

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY
June 8, 2017-9:00 AM

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The School Board of Santa Rosa County met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Scott Peden, Chairman, Dr. Diane Scott, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Carol Boston, Mr. Buddy Hinote, and Mrs. Jennifer Granse. Also present was Timothy S. Wyrosdick, Superintendent of Schools and Secretary and Paul R. Green, Board Attorney.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Superintendent Wyrosdick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and in a moment of silence.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2017

Motion to Approve was moved by Clifton Hinote, Seconded by Jenny Granse. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

D. Oral Written Communications

1. Request Board Meeting Time/Date Change

Motion to Approve was moved by Diane Scott, Seconded by Clifton Hinote. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved changing the September 28, 2017 Board meeting to September 26 at 9:00 a.m. to allow Superintendent Wyrosdick travel time to a required conference.

Superintendent Wyrosdick pointed out that spring assessment results will be released later in the day; third grade results have already been released and they were excellent.

He also noted that the Blood Mobile is in the parking lot today and encouraged people to stop by and donate blood.

E. Recognitions/Resolutions/Proclamations

1. SRCDS A-Team

Jeff Baugus, Coordinator of Math and Science, came forward to recognize the 2016-2017 Santa Rosa County Academic Team (A-Team).

The Commissioner's Academic Challenge is a highly academic statewide high school tournament that was started in 1986 to provide a prestigious arena in which Florida's academically talented high school students are recognized. The following students earned the opportunity to join the 2016-2017 A-Team.

*Ryan Goff, PHS - English
Slade Lucas, GBHS - Social Studies
Richard Musca, GBHS - Mathematics
J.T. Hammond, PHS - Science*

These students traveled every week to the BAC to practice for the competition and in April they traveled to Orlando where they competed against other county teams. They made it as far as the semifinal round in their division and represented Santa Rosa County well. Mr. Baugus stated that we are very proud of this group and also expressed appreciation to their coach, retired Santa Rosa administrator Mrs. Charlene Kincaid.

The Superintendent echoed Mr. Baugus' pride in this group of students and appreciation to their coach, Mrs. Kincaid.

F. Public Hearing

None

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

For a complete word for word transcript of the public forum, please see the video. The following presentations to the Board have been condensed.

Anthony Washnock came forward to address the Board and Superintendent regarding an issue at Central School. Mr. Washnock shared that his wife's family history in Santa Rosa County dates back many generations and he is a more recent resident from Louisiana.

Mr. Washnock asked for the Board's consideration in the matter of an agriculture teacher at Central who is not being considered for rehire. His student has just finished his first year at Central; he thinks that both gentlemen (the principal and teacher) are outstanding. Mr. Washnock pointed out that agriculture is the primary industry north of Milton/Pace; he feels that parents deserve some answers.

Ben Smith, teacher at Woodlawn Beach Middle, came up to address the Board in support of Santa Rosa Educators' Association. Mr. Smith began by thanking the Board and Superintendent for the opportunity to speak. According to Mr. Smith a recent article in Politico makes it sound like the union issue (in Santa Rosa) is related to national/state unions versus local unions; he feels that is not the case. Many teachers feel that they have been poorly represented in the last decade (by the local union) and want change. Mr. Smith continued that the tone of discourse set by SRPE in the past decade has gone from bad to worse resulting in impasse after impasse and a general decline in morale. He shared that he is one of hundreds who feel that SRPE has not listened to the concerns of members and consistently responded to members' questions with hostility. "The big picture matters" - many of the changes in the past decade have been the result of a recession and laws passed by state lawmakers; the Superintendent and Board have often been scapegoats for decisions that were not within their control. Mr. Smith continued that more than 500 members have left SRPE within the last decade. SRPE's decision to sever ties with state and national colleagues created an unexpected opportunity for change. He pointed out that recently he has contacted state lawmakers (as Superintendent Wyrosdick suggested) to voice his concern over HB 7069; this is an example of working together that he would like to see continue. Mr. Smith concluded that he is hopefully optimistic; (with SREA) there will be professional engagement with the Board; SREA will listen to their members; and they will pay attention to the big picture. We (SREA) will sit across from you at the negotiating table, advocate for teachers, and hold you accountable for things that are within your power to change. We (SREA) hope to join you in advocating for public education - which we all believe is a necessity for a decent society.

