

**GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Call To Order**

President Kevin S. Corcoran called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

**2. Reflection**

President Kevin S. Corcoran paused for a minute of reflection.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Roll Call**

On roll call the following answered present:

President **Kevin S. Corcoran**

Vice President **Dr. Nichole Gotschall**

Board Member **Kelly Walker**

Board Member **Dr. Ralph Gold**

Board Member **Dale Jernigan**

**Also in attendance:**

Dr. Matt Akin, School Board Superintendent

Nash Campbell, Board Attorney

Tobi Waters, Interim School Board Clerk was present and took minutes

**5. Adoption of the Agenda**

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the agenda for discussion. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**6. Opening Announcements**

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran thanked all who were in attendance, stating two items of business would be discussed tonight and they would be working within the framework that was handed down with respect of authority of the State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey.

**7. Action Item**

**a. Personnel Recommendations**

School Board Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin announced about 40 applications had been received for the principal positions at the schools. Interviews for the Elementary School have not been held yet. School Board Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin after conducting several interviews of candidates, was recommending Mr. Kyle McCartney be selected as principal of Gulf Shores Middle School, as this position had been properly posted as required by Alabama Law. Whereupon he asked the Board to give him authorization to enter into contract negotiations with Mr. McCartney to hire him for said position, contracts are subject to Board approval. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to authorize School Board Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin enter into contract negotiations with Mr. Kyle McCartney to retain him as the Principal of Gulf Shores Middle School. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**b. Personnel Recommendations**

Again, School Board Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin announced after conducting several interviews of candidates, he was recommending Mrs. Cindy Veazey be selected as principal of Gulf Shores High School, as this position had been properly posted as required by Alabama Law. Whereupon he asked the Board to authorize him to enter into contract negotiations with

Mrs. Veazey to hire her for said position. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion to authorize School Board Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin enter into contract negotiations with Mrs. Veazey to retain her as the Principal of Gulf Shores High School. Board Vice President Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

At this time, meeting attendees showed their support by applauding these actions. There was a brief discussion period between the Superintendent and the Board regarding the specific qualities of each applicant that led the Superintendent to choose these candidates.

## 8. Discussion Items

### a. Student Assignment (2019 – 2020 Tenth Grade Students)

School Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the item for discussion. Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin stated he understood February 1<sup>st</sup> was coming quick to make a decision of which school rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders would attend, but that's the date State School Board Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey had set and the Board has to abide by it. If a student doesn't declare by February 1<sup>st</sup> to attend Gulf Shores High School, it cannot be guaranteed they would not be subjected to an Out of District Policy at a later date. Further discussion continued regarding how to determine if you are in the City or County limits and who would be allowed to apply for annexation into the city if desired.

## 9. Public Comment

The question was raised by a meeting attendee about a timeline regarding the start date of the middle school and high school principals. Board Superintendent stated he was given the authorization to negotiate a contract which would have to come back to the Board to be approved. The Superintendent would like them to start ASAP, but they don't have control of that since both were still employees of the Baldwin County School Board. General audience/Board discussion ensued regarding athletic, career tech, career academy and IB programs at the high school.

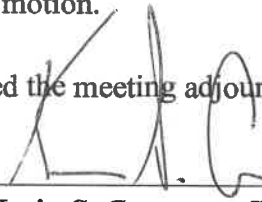
## 10. Attorney – Client Privilege

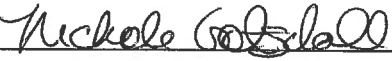
**Not at this time.**

## 11. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Member Dale Jernigan; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

President Kevin S. Corcoran declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
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**Kevin S. Corcoran, School Board President**

  
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**Dr. Nichole Gotschall, School Board Vice President**

  
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**Kelly Walker, School Board Secretary**

  
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**Dr. Ralph Gold, School Board Member**

  
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**Dale Jernigan, School Board Member**

**DATE APPROVED:** February 14, 2019