

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY
March 7, 2024-5:30 PM

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The School Board of Santa Rosa County met in regular session with the following members present: Mrs. Linda Sanborn, Chairperson, Mrs. Carol Boston, Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Charles Elliott, Mrs. Elizabeth Hewey and Mr. Scott Peden.

Also present were School Board Attorney, Terry Harmon, and Dr. Karen Barber, Superintendent of Schools and Secretary.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Linda Sanborn called the meeting to order and Travis Fulton, Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration led a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of School Board Workshop Minutes of February 6, 2024

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

2. Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

3. Approval of Special School Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Elizabeth Hewey. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

D. Oral Written Communications

Susan McCole, Assistant Superintendent for Finance gave an update on the A plus school recognition funds.

- The state will wire those funds to the district tomorrow, March 8, 2024*
- There are 19 schools that will be receiving the award*
- An email was sent to principals of those receiving schools to let them know the procedures*

- *If the schools get all required information turned in on time, employees will receive their check on April 29th*
- *Each school has a committee that will determine how those funds are distributed and that information will need to be turned in*

Kelly Short, Director of Instructional Technology and Professional Development gave a presentation on Tutor.com. See video for presentation.

1. Library Media Updates

Ruth Witter, Library Media Services, Instructional Technology Specialist gave a presentation on Library updates. See video for presentation.

E. Recognitions/Resolutions/Proclamations

1. West Panhandle Regional Science Fair Recognition

Meghan Hall, Coordinator of Math and Science along with teacher, Jodi Russell presented awards to:

- *6th Grade*
 - *Caleb Carter*
 - *Ian Clemons*
 - *Connor Flint*
 - *Liam Kirby*
 - *Mason Kukulus*
 - *Eva Lehtimaki*
 - *Meghan Mellette*
 - *Gian Torres*
- *7th Grade*
 - *Kayden Anderson*
 - *Lilley Armour*
 - *Kaleigh Broughman*
 - *Mason Dubreuil*
 - *Klara George z*
 - *Lorelai Goulette*
 - *Camila Hartog*
 - *Olivia Miller*
 - *Boston Rice*
 - *Luke Thompson*
 - *James Tockey*
 - *Bear Winslow*
- *8th Grade*
 - *Lauren Armstrong*
 - *Julia Bailey*
 - *Jacob Baker*
 - *Aidan Brewer*

- Camreyn Corpuz
- Sophia Della Ratta
- Ryu Heis
- Aiden Jackson
- Josiah Jordan
- Sophie Landreth
- Anna Lucas
- Ishi Musto
- Ian Newgent
- Jocelyn Pelhan
- Jacob Pinkerton
- Sierra Talancon
- Mia Torres

Gabrielle Hopkins was the only High School student in our District to participate. She placed 2nd in the Physics Division.

She received recognition from the Florida Association of Science Teachers for Outstanding Research at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair. She was awarded a certificate and a \$25 voucher.

We are very proud of her accomplishments and have another certificate to give to her as well as her teacher Amanda Armstrong for their accomplishments.

F. Public Hearing

None

Administrative Agenda

G. Approval of Agenda- Items may be pulled from the Administrative Agenda and placed under the respective Action Agenda category by request of the Board member/Superintendent

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved all Administrative Agenda items G. 1, 2, and 3 as submitted.

1. Human Resource Items

- a. **Administrative Agenda**
- b. **Leave and Temporary Duty**
- c. **2023-2024 Annual Inspections**

2. Curriculum/Instruction Items

- a. Student Reassignments
 - b. Suspensions
 - c. Level 1 Volunteers
 - d. Level 2 Volunteers
3. Administrative Operational Items
- a. Facility Use Requests
 - b. Religious Venue Requests
 - c. Field Trip Requests
 - d. Non-Competitive Contracts 030724

Action Agenda

H. Administrative/Operational Recommendations- Joey Harrell, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services

1. PEPPM 535803 Apple 030724

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the use of the PEPPM 535803-003 Apple hardware, software related services and other branded products that is in accordance with DOE 6A-1.012(6).

