

**MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY
October 8, 2020-9:00 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. Buddy Hinote, Chairman; Mrs. Wei Ueberschaer, Vice-Chairperson; Mrs. Linda Sanborn, Mrs. Carol Boston, and Mrs. Jennifer Granse. Timothy S. Wyrosdick, Superintendent of Schools, was also in attendance. Paul R. Green, Board Attorney, was available by phone, if needed, and watched the live stream.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Michael Thorpe 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 September 24, 2020

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

D. Oral Written Communications

Superintendent Wyrosdick shared that he received notification from the Commissioner of Education that we have been designated a high performing district. This is a testament to the hard work that has taken place.

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

The Board approved Superintendent Wyrosdick's recommendation to designate School Board Attorney Paul Green as "School Board Emeritus."

The Superintendent spoke of Mr. Green's fifty years of service to Santa Rosa School District. His passion has always been to support public education in a manner that moves it forward positively.

Mrs. Boston spoke of Mr. Green's stellar reputation throughout the state and how much we appreciate his service.

Superintendent Wyrosdick stated that he recently penned a letter to the Department of Health regarding the 14-day quarantine which is making it very difficult to run a high quality system. The Superintendent continued that he is encouraged; we need to move forward with professionalism.

He added that he has had conversation with other districts in the state and we are in line with their policies.

Mrs. Sanborn stated that the letter was very well written; she feels that if the Department of Health doesn't change the quarantine requirement soon the Board needs to move forward with a different plan.

Superintendent Wyrosdick also noted that our community continues to have a high number of positive cases; there is work we have to do in order to move forward; this includes wearing masks. He continued that the answer to the quarantine question is not at 5086 Canal Street and the Department of Health is not ready to answer this question; we need to have positive discussion.

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)

The Chairman opened the floor for the Public Forum and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. The following citizens addressed the Board.

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

Angelique Parker came forward on behalf of her daughter, an honors student at Pace High School. Ms. Parker stated that she has always advocated for our school district but that has changed since her daughter is being quarantined due to "exposure" and is not showing symptoms; she is having difficulties in geometry and missing experiences that she can never make up.

Jo Ann Cave, parent of Navarre High student/s, began by expressing gratitude to the Superintendent/School Board for the letter that was written to the Department of Health requesting changes in the quarantine

protocol. Ms. Cave stated that, although she is anti-mask, she would support the mask mandate if it would allow students to stay in school.

Angie Klug stated that she was pleasantly surprised that the letter was written to the Department of Health but feels that the School Board is starting to understand how parents feel (about the quarantine). Ms. Klug shared that her patience is wearing thin with the quarantine protocol and feels that Santa Rosa does not have to be in line with other districts; "let's push the boundaries."

Ransom Staszak, 9th grade student at Pace High, came to the podium next. Ransom is disappointed that he's missed so much due to being quarantined; including class election results, football practice, and relationships with students he mentors. Ransom is in SGA and is also freshman class president.

Jennifer Favano, Navarre resident, came up to voice her support for masks being optional and no quarantine.

Brandon Favano, also a Navarre resident, thanked the Board for serving. He feels that the decisions being made are not in students' best interest and not based on facts. Mr. Favano provided information supporting not wearing masks.

Richard Staszak is concerned that students who test positive or are quarantined may be bullied by classmates. He is disappointed that his son was not at school to hear his election results (on the day he was elected freshman class president at Pace High).

Len Cross came up last to voice his displeasure with the mask mandate. Mr. Cross feels that this is a form of government intimidation to silence people.

No other speakers came forward and the public forum was closed.

Mrs. Sanborn asked about the ramifications of proceeding with the suggestions the Superintendent had in his letter (if we do not soon get some relief from the DOE/DOH).

Superintendent Wyrosdick responded that our reopening plan which was approved by DOE must be consistent with the Governor's executive order which clearly states that we must follow the Department of Health guidelines. The other part of this is that we can lose funding (see letter to Hillsborough County).

The Superintendent continued that we have been struggling with this since March; we want to move forward in a professional manner and will

continue trying to do so.

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 Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved all Administrative Agenda items H. 1 and 2 as submitted.

