

**MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY
March 15, 2018-9:00 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: Dr. Diane Scott, Chairman, Mrs. Carol Boston, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Buddy Hinote, Mrs. Jennifer Granse, and Mr. Scott Peden. 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 Mike Thorpe, Director of Inservice and Instructional Technology, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and in a moment of silence.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes for Joint Workshop with Board of County Commissioners - February 15, 2018

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

2. Minutes for School Board Meeting - February 15, 2018

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

D. Oral Written Communications

1. Work Shop Request - April 5, 2018 (5:00 P.M.)

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

Superintendent Wyrosdick requested a Board workshop to be held on April 5 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (before the regular meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.). The Superintendent explained that this is a huge project which deserves detailed review. We're operating under new laws which requires us to change drastically some of the operations we've had in the past when building schools.

The Superintendent also requested that the quarterly report (Transportation) be postponed and the Board move the Tiger Point Property item (under Superintendent's Items) to immediately follow the Public Forum section on the agenda.

E. Recognitions/Resolutions/Proclamations

None

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.

The Chairman opened the floor for the Public Forum and asked if anyone wanted to address the Board about an item not on the agenda.

Two students from Navarre High School Student Government Association came forward to introduce themselves. Catalina Riez, student body president, and Sam Jordan, student body vice-president, explained that they are attending today's Board meeting to learn more about local government and to earn a merit award for their student government association.

Rod Miller came forward and introduced himself; Mr. Miller is the President of the Santa Rosa Shores Homeowners Association, Inc., which represents over 700 homeowners within the community. Mr. Miller stated that this area surrounds the Santa Rosa utilities and the golf course. They appreciate the golf course and the value it brings to the neighborhood. He continued by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to address the Board and for the work the Board members perform; we are proud to have the best school district in the state. Mr. Miller shared his concerns about the area surrounding the golf course and that adequate research has been done to ensure that it's suitable for a school site. Concerns he mentioned include the mitigation of the flood area; and ingress/egress access. He talked about the number of accidents at the entrance intersection and that it's considered a "high impact" area; expansion of the sewer plant will contribute to existing odor problems. Mr. Miller feels that there are other properties that might be better suited for a school site.

Jason Howard, member of the Santa Rosa Homeowners Association, came to the podium to address the Board regarding the Tiger Point property. Mr. Howard stated that he has two sons and the reason his family has chosen to live here is because of our school system - which

has contributed to much growth. He noted that there are concerns with building another school in this area - water treatment facilities, flooding, and mitigating traffic which he feels will contribute significantly to costs. He pointed out the outstanding commitments that the City of Gulf Breeze made to these residents when they purchased the golf course in 2012. At that time (at that meeting) these commitments were read into the meeting record to encourage residents to agree to the purchase. Mr. Howard stated that the City agreed to reopen the golf course to a full 36-hole course, pay for some storm water mitigation and infrastructure improvements. Mr. Howard stated that the City has not honored those agreements but the residents are trying to hold the City accountable. The auditor's office is going to audit the City of Gulf Breeze and Mr. Howard feels that this may encourage the City to enter negotiations again and try to resolve this. He concluded that purchasing this property may put Santa Rosa School District in a fight they don't belong in. He suggested a purchase agreement contingent upon resolution of these issues with the City of Gulf Breeze and also to research the cost of mitigation issues.

Lyndi Kessler came forward next to discuss the purchase of land in Tiger Point. Ms. Kessler wanted the Board to know that there are sex offenders living in the area.

David Kessler came up next to address the Board regarding the Tiger Point property purchase. Mr. Kessler provided some background/history on this community; he stated that this is one of the first areas to have zoning. He referred to the local comprehensive plan including the conservation element; conserve what you've got (open spaces) and open spaces for recreation. Mr. Kessler feels that building a school would take away from the open spaces aspect. He stated that if the school is needed further east then it should be built in that area.

Connie Repp came forward next and pointed out that previous speakers have covered most of her concerns. Ms. Repp shared that she lives on the golf course and never dreamed that a school might be built there. She feels that building a school there would negatively impact property value. She is concerned about flooding in the area and questions if there might be other property owned by the City that Santa Rosa School District could purchase for a school site instead of coming into an established subdivision.

There being no other requests to address the Board, the public forum was closed.