2. Resolution - Authorizing Apple Tax Exempt Lease

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved Resolution 2024-03 Authorizing Apple Tax Exempt Lease with the exception of one correction: Section 4 one word "not" needs to be removed; it should state in the amount of.

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For a complete word for word transcript, please see the video. The following has been condensed.*

Travis Fulton, Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration gave an overview of the resolution. Part of this lease with Apple required the district to do a resolution stating we are going to enter into this agreement with them in good faith. This is one of the more complex agreements that has been done, it has so many parts and pieces. The lease does occur debt to the district but it's zero percent interest debt to the district and does

not affect the FCR.

Kelly Short, Director of Instructional Technology Services explained the resolution. She along with David Hicks wrote the grant and a couple of months ago acknowledged the ECF grant was awarded. There is not funding to place devices in the schools that is needed. Focus area was K-2 with I-pads due to remote learning if needed and learning in the classroom. The grant had specific specifications for submitting it. Second grade next year will be one to one with I-pads and there will be a homework component attached to that. I-pads will go from home to school. The remaining I-pads will be distributed among kindergarten and first grade classes for learning enrichment. There will also be 3000 hotspots with the grant and those will be very helpful in the rural areas.

3. Transportation Quarterly Report 030724 - Review Only

This item was submitted for review only.

4. DAG Architects Agenda Items

DAG Architects gave updates on Southend High School and Wallace Lake K-8.

5. McKim & Creed Agenda Items

*Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
The Board approved Phase 1 - addition of third lane for bus queuing at Pace High School.*

6. Utility Underground Conversion Project

Motion to Approve was moved by Scott Peden, Seconded by Charles Elliott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

7. Annual Certification of Facilities Data

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Charles Elliott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

8. Request to Convene Facilities Name Committee

*Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
The Board approved the request from Mr. Shell, Principal at Pace High and on behalf of Pace High School faculty and staff and the Pace*

community to convene the Facilities Name Committee to consider the proposal to rename Freedom Hall to The Bridget Hall Head Building of Performing Arts.

9. Direct Purchasing Change Orders

The Board approved the change order decreasing the projects payable to the appropriate contractor by the amount shown. These decreases are to reflect recent payments made to suppliers and the associated tax savings required through direct purchasing.

- *Soundside High School
Morette Company
\$467,519.94*

I. Human Resource Recommendation- Liz West, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. Action Agenda

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Charles Elliott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved case #10017647, Teacher, Pace High, recommend administrative leave with pay effective 02-29-2024.

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved case #10017450, Teacher, Milton High, recommend administrative leave with pay effective 2-23-2024.

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the following administrative recommendation:

- *Dustin Gray, Director of Information Technology Services, effective 06-03-2024*

Motion to Approve was moved by Scott Peden, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the following administrative recommendation:

- *Laura Wesley, Coordinator for ESE, effective 06-03-2024*

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the new job description Coordinator of School Food Services requested by Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration. This is not an added position just reorganization.

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Charles Elliott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the revised job description Material Handler

requested by Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration.

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the revised job description Material and Surplus Manager requested by Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration.

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the revised job description Property Inventory Specialist requested by Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration.

Motion to Approve was moved by Scott Peden, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the corrected ESOL Out of Field 2023-2023

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the Tentative Agreement between Florida Carpenters Regional Council and Santa Rosa County School Board (pending ratification).

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the 2024-2025 Staffing Plan.

