

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 3:00 (Workshop) and 5:00 (School Board Meeting) at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Attorney Costin, and the following School Board Members were present: Chairman Brooke Wooten, Vice Chairman Ruby Knox, and Chad Bailey. Board Member Gainer was attending the Walton County School Board meeting for their rollout of the *Who We Play For* (ECG testing) program in honor of her son - Chance Gainer. The District 3 seat remains open as of February 13, 2026, when Governor DeSantis appointed Matt Terry to the position of Gulf County Comptroller / Clerk of Court. Mr. Norton designated Mrs. Hancock to represent him at the meeting, as he had an unexpected scheduling conflict.

WORKSHOP:

-Chairman Wooten called the workshop to order at 3:00.

-Neola representatives briefed the board on proposed policy updates, and fielded questions and comments regarding the proposed changes. Most discussion centered around the increased issues in the schools due to cell phones and students' access to increasing Ai technology, as well as the posting of inappropriate videos. The board requested the cell phone issue be addressed and policies and procedures updated and adhered to going forward.

-The board reviewed the March 3 agenda packet.

-Chairman Wooten adjourned the workshop at 4:30.

BOARD MEETING:

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Bailey the board unanimously approved the amended agenda to include the addition of pages 43.01-4.04, 5.01, and 7A.

III. HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:
United Way Representatives – Gina Littleton and Brittany Tucker presented a check for \$925 in proceeds donated during the *Stuff the Bus* project held at the Callaway Walmart in August. Donated school supplies were given to the schools at the beginning of the year, but today's check represents the cash donated to benefit Gulf District Schools.

IV. CONSENT MATTERS: On motion by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mrs. Knox the board voted unanimously to take the following action:
-Approved the February 3 Minutes, and (SM:25/26 – 086) (SM:25/26 –087 & 088↓)
-Approved Budget Matters & Payment of Bills, including acknowledgment of receipt of the Financial Audit for FYE 06/30/25.
PERSONNEL: (SM:25/26 –089)
-Approved Jamie Splain's resignation from her bus driver position effective February 12, 2026, and
-Approved Jan-Michael Lowe's resignation effective February 27, 2026, and
-Approved Brenda Wood's retirement letter effective July 31, 2026, and
-Approved Eric Bidwell's request to change his DROP option selection for terminal pay to Option 2
-Approved Mariah Lister for the WHS Technology Teacher position effective March 4, 2026, and
-Approved River Sewell for the WHS MS Science Teacher position effective March 4, 2026, and
-Approved Bambi Pedu as a substitute teacher applicant effective March 4, 2026, and
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: (SM:25/26 –090)
-Approved the PSJH Varsity Baseball Team to travel to Thomasville, Georgia (February 24) and Seminole County (April 10).

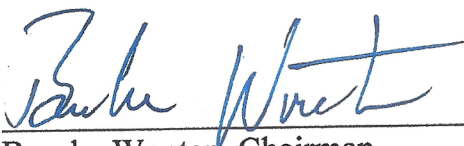
V. PROGRAM MATTERS: On motion by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Bailey the board unanimously approved the 2026-2027 School Calendar, School Food Service Calendar, and 12 Month Employee Calendar. (SM:25/26 –091)

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Wooten adjourned the meeting at 5:12.


Melissa Ramsey, Assistant Superintendent


Brooke Wooten, Chairman