

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY
April 11, 2019-6:30 PM

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The School Board of Santa Rosa County met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mrs. Carol Boston, Chairman, Mr. Buddy Hinote, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Jennifer Granse, Mrs. Linda Sanborn, and Mrs. Wei Ueberschaer.

Also present were 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 March 12, 2019

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

D. Oral Written Communications

None

E. Recognitions/Resolutions/Proclamations

1. Music Educator of the Year Award Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Bill Emerson came forward to introduce Mr. Dan Fugate with the Blues Angel Music Foundation. Mr. Fugate presented the Music Educator of the Year award to Alicia Coon, Music Teacher and Choral Curriculum Coordinator. Mr. Fugate spoke of the purpose of the foundation which is to promote music education and therapy. The award includes a \$1,000 account with Blues Angel Music that can be used to purchase music, instruments, or accessories (at Blues Angel's cost).

2. Recognition of 2019 Amazing Shake Winners

Floyd Smith, Director of Middle Schools, came forward to introduce Ashley Carter, the Amazing Shake sponsor at Sims Middle School. Ms. Carter then introduced the champion and first and second runner up and they came forward to be recognized for their participation in the Amazing Shake Competition.

*Haley Dunckel - Champion
Mackenzie Kummer - 1st Runner-Up
Rivers Lewis - 2nd Runner-Up*

Ms. Carter talked about the different activities within the competition which teach the students the importance of interpersonal communication and include every type of communication they will face in the business world.

Superintendent Wyrosdick shared that he attended the final activity and was so impressed with the students and the content of their conversation. These parents should be very proud.

3. Recognition of Future Chef Winner 2019

Leslie Bell, Child Nutrition Director, came forward to introduce the winner of the Annual Future Chef Culinary Competition, Central Student Cadence Wood. Ms. Bell shared that she has recently learned that Cadence is also one of the regional winners in the top forty which includes a bag of goodies.

F. Public Hearing

1. Conduct Public Hearing on Revision of School Boundaries

Mrs. Boston called on the following people who indicated they wanted to address the Board.

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

David Murrell stated that he is here tonight to formally oppose the proposed redistricting. He feels that the growth in the south end of the county came as no surprise and the burden should be on the county (since the county approved the building permits) and the school district to provide the proper infrastructure to support the growth. Mr. Murrell feels that this is a short term band-aid that will not improve conditions for students in the long run.

Ingrid Hewette spoke next in opposition to the proposed rezoning. Ms.

Hewette is the PTA president at Gulf Breeze Elementary and feels that the additional students at Gulf Breeze Elementary at a projected growth rate of 3% will push this school over capacity over the next couple of years. She asked what the plan will be to manage the higher capacity at Gulf Breeze Elementary. Ms. Hewette also asked if there is a plan to strengthen the registration process to adhere to current boundaries; stated that she knows of at least ten families who are traveling over the bridge (from Pensacola) to bring their student/s to Gulf Breeze.

Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that we address growth by adding classrooms but there is nowhere to grow at Oriole Beach Elementary. Next we rezone and after that we build schools. It is not a simple process; we began working toward the Elkhart K8 school about five years ago. We are constantly looking at building new schools; we've been proactive in purchasing property. The Superintendent noted that he welcomes input on strengthening the registration process; this is an area that we try to watch closely.

Carmen Reynolds stated that her remarks tonight are shared with no malevolent intent. About 16 months ago at a BOCC zoning meeting on December 14, 2017, Navarre parents expressed that they are unable to attend school functions due to a lack of space to stand or sit with their student/s and they spoke of overcrowded buses. The BOCC suggested these parents take their concerns to the School Board. Since then a multitude of homes have been built and currently there are over 2,000 homes on the drawing board. Many of these homes are part of a large scale development (with no requirement that the developer set aside land for school system - which used to be a requirement). Ms. Reynolds continued with the following statements:

- We have ten schools currently over capacity.*
- No school district representative fills the allotted slot at the monthly Zoning Board meetings.*
- Subdivision applications show that the school district can accommodate the students but that is laughable.*

The school district commands 51.78% of ad valorem taxes in this county equating to \$83 million annually which is more than the county gets at 49.4%. Yet in the last 10 years there have been no new schools built; and the next planned school @ Navarre won't have a cafeteria for two years.

