

# GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Thursday, November 8, 2012

The Gulf County School Board met for a special FCAT award presentation ceremony at Port St. Joe Elementary School 9:00 A. M., November 8, 2012, prior to their regularly scheduled board meeting. Afterwards, the Board met at Port St. Joe High School at 10:00 A. M., (Agenda Workshop) and 10:15 A. M. (Board Meeting). The following board members were present: Chairman Billy C. Quinn, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda R. Wood, George M. Cox, Danny Little and John Wright. Superintendent Norton and Attorney Costin were also present.

9:00 A. M. - FCAT Award Presentation at the Port St. Joe Elementary School Auditorium  
(Principal Gannon and the School Board presented certificates to those students scoring at least Level 5 on the 2012 Spring FCAT)

10:00 A. M. - Amended Agenda Workshop (Purpose of Workshop: The Board reviewed the November 8 agenda packed.)

## 10: 15 A. M. - BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

### I. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- The Board presented certificates to those students scoring Level 5 and above on the 2012 Spring FCAT.
- Superintendent Norton introduced Warden James Blackwood and Assistant Warden James Peters from Gulf Correctional Institution. Both men are newly appointed and expressed their desire to continue the long standing working relationship with the district in providing work crews as needed as well as assisting with other community service projects.

### II. **HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

### III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mrs. Wood the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

### IV. **CONSENT ITEMS:** On motion by Mrs. Wood and seconded by Mr. Cox the Board voted unanimously to take the following action:

Approved the October 24 minutes.

Approved Budget Matters and Payment of Bills.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

Approved Michelle Scheller for teaching position at Port St. Joe Elementary School for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

Approved April Causey for the school food service position at Wewahitchka Elementary School for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year

Approved contracted mentoring services with Thomas Boone November 9 – December 19, 2012.

Approved Sandy Quinn as a home education teacher for a Port St. Joe High School student.

Approved Kerri Barlow as a hospital homebound teacher for a Wewahitchka High School student.

Approved Lana Harrison as a hospital homebound teacher for a Wewahitchka High School student.

Approved the following substitute teachers: Stephanie Levins, Jessica Robinson and Megan Setterich.

#### **FIELD TRIPS:**

Approved two out of state travel dates (December 14 - Birmingham, AL; December 21 - Warner Robins, GA) for the Wewahitchka High School Wrestling Team pending completion of bus request forms.

### V. **PROGRAM MATTERS:** On motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Little the Board unanimously approved the request for a blanket approval to purchase equipment that equals to or exceeds the \$15,000 threshold solely from entities that are members of the PAEC Cooperative Purchasing Agency in order to expedite purchasing. This is only for grant funded projects and does not cover the use of general funds. The Superintendent will be kept apprised of such purchases prior to and after replacement of goods.

### VI. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

### VII. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:** Mr. Cox volunteered to continue serving as the FSBA Legislative Liaison and Mr. Quinn agreed to

	<p>11/08/12 Page 2</p> <p>serve as the alternate. Mrs. Wood volunteered to continue as the liaison to the Small School District Council Consortium.</p> <p>The Board tentatively scheduled a special workshop for Tuesday, December 4 following the regularly scheduled board meeting.</p>
VIII.	<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>

*Lunch at PSJHS Immediately Following Board Meeting*

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## **School Board Workshop**

**12:00 NOON in the Board Room**

### **AGENDA**

- I. School Bus Needs:  
*Mr. Layfield provided information to the board pertaining to alternative fuel for school buses, specifically compressed natural gas (CNG). The Board discussed at length the District's need to keep our fleet of buses a priority (whether new buses, new engines, etc....)*
  
- II. Budget:  
*Superintendent Norton and the Board acknowledged that tough decisions are facing the District. Mr. Norton stated that while it may be difficult to garner enough voter support to pass another 1 mill, with buy in from all stakeholders, local voters may support a 1/2 or 3/4 mill. After discussing the pros and cons of the topic, each of the board members expressed their sentiments that the full mill would be the logical option for the District in light of the dismal budget forecast for education in the foreseeable future. Mr. Wright asked Mrs. Worley to remind everybody how much less we have received from the 1 mill compared to what we thought it would bring into the District. Mrs. Worley advised that the 1 mill generates about \$700,000 less annually than anticipated when the referendum was passed.*
  
- III. Adjournment:  
*Chairman Quinn adjourned the meeting at 12:45 P. M.*