GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2018 – 5:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

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1. **Call To Order**
   President Kevin S. Corcoran called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM at the 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**
   Secretary **Kelly Walker**
   Board Member **Dr. Ralph Gold**
   Board Member **Dale Jernigan**
   Absent: None
   Also in attendance:
   Nash Campbell, Board Attorney
   Dr. Suzanne Freeman, Interim School Board Superintendent
   Tobi Waters, Interim Board Clerk was present and took minutes

5. **Adoption of the Agenda**
   President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the agenda for discussion. Board Member Kelly Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

6. **Opening Announcements**
   President Kevin S. Corcoran introduced Dr. Suzanne Freeman as the new Gulf Shores City Board of Education Interim Superintendent. Dr. Freeman stated she was honored to be a part of this journey, excited for this grassroots effort, everything it takes to be a great community impacting generations to come.

   At this time, President Kevin S. Corcoran made a public announcement regarding extending an invitation at all students in Grade 7 – 12 who reside in the Gulf Shores feeder pattern. Further stating there would be copies of this information available at the conclusion of the meeting.

7. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Work Session Meeting – January 12, 2018
   President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the January 12, 2018 Work Session Meeting. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Secretary Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.
   b. Work Session Meeting – February 1, 2018
   President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the February 1, 2018 Work Session Meeting. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

c. Special Meeting – February 5, 2018

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the February 5, 2018 Special 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.

8. Public Comment

Local resident Amoreena Brewton expressed the concerns of a friend regarding student enrollment, what would happen when those students leave, some teachers think they should stay with the county so their job would be secure. Board President Corcoran along with Interim Board Superintendent Dr. Freeman addressed her concerns, stating the data trends reveal it should be a nice gradual transition, when students decide to leave, with the growth the city has experienced; new students would be coming in. Dr. Freeman went on to say the teachers are the heartbeat of the school.

9. Discussion Items

a. Update on New Central Office Facility

Economic Development Coordinator Blake Phelps gave an update on the new central office while showing several pictures of the progress being made. Further stating he hoped it would be open before next month's work session meeting.

b. Superintendent Search (including Community Survey)

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran gave an update on the Superintendent search providing a tentative timeline for the search. Board Secretary Kelly Walker covered the Education Stakeholder Surveys and the importance of them.

c. Technology Assessment

Interim School Board Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Freeman gave an update on the technology vendor search. How important it was to be able to reconnect without any problems once the separation is complete.

d. Schedule Meeting with Gulf Shores Faculty and Staff

Interim School Board Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Freeman announced they would be scheduling a meeting soon with school staff to answer questions and hopefully relief some angst among the teachers. Further stating the teachers inspire children, they change children's lives and she wants to honor them and show them how much they are loved and appreciated. Board President Corcoran stated they would honor Baldwin County Superintendent Eddie Tyler's request by not having these meetings during school hours.

10. Action Items

a. Superintendent recommends that the Board enter into agreement with Technology Company/Consultant to Assess Gulf Shores School and create options/transition plan for Board to consider.

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the item where it was discussed. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving Dr. Freeman enter into a contract to engage the services of a Technology Company to do an assessment of the school's needs. Vice President Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

11. Superintendent Report

Interim Board Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Freeman introduced her husband, Neal Freeman and stated once again how excited she was to be here, that there will be a lot of hard work, but these children are worth it.

12. Attorney Client Privilege

Not at this time.

13. Scheduling of Meetings

a. Work Session Meeting – March 1, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.
b. Regular Board Meeting – March 8, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Vice President Nichole Gotschall 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 5:37 p.m.

Kevin S. Corcoran, School Board President

Dr. Nichole Gotschall, School Board Vice President

Kelly Walker, School Board Secretary

Dr. Ralph Gold, School Board Member

Dale Jernigan, School Board Member

DATE APPROVED: February 15, 2018