James Riley came forward to address the Superintendent and Board. Mr. Riley began that he understands the combination of school-age students in the same facility creates problems; he doesn't feel that the schools are providing enough training to students to prevent unacceptable behavior between students. Mr. Riley shared that he has two girls in Santa Rosa schools and twice this year has been to the school dealing with inappropriate behavior from older teens. Mr. Riley feels that we need to have more training for young men and women on what's acceptable and what's not acceptable. Kids are putting teachers at risk; when students are at school teachers/administrators are responsible for their well being.

Superintendent Wyrosdick stated that a Board meeting is not the time to criticize an employee or accelerate a conversation regarding an employee. Schools have the responsibility of determining whether a contract is renewed or not; this happens and will continue.

The Superintendent continued that from the first day a student enters school the training begins regarding what is appropriate and inappropriate. The school system will not absorb all responsibility for a student's behavior - that is something that starts at home. The school system begins with the Code of Student Conduct, the Pupil Progression Plan, school rules - this starts from the first day of school and is a continuous opportunity. We have the responsibility of providing appropriate, safe supervision for students.

Superintendent Wyrosdick expressed appreciation to all who spoke at the public forum for their partnership with our schools.

Administrative Agenda

H. 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 Jenny Granse, Seconded by Diane Scott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved all Administrative Agenda items H. 1, 2, 3 as submitted below.

- 1. Human Resource items**
 - a. Administrative Agenda**
 - b. Leaves and Out of State Temporary Duty**
 - c. 2016-2017 Annual Inspections**
- 2. Curriculum/Instruction Items**
 - a. School Volunteers**
 - b. Suspensions**
 - c. Student Reassignment Requests**
- 3. Administrative Operational Items**
 - a. Field Trip Requests**
 - b. Facility Use Requests**
 - c. Religious Venue Request**

Action Agenda

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

1. Exceed the Limit 060817

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

2. RFP 14-01 FSMC Renewal 060817

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

Food Service Management Contract - Sodexo; by federal law we can only have a single year contract but can renew up to four years; we are currently in the fourth year of this contract.

3. Surplus 060817

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

4. DAG Architects Agenda Items

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Clifton Hinote. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved final construction payment for Central School Agricultural Lab/Classroom addition: DAG Architects - \$2,216.97 and Larry Hall Construction - \$63,027.72

The Board reviewed the status of current DAG Architects construction projects including Sims Middle School kitchen renovation/addition/resource rooms addition, Locklin Technical automotive shop addition, Chumuckla Elementary classroom addition, and the Douglas A. Dillon Administrative Complex. Mr. Gipson said that approval of Phase II of the Douglas A. Dillon Administrative Complex will be requested at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Scott asked if the recent heavy rain has impacted the status of DAG projects; Mr. Gipson shared that he is not aware of an impact at this time.

5. Jehle-Halstead Agenda Items

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Diane Scott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved Patrick Jehle's recommendation to award Locklin Technical Center and T. R. Jackson pavement and drainage improvements to Panhandle Grading & Pavement, Inc. who submitted a base bid of \$935,000. Mr. Jehle noted that the top two bids were within

1% of each other.

J. Human Resource Recommendation- Conni Carnley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. Action Agenda

None

K. Curricular and Instructions Recommendation – Bill Emerson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

1. Alternative Placements

Motion to Approve was moved by Clifton Hinote, Seconded by Jenny Granse. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

School Board Chairman Scott Peden asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding an alternative placement. Mr. Peden pointed out that the student should be referred to by number (not using the student's name).

A parent came forward to request leniency for his daughter. The parent shared that he understands the recommendation (alternative placement for one calendar year) is mandatory; the recommendation would have been different if made from her school. The student understands that she has made a big mistake and he is begging the Board to consider all of her behaviors (grades, attendance). He would love for her to be able to start back at her regular school in the fall (she finished out the year at alternative school).

