

**GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Call To Order**

President Kevin S. Corcoran called the meeting to order at 5:05 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, showed a power point of Phase 1 improvements to the schools. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall gave a brief summary of the "Light it up Blue" campaign to bring awareness to autism and encouraged all to wear blue on April 2<sup>nd</sup> recognizing it as Autism Awareness Day.

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**a. February 14, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting**

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the February 14, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion; with the exception of Board Member Kelly Walker who abstained from voting due to being absent from the meeting.

**b. March 7, 2019 – Special Meeting**

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the March 7, 2019 Special Meeting. Board Member Kelly Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**c. March 7, 2019 – Work Session**

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the March 7, 2019 Work Session Meeting. Board Member Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **8. Discussion Items**

### **a. Tuition – Out of District**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the item and his recommendation of what tuition should be. It was then discussed at length between the Board, Board Attorney and comments taken from meeting attendees.

### **b. 2019 – 2020 School Calendar**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented 2 drafts of calendars to be discussed. The calendars were then discussed at length between the Board with comments taken from meeting attendees.

## **9. Action Items**

### **a. Legal Fees**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the Legal Fees in the amount of \$6,112.50. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the Legal Fees as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **b. Financial Consultant Fees (RNC Educational Consultants)**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the Financial Consultant Fees in the amount of \$2,446.50. Board Member Kelly Walker made a motion approving the Consultant Fees as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **c. Board Policy Manual**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented the item and gave a brief summary. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the Board Policy Manual as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **d. Salary Schedules**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented the Salary Schedules and gave a brief summary. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion approving the Salary Schedules as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **e. Tuition – Out of District**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented his recommendation for Out of District - Tuition. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the Out of District - Tuition as presented. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; before the vote of those members present, the Board discussed the item one more time where upon Board Member Dale Jernigan made motioned to amend the previous motion to clarify there would be a \$100.00 application fee for each child with a refund schedule at the desecration of the Superintendent and a tuition fee of \$1,500.00 for the first child and \$1,000.00 for each additional child. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **f. 2019 – 2020 School Calendar**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented 2019 – 2020 School Calendar labeled “Draft A” with the amendment of moving the October 18<sup>th</sup> holiday to October 11<sup>th</sup>. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the 2019 – 2020 School Calendar “Draft A” with the noted amendment. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **10. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin stated the Pre-K grants had been applied for and should know something by April if awarded, can't do registration until its known if the grants are received. Summer programs will happen, kindergarten registration will happen, Baldwin County guides lines will be followed on that. Principal of the Gulf Shores City Middle School, Kyle McCartney has been working to develop the schools website and should be up and running Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Public Comment**

None at this time.

**12. Future Meeting Dates**

- A. Thursday - April 4, 2019 (Work Session)
- B. Thursday - April 11, 2019 (Board Meeting)

**13. Attorney – Client Privilege**

Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold motioned the Board recess into Executive Session to:

- a.) discuss with our Board Attorney pending litigation.

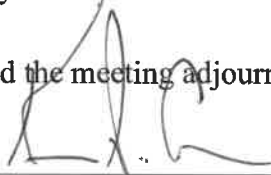
Board Attorney Nash Campbell approved the reasons stated for going into Executive Session and stated they are acceptable reasons to enter executive session under the Alabama Open Meetings Act as amended.


Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and a roll call vote of those members present was taken with all unanimously in favor of the motion whereupon the Board recessed into Executive session at approximately 6:48 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. and resumed the board meeting.

**14. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Board Member Kelly Walker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

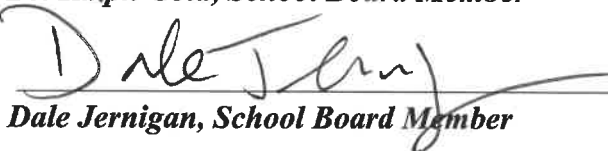
President Kevin S. Corcoran declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

  
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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:** April 11, 2019