

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Special Workshop Session - Thursday, February 19, 2015, 5:00 P. M., E. T.

The Gulf County School Board met for a special workshop Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 5:00 P. M., E. T., at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton, Attorney Costin and all board members were present for the workshop.

Agenda:

Redistricting
Financial Audit FYE 06/30/14
Superintendent's Report
Board Member Concerns

- 1) Chairman Little opened the workshop at 5:00.

Mr. Norton introduced Mr. Mike Nelson who works in the Gulf County GIS Department. Mr. Nelson briefed the Board on his efforts to fulfill their request of compiling the most recent census information to assist with the school board's redistricting efforts. Mr. Norton and the Board thanked Mr. Nelson for his time and efforts on this project. Mr. Costin asked Mr. Nelson to continue to disaggregate the data to determine the number of residents within each of the five districts as they are currently drawn. Mr. Costin will review the numbers make a recommendation to the Board in an upcoming workshop setting. Once the Board feels comfortable with the proposed new district lines, then public hearings will be scheduled.

- 2) Mr. Little reviewed the findings of the Financial, Operational, & Financial Single Audit for FYE 06/30/14. Mr. Norton and the board members expressed their appreciation to the staff for their efforts in addressing each of the findings.

- 3) Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Norton reviewed the 2014-2015 LCI Projects List. He reported that all monies allocated for specific projects as approved by the Board had been spent except for the on-going project areas such as technology, flooring, and classrooms. **(SM: 14/15 - 102)**

Mr. Norton informed the Board that BIKE AMERICA is again coming to Gulf County and have requested to be able to use the Port St. Joe soccer field area as a staging area for their participants. Mr. Carr has verified the group's insurance coverage as well as made notification to PAEC of the event.

Mr. Norton mentioned the recent Reggie Dabb's assemblies that were held at all the schools. Many have commented that these were the best assemblies they ever remember having.

Mr. Norton advised the Board that he and Mr. Layfield will visit the old Wewahitchka gym and determine the needs for reworking the bathrooms in the building. The consensus was that the building would be utilized more if the bathrooms were up to standard. It was noted that Mrs. Lori Price had previously written a grant to restore the old gymnasium site. She offered to do so again if anyone knew of any available grants.

- 4) Board Member Concerns:

The Board sent Gideon Bibles to Charlotte Pierce in memory of her son, Jonathan.

Mrs. Wood asked the board to consider naming the Port St. Joe Elementary School Butterfly Garden area after Mr. John E. Rich who spent many volunteer hours at the school.

The School Board takes no action during workshop settings.