A second parent came forward to request leniency for her student. The parent stated that the student has never been in trouble before; she has good grades and next year would begin dual enrollment. The student has been in alternative school for three weeks and it is a different world; she understands that she has messed up. Parent asked if this will go on the student's permanent record and follow her to college.

Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that discipline records are not passed on but remain confidential. There are entities that look at them but it is not often that happens. The Superintendent continued by speaking to both situations. Parents being here (to advocate for their student) is powerful. The Board wants to get students back to their school as soon as possible. There is normally a section on the Board agenda titled "Early Terminations" which includes students being allowed to return to school prior to their full year in alternative placement. We have very prescribed policies - the Code of Student Conduct and School Board Policy provides for a certain measure of discipline relative to the act and the

offense; it also provides that alternative placement is appropriate but not permanent. We want them back as soon as possible.

Dr. Scott pointed out that the agenda item "Early Terminations" means that we are bringing students back early; students who are keeping their grades up and doing the right thing will have that opportunity.

2. Accelify Letter of Agreement 17-18

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

3. LASR Referral Billing Sp17#1

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

4. Intent to Renew Blackboard Connect Services

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

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

None

M. Items from Board Members

Mr. Hinote and Mrs. Boston spoke of how much they enjoyed the recent graduation ceremonies and speeches prepared by the students.

Dr. Scott shared that she will be attending the FSBA Conference next week.

1. Nomination of Director to Serve On FSBA Board of Directors

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

Mrs. Granse was nominated as the representative to serve on the FSBA Board of Directors from District 1. This is a two-year term that we alternate with Escambia County. Escambia County's nominee for Alternate Director from District 1 is Linda Moultrie. During the general membership meeting, Thursday, June 15, 2017, the election of directors and alternate directors from odd numbered districts will take place.

2. 2017-18 FSBA Legislative Committee Representative

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Diane Scott. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

Mrs. Boston was nominated to serve as the FSBA Legislative Committee Representative from Santa Rosa and Mrs. Granse was nominated to serve as the alternate.

N. Items from Board Attorney

1. Gulf Breeze Property

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

School Board Attorney Paul Green opened discussion of a contract for sale of the Gulf Breeze property located at 409 Gulf Breeze Parkway.

The price remains the same that was in the letter of intent to purchase. There are a couple of contingencies related to rezoning and the current lease with the Gulf Breeze Chamber.

The buyer anticipated that SRSD would play a bigger role in the rezoning; we took a different approach that we will cooperate if required by city officials but it is the buyer's responsibility and the buyer has accepted that. (The property must be rezoned in order to meet the intended use of the buyer.) The other contingency has to do with the current Chamber lease. The resolution must be mutually agreeable to the buyer and SRSD; it may involve the Chamber leasing from the buyer for the remainder of the lease. The contract contains a provision for due diligence on the part of the buyer to resolve these issues.

There were other items in the contract that Mr. Green did not feel were appropriate for a public body so they were removed. Mr. Green feels that the contract is in order, and if the Board chooses to, he recommends that the contract be approved as well as Superintendent Wyrosdick's execution (signing) of the contract.

Dr. Scott had a question regarding the Chamber lease; Mr. Green explained that the lease resolution will have to be mutually agreeable to the buyer and seller.

Superintendent Wyrosdick spoke of our appreciation to Mr. Green for his knowledge and experience in working through this tedious process. The Superintendent then recommended Board approval of the contract to sell the property as well as Board approval of his execution of (signing) the contract.

O. Items from Superintendent

Superintendent Wyrosdick noted that spring assessment results will be

released soon.

1. Discussion of Tiger Point Property

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

Superintendent Wyrosdick requested that the Board give permission to execute appraisals and evaluations; to do due diligence; there are many steps to complete before making an offer for this property. This recommendation was amended to include allowing the current appraisal to be used.

Superintendent Wyrosdick spoke of the Board previously giving direction to he and Mr. Harrell to seek locations for future school sites. They have found a piece of property they believe is appropriate and the Superintendent requests the Board allow him to begin negotiation by asking for appraisals of the property. A complication is that there aren't many firms qualified to appraise this type of property and the property has already been appraised for the City of Gulf Breeze (seller).

