

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

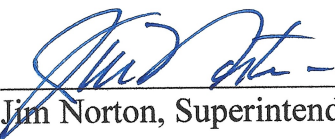
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

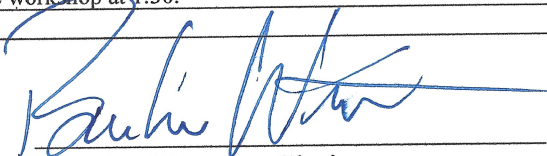
The Gulf County School Board held a special workshop Tuesday, December 8, 2025, at 1:00 at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton and the following School Board Members were present: Chairman Brooke Wooten, Vice Chairman Ruby Knox, Chad Bailey, Equillar Gainer, and Matt Terry.

Chairman Wooten called the workshop to order at 1:00.

NEOLA Representative – Scott Bass addressed the board to explain the process and timeline for updating, reviewing, public advertisement, and the final board approval of the updates. Today’s workshop was scheduled to review proposed updates to the bylaws. Digital copies of the proposed updates/changes were emailed to board members two weeks prior to the workshop. Board members had no questions or concerns regarding the proposed bylaws they were provided.

There being no questions or concerns, Chairman Wooten adjourned the workshop at 1:30.


Jim Norton, Superintendent


Brooke Wooten, Chairman

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The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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, Chad Bailey, Equillar Gainer, and Matt Terry.

AGENDA WORKSHOP: The board reviewed the January 13 agenda packet. Board members were reminded that the Half-Cent Sales Tax Resolution had been submitted to the Board of Gulf County Commissioners and will be on their January 27 agenda for action.

BOARD MEETING:

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 5:00.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 3.02, 3.03, 5.02A, and 5.05, the amendment of page 3.01, and the rescheduling of the April meeting from April 7 to April 1, with a 8:30 Workshop and 9:00 Board Meeting to include the next NEOLA session with the board.

III. ADULT SCHOOL GRADUATION: Six (6) students participated in the Gulf County Adult School graduation ceremony. Mr. Bidwell spoke of the graduates’ perseverance and accomplishments, then he and Superintendent Norton presented diplomas and turned tassels.

IV. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC: None

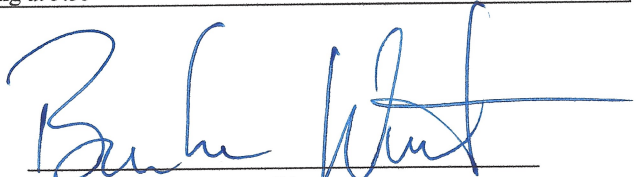
V. CONSENT MATTERS: On motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Bailey the board voted unanimously to take the following action:
-Approved the December 9 Minutes, and (SM: 25/26 – 079)
-Approved Budget Matters & Payment of Bills, and (SM: 25/26 –080)
PERSONNEL: (SM: 25/26 –081)
-Approved Jacob Gibbs’ resignation letter effective January 15, 2026, and
-Approved Tiffany Brock’s resignation letter effective March 2, 2026, and
-Approved Bobbie Sandridge’s retirement letter effective June 30, 2026, and
-Approved Allie Dorsch’s leave of absence for school year 2026-2027, and

- Approved Bobby John's letter of intent to enter DROP May 1, 2026, with an anticipated retirement date of April 30, 2034, and selection of Option 2 for terminal pay for all accrued leave, and
- Approved Julie Hedberg's letter of intent to enter DROP March 1, 2026, with an anticipated retirement date of February 28, 2034, and selection of Option 1 for terminal pay for all accrued leave, and
- Approved Sonia Cole for a WES Teaching position effective January 14, 2026, and
- Approved Megan Hubbard for the PSJHS Technology teaching position effective October 29, 2025, and
- Approved Julia Parker for the PSJHS English 2 position effective January 14, 2026, and
- Approved Larae Johnson for a PSJE teaching position effective January 14, 2026, and
- Approved Jessica Moses for a PSJHS paraprofessional position effective January 14, 2026, and
- Approved Jamie Splain for a WES paraprofessional position effective January 14, 2026, and
- Approved Marty Riley as the new Skyward Security employee, replacing Angie McDaniel who is retiring.

VI.	PROGRAM MATTERS: None.
VII.	SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
VIII.	BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
IX.	EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Bidwell provided a safety & security update for the board.
X.	ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Wooten adjourned the meeting at 5:35



Jim Norton, Superintendent



Brooke Wooten, Chairman