Ms. Reynolds made the following suggestions:

- The land development code is currently being updated by the county; ensure that school concurrency is reinstated.*
- Be proactive in lobbying Tallahassee and the legislative delegation; requesting exemptions due to the immense geographic location of*

- our county.*
- *Make it prohibitive to bus a student from one end of the county to another.*
 - *Look at adding a story to overcapacity schools (building up).*
 - *Save money by using "cookie cutter" designs instead of a new one each time.*
 - *Work interdependently with the county government in the best interest of the students, parents, and teachers who can't speak up.*
 - *Attend Zoning Board meetings.*

Ms. Reynolds requested a copy of our most recent audit. She stated that she is most interested in the half-cent sales tax which was implemented in 1998 and has been extended to 2028. In closing she offered her services to work with the school district as a consultant or other capacity as needed.

Board Chairman Carol Boston responded that this Board goes to Tallahassee to meet with legislators and meets with them locally as well. Mrs. Boston stated that this Board has met with the Board of County Commissioners in joint meetings/workshops. We also hired a consultant, Gene Boles, Senior Fellow at Program for Resource Efficient Communities, University of Florida, to assist in planning/projecting student growth. Mrs. Boston continued that the Department of Education has placed restrictions on us; it is not a proactive plan; we have to wait until the students are enrolled.

Superintendent Wyrosdick noted that school concurrency was established to allow school districts to have a voice in planning with the Board of County Commissioners. Around 2009-10 it was eliminated. We have requested and would love to have it reinstated; we would love to have real input. The Superintendent reassured Ms. Reynolds that no one has been "asleep at the switch;" we have been very active in requesting legislative relief. The Superintendent traveled to Tallahassee the week before this meeting to testify before a House committee regarding cost per student station funding.

Superintendent Wyrosdick encouraged Ms. Reynolds to examine the half-cent sales tax files; he shared that we are grateful that this has been passed twice. Ms. Reynolds stated that the Superintendent could increase the half-cent sales tax to one cent if he wanted to; Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that he does not have that option. The Superintendent continued that we did not build our one-story schools to structurally support a second story; Mr. Harrell agreed.

He expressed appreciation to staff for putting together this rezoning plan that will provide some relief to capacity at these schools.

The next speaker (had not completed a form) stated that he agrees with what has already been said. He has grandchildren who may be affected by the rezoning and doesn't feel that it's the best option. He requested that the Board look at other solutions before voting on rezoning.

Mrs. Boston stated that we are constantly trying to find solutions to these issues.

Jennifer McIntosh came up next to voice concerns including bus pickup/dropoff time; how will this change for the affected students - do we have enough buses? Also, she has a special needs child; it takes longer for this student to become engaged at a school site. Her student has been at OBE since kindergarten and has friends there. Has this been taken into consideration?

Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that we will have a process for exposing special needs students to their new school setting; we will make accommodations to be sure it's a smooth transition. He stated that we do have enough buses.

Mrs. Ueberschaer stated that this is not an easy issue and the Board does not take it lightly. She feels that we have gone through every scenario - "it's not just the overcrowded classrooms and the non-ideal situation of co-teaching; it is a safety issue in the hallways and cycling kids through the cafeteria."

Mrs. Sanborn stated that this is a very important, emotional issue. She appreciates the points made by the parents who have spoken so articulately this evening but no one has provided another option.

The Superintendent made a recommendation that the Board adopt the rezoning plan as submitted.

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

2. Conduct Public Hearing and Approve the 2019-2020 School Choice Plan

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

The Board approved the 2019-20 School Choice Plan as submitted with the revision deleting paragraph (m) c. on page 6.