- 1. Human Resource items**
 - a. Administrative Agenda**
 - b. Unpaid Leave**
- 2. Curriculum/Instruction Items**
 - a. Suspensions**
 - b. Student Reassignment Requests**
 - c. School Volunteers - Level 1**

Action Agenda

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

- 1. Exceed the Limit 100820**

This item is provided as informational only.

- 2. Surplus Presentation 100820**

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Jon Thrush, Textbook and Surplus Warehouse Manager, presented information on the surplus department process including controlled property, textbooks, and public records. This is governed by Florida Statute and Mr. Thrush holds certification in public records disposition. He has also become active in GovDeals which is a website used by government agencies to sell surplus property thereby returning funds to the district.

3. Surplus 100820

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

4. DAG Agenda Items

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

The Board approved the Phase II review and an opinion of costs for the PE building at East Bay K-8 School.

The Board reviewed current DAG construction projects.

5. McKim & Creed Agenda Items

The Board approved current McKim & Creed construction projects.

6. Sam Marshall Architects Agenda Items

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

The Board approved Phase 2 - Hobbs Middle School energy upgrades as recommended.

The Board reviewed current Sam Marshall Architects agenda items.

Mrs. Boston asked about the cost savings on energy; it will be approximately \$15,000 per year.

Mrs. Sanborn wanted to know when work will begin and how intrusive it will be on the school. Some of it will be done on weekends and after hours but the vast majority will be done during the summer.

Mrs. Ueberschaer asked why there was such a change in costs from Phase 1 to Phase 2. The structural should not have been much of an increase. Mr. Marshall explained that there was not a structural engineer involved in Phase 1.

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

1. Action Agenda

The Board approved the following job descriptions as submitted.

- *ESOL Resource Teacher (revised), requested by Director of Federal Programs*
- *Homeless Education Teacher/Visiting Teacher/Social Worker (revised), requested by Director of Federal Programs*
- *TSA, ESOL Facilitator (revised), requested by Director of Federal Programs*

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

The Board approved the following administrative appointment.

- *Charlotte Boling, Coordinator of Literacy, effective October 9, 2020*

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

The Board approved the following administrative appointment.

- *Dawn Chapman, Principal, Berryhill Elementary, effective October 9, 2020*

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

The Board approved the following administrative appointment.

- *Kelly Short, Director of In-Service & Instructional Technology, effective October 9, 2020*

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

1. Alternative Placements

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

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

2. Professional Learning System 2020-2021

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

3. 2020-2021 School Improvement Plans, SAC Rosters & Amended By-Laws

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

4. High School Athletic Schedules

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. Information Technology Services Recommendations – David Hicks, Assistant Superintendent for Information Technology Services

Superintendent Wyrosdick pointed out that at the last Board meeting discussion took place on how to handle new and remote learning. He continued that at the Principals' meeting discussion took place on how to best deliver instruction to remote learners.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Michael Thorpe shared that teachers in synchronous classrooms (teaching remotely) may open their classrooms for other teachers to come in and learn more about remote instruction. There is a group of ESE teachers who have provided coursework to remote Access learners. We are creating banks of laptops to offer students as they go into quarantine; the laptops will be at their school and ready to hand out.

Mrs. Ueberschaer stated that she recently spoke with a parent who was disappointed their student was in quarantine but felt reassured that the student would not be hindered since she is accessing her work on TEAMS.

Mr. Thorpe noted that there is no replacement for in class learning. Work started last week with principals on how they're engaging remote students; they're working on a best practices document for our administrators.

This morning an opportunity for remote field trips to the marine science station was released; in some ways this is pushing us forward.

N. Items from Board Members

1. School Board Attorney Contract

Mrs. Ueberschaer requested the Board's direction for moving forward with interviewing two School Board attorney candidates. The Board can either interview the candidates themselves or direct the committee to interview the candidates and provide information to the Board.

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

The Board approved the recommendation for the committee to interview two candidates and provide information to the Board.

O. Items from Board Attorney

None

P. Items from Superintendent

1. Request Board Workshop to Be Scheduled

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

The Board approved Superintendent Wyrosdick's request (on behalf of Superintendent-Elect Dr. Karen Barber) to schedule a Board workshop on December 10 at 1:00 P.M.

Q. Adjournment

Motion to Approve was moved by Linda Sanborn, Seconded by Carol Boston. 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 the 8th day of October, 2020.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Chairman

ATTEST:

Superintendent and Secretary