

GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

EMERGENCY MEETING

Thursday, July 9, 2015

The Gulf County School Board met in special emergency session Thursday, July 9, 2015, at Noon E. T., at their Administrative Office in Port St. Joe. Superintendent Norton, Attorney Costin, and the following board members were present: Chairman Danny Little, Vice-Chairman John Wright, Linda R. Wood, and Brooke Wooten. Mr. Quinn was out of town and unable to attend the special meeting.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

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

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

IV. **PORT ST. JOE HIGH SCHOOL FLOORING:** On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mrs. Wood the Board unanimously approved US Floors, Inc., for the flooring in the Port St. Joe High School Commons Area in the amount of \$48,681.38. US Floors, Inc., is the sole provider for this product which will be purchased with LCI funds. (SM: 15/16 – 001)

V. **ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 12:05, Chairman Little announced that the public portion of the emergency meeting was adjourned, and that upon the advice and request of Attorney Costin and in compliance with Florida Statute 286.011(8), The Board, Superintendent, and noticed staff, were entering into an Attorney-Client Negotiation and Strategy Session (Executive Session) regarding Gulf District Schools' BP Claims.

The following individuals were in attendance for the closed session: Attorney Charles Costin, Superintendent Jim Norton, Chairman Danny Little, Board Members: John Wright, Linda R. Wood, and Brooke Wooten, District Personnel - Mary Lou Cumbie, Sissy Worley, Bill Carr, and Lori Price, and the Court Reporter.

Attorney Costin shared information with the Board regarding a settlement offer of \$250,000.00, which had been extended to Gulf District Schools for all claims against BP and others resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

On motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Wooten the Board unanimously approved Superintendent Norton's recommendation to approve the resolution accepting the Full and Final Settlement of all claims against BP and others resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Chairman Little adjourned the Executive Session at 12:14.

VI. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Chairman Little brought the Public Hearing to order at 12:15. Superintendent Norton read the resolution as approved in Executive Session, and provided the following breakdown of the settlement agreement:

\$250,000.00	Gross Settlement Amount	(SM: 15/16 – 002)
<u>-\$50,000.00</u>	Attorney's Fee (20%)	
\$200,000.00	Subtotal	
<u>-\$1,978.03</u>	Attorney's Costs Incurred	
\$198,021.97	Net Proceeds Paid to Gulf District Schools	

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Little adjourned the Public Hearing at 12:25.

