wooten, Chairman