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 Clifton Hinote, Seconded by Jenny Granse. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
Board approved all Administrative Agenda items H. 1, 2, 3, 4 as submitted below.*

- 1. Human Resource items**
 - a. Administrative Agenda**
 - b. Leaves and Out of State Temporary Duty**
 - c. Annual Inspections 2017-2018**
- 2. Curriculum/Instruction Items**
 - a. Student Reassignment Requests**
 - b. Suspensions**
 - c. Volunteers**
 - d. Business Partners**
- 3. Financial Items**
 - a. Budget Amendment #17/05, Bills and Payroll, and Monthly Financial Statement for January 2018**
- 4. Administrative Operational Items**
 - a. Facility Use Requests**
 - b. Field Trip Requests**
 - c. Religious Venue Requests**

Action Agenda

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

1. Surplus 031518

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

2. RFP 17-13 Carpet, Tile and Miscellaneous Flooring 031518

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

The Board approved a joint award for RFP #17-13 Carpet, Tile and Miscellaneous Floor Covering to Carpet Creations and Milton Carpet Center as the top companies to be awarded.

3. Property Control Audit 031518

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

4. Exceed the Limit 031518

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

5. Transportation Quarterly Report 031518

The Transportation Quarterly Report was deferred.

6. DAG Architects

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

The Board approved the final payment for Sims Middle School Classroom and Kitchen Addition (final payment to Hewes and Company, LLC for \$86,396.62 and DAG Architects for \$2,874.52).

The Board reviewed the status of current DAG construction projects.

7. Schmidt Consulting Group

The Board reviewed the status of current Schmidt Consulting Group projects.

8. Capital Outlay Budget-Amendment

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

Assistant Superintendent Joey Harrell requested an amendment to the Capital Outlay Budget by adding the following projects:

- Correct existing drainage issues/mill and resurface the track at Milton High School; Patrick Jehle provided a cost estimate of \$540,000*
- Mill and resurface the tennis courts at Pace High School; Mr. Jehle provided an estimate of \$528,000*

As Mr. Harrell explained, over the years we have attempted to correct

issues at both sites using the most cost effective measures we felt were applicable. He recommends the only appropriate fix at this time is to rework the existing storm water drainage/asphalt and reconstruct both surfaces.

Mr. Peden pointed out that regardless of whether we resurface or not, the track will have to be repaired.

9. Direct Purchasing Change Orders

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

The Board approved the following change orders decreasing the projects payable below to the appropriate contractor by the amounts shown. These decreases are to reflect recent payments made to suppliers and the associated tax savings acquired through direct purchasing.

- *Chumuckla Elementary - Classrooms/Lab/Resource Room Addition
Larry Hall Construction
\$15,555.78*
- *Douglas A. Dillon Administrative Center
Hewes & Company
\$169,366.50*
- *Milton High School - Chiller & HVAC Renovation Phase B
Comfort Systems USA
\$9,611.75*
- *Navarre High School Technology Lab (Closed Project)
A.E. New, Jr., Inc.
Increase \$318.00
Refund check received from Block USA for an outstanding credit on this project; refund plus sales tax calculation now payable to A.E. New, Jr., Inc.*

10. Annual Certification of Facilities Data

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

Section 1013.31(1)(d) requires that, "prior to April 1 of each year, each district shall review the Florida Inventory of School Houses (F.I.S.H.) and shall certify to the Office of Educational Facilities that the inventory is current and accurate."

Assistant Superintendent Joey Harrell stated that after reaching out to principals for this information we certify that this information is accurate effective today.

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

1. Action Agenda

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

The Board approved the Human Resource Action Agenda including disciplinary action, job description revisions, and Human Resource Procedures Manual revisions.

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

The Board approved the Human Resource Action Agenda Addendum including Other Administrative Actions (employee reassignments).

2. Florida Blue Contract Renewal

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

3. Web Benefits Design Contract

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

4. Private Instructional Provider Requests

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

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

1. Early Terminations

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

2. Alternative Placements

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

The grandmother and uncle of Student A18-0182-26 came forward to address the Board requesting leniency for their student. The grandmother would like to move the student to Escambia School District since that is the area she lives in and the student's mother has agreed to give custody to the grandparents. Mr. Hinote pointed out that the recommendation is for no less than one calendar year due to the nature of the offense.

Superintendent Wyrosdick stated that if the student moves to another school district there may be other options that would need to be discussed with that district.

3. Learning Academy of Santa Rosa Referral Billing

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

4. In County Travel Increase Request

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

5. STEAM Summer Camp Request

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

**6. Head Start Monthly Report for January & February 2018-
Review Only**

This item was submitted for review only.