Assistant Superintendent Joey Harrell shared that if a property price exceeds \$500,000 you must have two certified appraisals. The parcel that SRSD is looking at (45 acres) is a sub-parcel of a piece of property that the City of Gulf Breeze has already had appraised. Mr. Harrell pointed out that it might be quicker to use the firm that has already done an appraisal but they will take direction from the Board on this question; the City of Gulf Breeze would also need to approve using the same firm.

Mrs. Granse asked for clarification on the property location within Tiger Point (Tiger Point West). Mr. Peden asked if the "conditional use area" is included in the parcel. Mr. Harrell responded that he's had discussion with county employees; the conditional use area could likely be rezoned for school use. Mr. Harrell spoke of the positives - water/sewer lines have already been outlined. He went on to point out that he would need to request a Phase 1 environmental on the property as well as a "topo" to see what the slopes look like; we have to spend dollars from an investigative standpoint.

Dr. Scott asked about previous appraisals on the property and if they were done specifically with intended use as a golf course. Mr. Harrell responded that he thought the appraisals were done with use as a golf course in mind and he clarified that the 45-acre parcel is a piece of the 180-acre parcel that has been appraised.

Mrs. Boston spoke of her concern regarding the elevation of the property; she recalled that it flooded during Hurricane Ivan. Mr. Harrell responded that the property is not denoted as a flood plain on the Property Appraiser's website. Mr. Peden pointed out that it floods (in pockets)

during heavy rains. Mr. Harrell shared that if the Board decides to move forward these analyses will be performed in order to determine if this piece of property is suitable for use as a school site. Mrs. Boston asked if the entire piece of property has been studied to find the most appropriate area for a school. Mr. Harrell responded that this piece of property is the one that was presented to us; more investigation is needed to ensure this is a positive move for the school district.

Discussion continued that a few of the positives for this property include multiple points of ingress and egress, proximity to Oriole Beach Elementary, and infrastructure is already in place.

Superintendent Wyrosdick stated that Mr. Harrell has been amending our five-year facility plan and updating it often; Mr. Harrell has been diligently pursuing approval from DOE OEF to build a much-needed school. Mr. Harrell shared that a short while earlier he received an e-mail (from DOE) that the survey is in order and it includes a K-8 facility. This will be presented to the Board at the next meeting (on June 22).

Mr. Harrell pointed out that we will use most of our COFTE at the new school. We will see greater use of portables over the next 2-3 years which will allow us flexibility in managing growth.

Mrs. Boston asked about Navarre; the area is booming. Mr. Harrell responded that this is the area they have in mind for the new facility; to possibly relieve some of the Navarre schools. The same thing is being experienced in Pace; we will have to work through this. He went on to point out this is not just convincing DOE (that we need new schools); DOE has been great to work with - offering suggestions and input. It's important to note they have a set of laws and statutes they have to work by. Mr. Harrell expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the use of Gene Boles and John Gilreath to provide data that supported our request to DOE for additional schools; the Haas Center study confirmed this data strengthening our position.

Superintendent Wyrosdick summarized that we are actively looking for property in the south and north ends of the county to accommodate for future growth. The goal of Mr. Wyrosdick and Mr. Harrell is to provide options to the Board before we get into a bind. This is going to require rezoning; it will also require changing models of what a school site looks like - possibly a two-story school since the acreage needed for a one-story may not be available in some areas. The Superintendent has had discussion with the Triumph Committee in regard to spending some of those dollars on a school. He has also met with local business, community leaders and legislative representatives regarding an Innovation High School. This will be presented to the Board at a future Board meeting - possibly later this summer.

Superintendent Wyrosdick gave an update on the current ongoing legislative session and how this affects our budget; we are unable to build a budget since we don't know what our funding will be at this time. He reiterated that HB 7069 is not good for public education.

2. 2017-2018 Florida Association of District School Superintendents Annual Dues

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Clifton Hinote. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

Superintendent Wyrosdick asked the Board members to stay after the regular Board meeting for an executive session.

P. Adjournment

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

DONE AND ORDERED IN LEGAL SESSION by the School Board of Santa Rosa County this 8th day of June, 2017.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Chairman

ATTEST:

Superintendent and Secretary