2. Self-Funded Medical Plan Update

Mark Johnson with Fisher Brown Bottrell gave an update:

- *One month of claims to report through January 31, 2024*
- *Net claims - \$1,910,170*
- *Net fees - \$231,927*
- *Total expenses for the month - \$2,142,097*
- *Total contributions - \$2,304,729*
- *Reserve Surplus - \$162,632*
- *Account balance - \$17,225,034*
- *Self-funded health plan is healthy*
- *Loss ratio is 91%*
- *Freshbenies - 3,297 employees enrolled*
 - *243 total employees registered through January 31, 2024*
 - *7% registered in 1st month available*
- *Update on Vitality*

J. Curricular and Instructions Recommendation – Michael Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

1. Early Termination of Alternative Placement

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Charles

Elliott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

2. Alternative Placements

Motion to Approve was moved by Elizabeth Hewey, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the alternative placements as submitted.

3. 2024-2025 Elementary School Supply List

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Elizabeth Hewey. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

4. 2024-25 UWF DE Articulation Agreement

Motion to Approve was moved by Scott Peden, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

5. Add-on Endorsement Update

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Elizabeth Hewey. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

6. Professional Learning System

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

7. Private Instructional Providers

Motion to Approve was moved by Elizabeth Hewey, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

8. Head Start Report for January 2024 - Review Only

This item was submitted for review only.

9. LASR Referral Billing for approval

Motion to Approve was moved by Scott Peden, Seconded by Elizabeth Hewey. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

K. Financial Recommendations – Susan McCole, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

1. Budget Amendment #23/03, Bills/Payroll and Monthly Financial Statement for November 2023

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Charles Elliott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

L. Information Technology Services Recommendations

None

M. Public Forum- (Request to address the School Board regarding an item not on the agenda)

For a complete word for word transcript, please see the video. The following has been condensed.

Riley Perantoni has concerns with HB 379 and computer policy at Gulf Breeze High School.

Kaedon Hayek has concerns with the computer policy at Gulf Breeze High School.

Thomas Simpson has concerns with the computer policy at Gulf Breeze High School.

Riley Seelinger has concerns with the computer policy at Gulf Breeze High School.

Owen Giberman has concerns with the computer policy at Gulf Breeze High School.

Joe Lindley decided not to speak.

Mary McWilliam wanted to thank Ruth and the School Board for continuing to keep the libraries available to the children. She doesn't think we need to have School Board prayer because everyone have different beliefs.

John Digiorgio read from congressional record from House of Representative.

Mariya Calkins wanted to get an update on legislative prayer. She has concerns with Tutor.com.

Jan Cook spoke about how many book reconsideration forms one person should be able to submit and most of those submitting the forms do not have children in Santa Rosa schools.

Venetta Schang has concerns with the book challenges and the impasse between SRPE and the School Board.

N. Items from Board Members

1. Board Member Travel

Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

Mrs. Boston wanted to thank Mr. Peden and Dr. Barber for attending the Senior Art awards at Navarre High School. She also wanted to congratulate Jodi Russell from Holley Navarre Middle School and the success she has with her students with the Science Fair.

Mrs. Sanborn wanted to remind everyone of the Town Hall meeting on Monday night for District 1 at Hobbs Middle School.

O. Items from Board Attorney

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Mr. Harmon gave an update on the consent decree. The Board authorized moving forward with a partial modification of the current consisting consent decree specifically related to modifying it to allow for legislative prayer under the confines of what it has been determined to be appropriate under the supreme court and eleventh circuit case law. Part of the process is to communicate with the other party of the agreement in order to determine if that party would oppose with the request or whether that party would agree to what you are requesting. Mr. Harmon has reached out to counsel of the other party to express what the Board's modification was. Because this may become a court proceeding, a lot of information cannot be publicly shared. What can be shared is there are positive developments at this time.

P. Items from Superintendent

None

Q. Adjournment

*Motion to Approve was moved by Charles Elliott, Seconded by Elizabeth Hewey. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.*

DONE AND ORDERED IN LEGAL SESSION by the Board of Santa Rosa County the 7th of March 2024.

**SCHOOL BOARD OF
SANTA ROSA COUNTY**

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Superintendent and Secretary