

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Monday, July 28, 2014

The Gulf County School Board met in regular session Monday, July 28, 2014, at 5:00 P. M., E. T., (Agenda Workshop) and 5:15 (Public Hearing and Board Meeting), at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton and the following board members were present: Chairman Linda R. Wood, Vice-Chairman George M. Cox, Danny Little, Billy C. Quinn, Jr., and John Wright. Attorney Costin was out of town.

5:00 Workshop: The Board reviewed amendments and discussed the July 28 agenda packet.

5: 15 Public Hearing / School Board Meeting

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wood called the Public Hearing to order at 5: 15 P. M., E. T.

II. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADVERTISED 2014-2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES:**

On separate motions and seconds as noted below the Board unanimously approved the following millage rates for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

(SM:14/15: 013)

Required Local Effort (RLE)	4.605	Mr. Wright / Mr. Cox
Prior Period Adjustment	.009	Mr. Little / Mr. Quinn
Basic Discretionary	0.748	Mr. Cox / Mr. Quinn
Local Capital Improvement (LCI)	0.576	Mr. Wright / Mr. Little
Voted	<u>1.000</u>	Mr. Quinn / Mr. Wright
FOR A TOTAL OF	6.938	Mr. Cox / Mr. Wright

On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Cox the Board unanimously approved the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

On separate motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Little the Board unanimously approved Resolution 15-02 including all millage rates.

On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Quinn the Board unanimously approved Resolution 15-01 (tentative budget).

HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE BUDGET: Vera Zick and Mary Gould expressed their concern over what they perceived to be the elimination of the Wewahitchka High School band program. Wewahitchka High School student Matthew Tanner also expressed his concern with the proposed changes to the program. Mr. Norton explained that band was being restructured, not eliminated. He further explained that because student participation in the program had greatly diminished over the past few years the district could no longer sustain the program in its current format. Mr. Norton assured both ladies and Matthew that interested students would be able to take band as an elective during the school day as well as participate in after-school practices.

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

IV. **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS:**

Bobby Pickels addressed the Board on behalf of Duke Energy and presented a check to Port St. Joe Elementary School Principal Sandra Cook and Science Teacher Cindy Phillips to purchase LEGO Robotics curriculum and materials; the purpose of this initiative is to increase interest STEM interest. He further shared that Duke Energy topped the \$100,000 contribution marker this month in funds donated to benefit Gulf District Schools in the past year.

Miss Kelsey Hays, a Wewahitchka High School freshman, addressed the board and shared exciting details of her recent crowning as the 2014 Miss Port City Northwest Florida. Kelsey will compete in the Miss Northwest Florida pageant in November, and she has also been invited to compete in the upcoming Miss Panhandle USA and Miss Florida USA pageants

V. **CONSENT ITEMS:** On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Cox the Board voted unanimously to take the following action:

Approved the July 21 Minutes. (SM: 14/15: 014)

PERSONNEL: (SM: 14/15: 015)

Approved Lee Anna Parrish to fill a Port St. Joe Elementary School teaching position for school year 2014-2015.

Approved Jeannie Ford to fill a Wewahitchka Elementary School teaching position for school year 2014-2015.

Approved Carol "Dee" Rich's transfer from Wewahitchka High to Wewahitchka Elementary effective August 11, 2014.

Approved Caroline Ranie's transfer from Wewahitchka Elementary to Wewahitchka High effective August 11, 2014.

Approved the following job title changes for Melissa Ramsey and Mary Holley:

Melissa Ramsey – Director of Human Resources and Assessment; Mary Holley – Administrative Assistant to Finance

STUDENT MATTERS: (SM: 14/15: 016)

Approved the following Calhoun County residents/students to attend Gulf District Schools for 2014-2015:

Curtis Bryan Cantley, Alexis Jackson, Christopher Jackson, Chelsea Wallen, Austin Cain, Brittany Griffin

BID MATTERS: (SM: 14/15: 017)

Awarded recent bids as follows:

Bid # 15-006 Processed/Frozen and Chilled (Johnson Brothers, Daffin Foodservice, Butler Foods)

Bid #15-007 Milk (Butler Foods)

Bid #15-008 Bread (Flowers)

Bid #15-009 Cleaning Supplies (EcoLab, Southern Cleaning)

Bid #15-005 Non Food (Calico)

VI.	<u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:</u>
VII.	<u>BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:</u> On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Little the Board unanimously approved travel expenses for Mr. Cox to attend the Fall FSBA Conference in Tampa.
VIII.	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:11 P. M.