Superintendent Wyrosdick pointed out that an amendment is needed on this item before it is voted on. He requested Assistant Superintendent Bill Emerson to make the amendment of deleting Page 6 paragraph (m) c.

"A student who is currently attending a school and that school's

attendance zone has been rezoned, may continue to attend the school until the last grade of that school. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school."

Mrs. Sanborn asked if it is feasible to consider rewriting the School Choice Plan to allow current fourth graders who will be entering the fifth grade this fall to remain in the school they are currently attending.

Mrs. Granse pointed out that those fifth graders will be going to Gulf Breeze Middle School a year later; this would delay the transition by one year.

Mrs. Ueberschaer reiterated that she would like the School Board to support strengthening school boundaries.

Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that we will take a look at how we can be more thorough; much of it is guided by statute and there are property right issues, too.

Mr. Emerson added that when information is received related to someone attending out of zone it is investigated; many times there is a divorce situation. We also require paperwork to prove residency; to go out and verify this would require manpower.

Superintendent Wyrosdick concluded that we will reflect on the process and look at how it can be strengthened.

A gentleman from the audience came forward to ask why the Board would vote on the rezoning of school boundaries before investigating the issue of students attending out of zone. Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that this is a very small number of students and would not provide relief at these schools.

The Board took a five-minute break as requested by Superintendent Wyrosdick.

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

The School Board Chairman opened the floor for the Public Forum and asked if anyone would like to address the Board about an item not on the agenda. There was no response; the 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 Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
The Board approved all Administrative Agenda items H. 1, 2, 3, and 4 as submitted.*

Superintendent Wyrosdick noted that this is the last Board meeting for Don Ellis, Data Processing Manager, since Mr. Ellis will be retiring soon. The Superintendent expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ellis for his service; "we appreciate the way you do your job." Mr. Ellis received a standing ovation.

Superintendent Wyrosdick then introduced David Hicks who will be replacing Don Ellis.

- 1. Human Resource items**
 - a. Administrative Agenda**
 - b. Leave and Out-of-State TD's**
 - c. 18-19 Annual Inspections**
 - d. Private Instructional Provider Requests**
- 2. Curriculum/Instruction Items**
 - a. Student Reassignment Requests**
 - b. Suspensions**
 - c. School Volunteers**
 - d. Business Partners**
- 3. Financial Items**
 - a. Budget Amendment #18/06, Payroll and Bills, Monthly Financial Statement for February 2019**
- 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 041119

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

2. Exceed the Limit 041119

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

3. Property Control Inventory Audit 041119

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

4. DAG 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 the limited site package for Elkhart K8 School for Phase 3 approval, for early release to prequalified bidders.

The Board reviewed the status of current DAG Architects construction projects.

5. McKim & Creed Agenda Items

Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved Woodlawn Beach Middle School basketball court and drainage repairs - Phase III.

The Board reviewed current McKim & Creed construction projects.

6. Modular Classrooms - New Lease

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

The Board approved the request to move forward with leasing a total of 7 portables (3 at Sims Middle, 2 at Holley Navarre Middle, and 2 at Navarre High School).

7. Santa Rosa Adult Modular Restroom Purchase

Motion to Approve was moved by Linda Sanborn, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the request to amend the current Capital Outlay

Budget by \$77,075 to purchase a modular restroom for Santa Rosa Adult High. This purchase will not only provide much needed restroom facilities but will also comply with handicapped accessibility which is needed at this site.

8. Direct Purchasing Change Orders

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

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

- *Jay Elementary School - 6 Classroom Addition
A. E. New Jr.
\$48,581.89*

- *King Middle School - HVAC Renovation Phase B
A. E. New Jr.
\$16,063.02*

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

1. Action Agenda

Motion to Approve was moved by Linda Sanborn, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved Conditional Contracts and District Staffing Plan revisions as submitted.