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

None

M. Items from Board Members

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

Mr. Hinote shared that he had an opportunity to attend the FFA Land Judging; he always enjoys this great event.

Mrs. Boston stated that she also enjoyed attending the FFA Land Judging activity. She also attended the employee recruitment event and thanked Mrs. Camley, Mrs. West, and team for their hard work. She attended several STEAM events in the last few weeks and commended those teachers for giving their time and enthusiasm to support STEAM activities.

Dr. Scott mentioned that she's had an opportunity to meet with the School Safety Task Force - good recommendations came out of that and some have already been applied. She stated that a recommendation was made at the last meeting that the CEO Roundtable be reconvened. It was also mentioned that a School Board member be included in the Roundtable as a permanent member. Mr. Peden volunteered to serve in this capacity and the Board approved.

N. Items from Board Attorney

None

O. Items from Superintendent

Superintendent Wyrosdick expressed appreciation to Mr. Peden for volunteering to serve on the Security Task Force/CEO Roundtable. Mr. Wyrosdick continued that a number of things have been identified in the Security Task Force meeting - a plan for potential crises; clear lines of how, when, where. Legislation has delegated very clearly that money will be moved from FEFP to safety and mental health; it's very clear by looking at the budget that they just moved money. We will reallocate/rebudget for the next year. Additionally out of the task force meeting came the realization that it will be 12-18 months before we have an SRO on every campus. Superintendent Wyrosdick shared that Sheriff Johnson and the Gulf Breeze Police Department are committed to that and added that he's so proud that our community genuinely works with us.

1. Tiger Point Property

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

Since several community members addressed the Board during the public forum regarding this item it was moved to follow after the public forum.

Superintendent Wyrosdick began by stating that he wanted to be careful not to overstep his authority or boundaries. He pointed out that at the beginning of the process of looking at a piece of property as a potential school site an in-depth analysis is performed which includes traffic patterns, access, environmental concerns, and water flow. These would be issues no matter where we purchase property for a school site. Staff likes this property for more than one reason - property is limited in the area. Regarding the storm water issue - we are responsible for mitigating our own water; this would be true no matter where we purchase property. The Superintendent pointed out that easement issues have been resolved with the City of Gulf Breeze. He continued that this property is sought since it would be conducive to building a school. Superintendent Wyrosdick stated that this (building the school) will not happen during his tenure but is something for future Boards to consider; he is not aware of other properties for sale in the area and he is not aware of any current litigation that would exempt us from purchasing the property. School Board Attorney Paul Green stated that litigation would be revealed as part of the title search and added that the comprehensive land use plan is controlled by the county not the school district.

The Superintendent stated that he feels it's in the best interest of the Board to purchase the property and he opened the item for discussion.

The Superintendent requested the Board to authorize Mr. Green to

prepare a contract with the City of Gulf Breeze and authorize the Superintendent to approve the contract (after review with counsel); to sign the contract and closing documents at an agreed upon price of \$1.9 million. The Superintendent shared that this has passed an executive session with the City Council of Gulf Breeze and his recommendation is pending a vote of the full council at Monday's meeting.

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation.

School Board member Buddy Hinote shared that he has concerns regarding the amount of chemicals that have been applied to the property through the years since it has been a golf course. Mr. Hinote asked about the testing that has been performed (environmental surveys). Assistant Superintendent Joey Harrell requested Patrick Jehle to address this question. Mr. Jehle responded that his firm engaged Universal Engineering to perform Phase 1 and Phase 2 testing; isolated areas of contaminants were found. The two hot spots of most concern are toward the eastern end of the property and contain a since banned pesticide - dieldrin. It was found to be in the soil but not at groundwater level. An elevated level of arsenic was also identified followed by a series of borings across the property to determine if there is a widespread issue; in both cases it was found to be local.

Mr. Jehle continued that there are different levels toxicologists use (depending on residential or commercial use) when making recommendations. The toxicologists felt that the concerning areas could be mitigated. There are different methods of mitigation including a layer of clay on top or possibly an asphalt parking lot.

Mr. Jehle also called attention to a different concern with the soil regarding it's suitability for holding a structure. This may require removal of the loose soil and replacing it with structural fill dirt. As that loose soil is removed so are some of the contaminants.

Dr. Scott asked about the size of the localized sites. Mr. Jehle responded that neither of the sites exceeds a 25' perimeter.

