

**GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order

President Kevin S. Corcoran called the meeting to order at 5:00 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

Stephanie Harrison, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Innovation

Bob Campbell, Board Attorney

Chad Green - CSFO

Tobi Waters, Interim School Board Clerk

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 and had meeting attendees who weren't teachers stand and applaud the teachers in recognition for Teacher Appreciation Week.

At this time, Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented School Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold a framed school board seal in recognition of his service on the inaugural Gulf Shores City School Board, Dr. Gold's term will expire at the end of May. Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin along with Mayor Craft and fellow board members gave heartfelt accolades to Dr. Gold expressing their appreciation for his service. Board President Kevin S. Corcoran announced Frank Malone had been appointed by the City to the School Board and would begin his service in June.

7. Approval of Minutes

A. April 11, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the April 11, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting. Board Member Kelly Walker 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.

B. April 25, 2019 – Special Meeting

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the April 25, 2019 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.

C. May 2, 2019 – Work Session Meeting

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the May 2, 2019 Work Session 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.

8. Discussion Items

A. Non-Resident Policy Update

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the applications received by grade level as of May 7th stating K - 8th grade was at capacity, with room still at the high school, specifically 9th grade. Board President Kevin S. Corcoran gave a brief discussion regarding the annexation process stating if you were eligible to annex in and didn't you wouldn't be eligible to apply for Non-Resident status.

B. Personnel Update – Transfers & Reassignments

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin stated several non-renewals had been given by Baldwin County, stating if it were possible to hire employees back they would first look at those who were let go before searching outside for someone. Dr. Akin reported there would be 18 or 19 transfers or reassignment letters that he hoped to send out as early as Monday. AEA liaison Nichole King gave an explanation of what the difference was between a transfer and reassignment.

9. Action Items

A. Board Reorganization

Election of President

At this time, Board President Kevin S. Corcoran announced at the Annual Meeting held every May the Board is to elect a new President and Vice President. After selection of a Board President, he or she would then proceed over the meeting, he then relinquished the chair to Board Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin who opened the floor for nominations for Board President, and Vice President. After a brief explanation as to why she chose this person to nominate, Board Member Dr. Nichole Gotschall nominated Board Member Kevin S. Corcoran to again serve as President, with no other nominations, Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold motioned to close the nominations and vote for President Kevin S. Corcoran to again serve as President. 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 Kevin S. Corcoran who abstained from the vote.

Election of Vice - President

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for nominations for Vice President, Board Member Dale Jernigan nominated Board Member Dr. Nichole Gotschall to again serve as Vice President, with no other nominations, Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold motioned to close the nominations and vote for Board member Dr. Nichole Gotschall to again serve as Vice President. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion, with the exception of Board Member Dr. Nicole Gotschall who abstained from the vote.

B. Legal Fees

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary and recommendation of the Legal Fees in the amount of \$5,062.50. 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.

C. Financial Consultant Fees (RNC Educational Consultants)

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary and recommendation of the Financial Consultant Fees in the amount of \$870.38 Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the Consultant Fees as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

D. Board Policy – Policy 6.27 (Dress Code)

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented the item and gave a brief summary of it before recommending the adoption of the item. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the Policy 6.27 (Dress Code) as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

E. Financial Manual

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented the Financial Manual and let CSFO Chad Green give a brief presentation of the item, where upon Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin recommended the adoption of the item. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the Financial Manual as presented. Board Member Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

F. Contract Approval

a. Frontline (Human Resources and Evaluations)

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented the item and let CSFO Chad Green give a brief power point presentation of the item, where upon Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin recommended the purchase of Frontline (Human Resources and Evaluation). Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the purchase of PowerSchool Student Management System as presented. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

b. Presidio (Cisco Access Points and Virtual Servers)

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented the item and recommendation for purchase of Presidio (Cisco Access Points and Virtual Servers). Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the purchase of PowerSchool Student Management System as presented. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

G. Non-Resident Policy

a. New Window for Grades (9-12)

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin presented the item stating there had been a lengthy discussion on the item at last week's Work Session Meeting. After further discussion between the Board, Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin recommend that the application window for high school grades (9-12) be extended through the month of June. If capacity becomes an issue during that time period, he recommends that the window be temporarily closed. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the New Window for Grade (9-12) as presented. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

H. Personnel

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin announced the 5 positions that would be voted on tonight and gave highlights of each applicant's resume. It was decided by the Board to do one vote for all instead of voting for each individual person. Board Member Kelly Walker made a motion to hire the following:

Bus Mechanic – Joe Avilez

Testing Instructional Support & Special Education Coordinator – Connie McNabb

IT Systems Administrator – Evan Summer-Jones

GS Middle School Band Director & Music Teacher – Christopher Ellis

Gulf Shores Elementary School Principal – Dr. Rachael McDaniel

Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

10. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin shared that Gulf Shores Elementary School Principal Amy Hiller had been nothing but professional while working with him throughout the year and wanted to publicly thank her. Further announcing there was a lot going on, fiber was being run to all three schools, with new equipment was being installed. A pre-construction meeting had been held for the first wave of campus improvements and the contractor is ready to start work June 1st.

Board Member Dale Jernigan, gave a brief report of the scholarship activity awarded through the Coastal Baldwin Educational Enrichment Foundation for which she is a member of.

Gary Gilpin representing the Dolphin Foundation for Education & Arts, gave an update of the foundation reporting they had identified 5 planks/programs and they hope to kick them off in July. Jason Stephenson announced they would be forming an Adopt a Teacher Program and would be raising money to assist any teacher who wanted to pursue obtaining their National Teacher Certification.

School Board President Kevin S. Corcoran announced Frank Malone had been appointed by the City of Gulf Shores to replace Dr. Ralph Gold when his term expires this month. Further announcing the hiring of Dr. Stephanie Harrison as Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Instruction.

11. Public Comment

Comments concerning reassignments, transfers and non-renewals of teachers. Chief Financial Officer Chad Green gave a brief summary of how and when teachers would be paid, addressed concerns regarding sick leave, insurance and retirement. Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin stated they were still waiting to hear back regarding the grants for the Pre-K classes, maybe three more weeks.

12. Future Meeting Dates

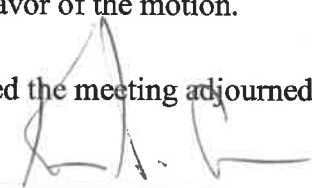
- A. Thursday – May 16, 2019 – Whole Board Training
- B. Thursday – June 6, 2019 - Work Session
- C. Thursday – June 13, 2019 - Board Meeting

13. Attorney – Client Privilege


14. Adjournment

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

President Kevin S. Corcoran declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Kevin S. Corcoran, School Board President



Dr. Nichole Gotschall, School Board Vice President



Kelly Walker, School Board Member

Dr. Ralph Gold, School Board Member


Dale Jernigan, School Board Member

DATE APPROVED: June 13, 2019