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

1. Early Terminations

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

2. Alternative Placements

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

The Chairman asked if anyone wanted to address the Board regarding any of the expulsions/alternative placements; no one came forward.

3. Amendment I For Contract Services (UWF Tutoring/Mentoring Service)

Motion to Approve was moved by Linda Sanborn, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

4. Inter-District Private School Services Agreement OCSD and SRSD School Year 2018-2019

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

5. Galloway Law Firm Affiliation Agreement

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

6. Elementary School Supply Lists

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

7. Memorandum of Agreement between Santa Rosa Kids' House and Santa Rosa School District

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

8. Outside Support Organization Manual

*Motion to Approve was moved by Clifton Hinote, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
The revised Outside Support Organization Manual was approved as submitted.*

9. 2nd Semester Early Release Exam Request

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

10. Gap Year Instructional Materials Plan

*Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
The Gap Year Instructional Materials Plan was approved as submitted.
This document explains our plan to address the delay in the instructional*

timeline due to the recent executive order to revise Math/ELA.

11. Head Start Program Change in Scope for Enrollment Reduction

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

Mrs. Sanborn stated that she toured the Head Start program last fall and was so impressed. She continued that she was concerned when she saw this item but after speaking with Director of Pre-K, Mrs. Dawn Alt, she understands that it's better to have a really good program for 220 students than a program for 250. Mrs. Sanborn shared that Mr. Larry Brewton with the Men of Vision organization reached out to her due to concerns with the reduction in enrollment.

Mrs. Ueberschaer asked if the grant program increases in the future could another change in scope be made. Mrs. Alt responded that a change in scope can be made at any time.

12. Head Start Monthly Report for March 2019 - Review Only

For review only

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

1. COPS - Engagement Letter w/PFM Financial Advisors

Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

This engagement letter is to confirm SRCSB agreement that PFM Financial Advisors LLC will act as financial advisor to the School District on issuance of the District's Certificates of Participation, Series 2019.

M. Items from Board Members

1. 2019-20 Florida School Boards Association Annual Dues

Mrs. Sanborn shared that she attended the Bagdad Elementary Art Show earlier in the afternoon and was impressed with the art work. She is also looking forward to attending the All County Chorus activity on Friday evening.

Mrs. Sanborn then challenged fellow Board members as well as district administrators to form a team for the King Middle School fundraising activity "Are You Smarter Than A Middle Schooler?" (All proceeds go to help fund the Academic Team's National Championship Bid in Chicago.)

Mr. Hinote noted that he recently spent some time at Bagdad Elementary visiting classrooms and meeting with Mr. Baxley and Ms. Sapp; "there are alot of good things going on at Bagdad." He said that it meant alot since he has several family members who attended the school.

Mrs. Boston also enjoyed the Bagdad Art Show and the recent FSBA Legislative Days where Board members met with our legislative representatives to advocate for our district.

Motion to Approve was moved by Linda Sanborn, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved payment of 2019-20 annual dues for FSBA membership.

N. Items from Board Attorney

Mr. Green reported that we now have a contract for the Tiger Point land purchase. It has some issues that need to be discussed and analyzed. Mr. Green shared that he wants the Board to know that it's in progress and he hopes to be able to bring something back to the Board soon.

O. Items from Superintendent

1. STEAM Summer Camps

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

The Board approved the request for additional funding to allow expansion (if needed) for STEAM summer camps.

2. Joint Meeting Request - BOCC

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

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation/request for a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to be held on May 15, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at the Board of County Commissioners Administrative Complex. This will be a continuation of past communication with the BOCC related to growth management and impact fees.

3. Request for Hearing

The Superintendent announced a private closed hearing for a student. He requested that the Board and select staff remain in the Board Room for the hearing; all others were dismissed.

P. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DONE AND ORDERED IN LEGAL SESSION by the School Board of Santa Rosa County this 11th day of April, 2019.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Chairman

ATTEST:

Superintendent and Secretary