Mrs. Boston asked about the size in reference to acreage; Mr. Jehle responded that it was less than one acre. Mrs. Boston also wanted to know what the potential cost of mitigation might be. Mr. Jehle stated that is not known at this time but can better be defined as the school district moves through the due diligence period.

Mr. Hinote asked about current access to the property/infrastructure since speakers expressed concern about this during the public forum. Mr. Jehle answered that it could be an issue and improvements may be needed. He pointed out that road widenings and traffic light

improvements may need to be designed and permitted.

Dr. Scott added that this is not unlike what we've done when building schools in other areas.

Mrs. Boston asked if there is a secondary point of ingress/egress. Mrs. Granse shared that there are three points of ingress/egress that she is aware of.

Superintendent Wyrosdick verified with Mr. Jehle that arsenic is a naturally occurring contaminant that is not uncommon. The Superintendent pointed out that the design of this piece of property allows for a long queuing area for traffic as well as possible recreational facilities that would accentuate the community.

Dr. Scott asked Board Attorney Paul Green about the City of Gulf Breeze audit and the contingency on Santa Rosa School District moving forward on this agreement. Mr. Green responded that the agreement states that there will be no exceptions or encumbrances on the title policy other than those that the buyer agrees to.

Mrs. Boston asked about the timeline for starting construction if the property is purchased; Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that it may be 5-8 years away.

Board Member Scott Peden stated that he has met with Assistant Superintendent Joey Harrell regarding this property purchase and also met with Mr. Miller, the HOA President of Santa Rosa Shores. Mr. Peden spoke of the growth in the county and that we will have to look forward to plan for the future with a limited amount of property available. He agreed that the queue space is very important as well as the potential for recreation facilities. Mr. Peden feels that once a school is built in this community, it will add value to surrounding property. In regard to the concern of sex offenders living in the area - they may not live there in years to come; Dr. Scott added that there are different levels of offenders. Superintendent Wyrosdick stated that we have parameters in which to deal with this as we have done at other school sites.

Dr. Scott asked if the City of Gulf Breeze has provided information regarding any other pieces of property that may be available for purchase. Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that they have not.

2. Advertisement for Sale of Munson School Property

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

The Superintendent requested the Board allow advertisement for sale of the Munson School property for thirty days and at the end of the thirty

days entertain offers received. There has been some interest and he wants to be sure that anyone who has an interest in the property be given an opportunity.

Dr. Scott asked if we have appraisals and Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that we will be doing that.

3. Transportation Contract

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

Superintendent Wyrosdick requested approval of the Transportation Contract with Student Transportation of America (STA). The Superintendent pointed out that the cost is more than what we have paid in the past but we have mitigated the cost to be appropriate and fair; and have delineated specific performance parameters related to accountability. Mr. Wyrosdick also expressed appreciation to Mr. Harrell and Mr. Crane for their hard work on this RFP.

Mrs. Granse shared that she is familiar with the company and is very pleased that we're selecting STA.

Dr. Scott asked about the impact this may have on students and families. Will it be fairly transparent; transition over the summer? Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that this is his expectation; need to be ready to go 2-3 weeks before school starts.

Assistant Superintendent Joey Harrell came forward to provide information. Part of the agreement is to have all buses here two weeks prior to school start; the buses need to be tagged and ready to go so we can help drivers become familiar with the buses. Mr. Harrell added that this will be difficult for us and STA but we've been through it before and we will make it work.

Contracts Manager Jud Crane came forward to introduce Dennis Gallagher, Vice-President of STA. Mr. Gallagher came to the podium and spoke of how excited STA is to be here; to offer the most technologically advanced school bus fleet in the state. STA is prepared to make a \$20M investment and have a culture of caring and compassion. They are prepared to support the community and be part of the community. Mr. Gallagher stated that STA appreciates this opportunity.

Mrs. Granse asked Mr. Gallagher to talk about the buses. He responded that the buses will be brand new model year 2019 and all will be equipped with air conditioning. Buses will be equipped with technology including GPS systems, telematics, and four cameras per bus. The cameras protect the driver and the school system. All buses will be 77-passenger vehicles.

Dr. Scott pointed out that air conditioning is of paramount importance; we receive a lot of phone calls on this subject.

Superintendent Wyrosdick concluded that we expect a great deal of accountability; we will be ready to start school two weeks prior to the start date.

P. Adjournment

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Clifton Hinote. 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 School Board of Santa Rosa County this 15th day of March, 2018 A. D.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Chairman

ATTEST:

Superintendent of Schools