

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY**  
**June 13, 2024-9:00 AM**

**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 Klint Lay, Principal, Central School led a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

**C. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 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**

*For a complete word for word transcript, please see the video.*

*Ruth Witter, Instructional Technology Specialist gave an update on Library Media.*

**E. Recognitions/Resolutions/Proclamations**

**1. SRCASA Retirement Recognition**

*Alexandra Timmons, President of SRCASA recognized Sharon Patrick, Director of Continuous Improvement on her retirement with 33 years of service.*

**F. Public Hearing**

**1. Request to Advertise for Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Code of Student Conduct**

*Motion to Approve was moved by Elizabeth Hewey, Seconded by*

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

**2. Request to Advertise for Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Student Progression Plan**

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

***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 Carol Boston. 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**

**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. Field Trip Requests**
- c. Transportation Quarterly Report 061324**
- d. Non-Competitive Contracts 061324**

***Action Agenda***

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

**1. RFP 24-08-BG Flex Spending Account 061324**

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

*The Board approved the recommendation of RFP 24-08-BG Flex Spending Account to be awarded to NueSynergy.*

*The selection committee consisted of the following:*

- Alexandra Timmons, Director of Risk Management*
- Joey Harrell, Assistant Superintendent of Administration*
- Gwynn Sauls, Risk Management Specialist III*
- Carol Rich, Fiscal Assistant I, SREA Union Rep*
- Dale Strickland, HVAC Mechanic II, Blue Collar Union Rep*
- Austin Perry, Social Science Teacher, SRPE Union Rep*
- Stephanie Hail, Fiscal Assistant III*

**2. RFP 24-03-BG Food Waste Recycling Equipment 061324**

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

*The Board approved the recommendation of RFB 24-03-BG Food Waste Recycling Equipment to be awarded to FoodService Sustainability Solutions.*

**3. DAG Architects Agenda Items**

*The Board reviewed current projects for Soundside High School and Wallace Lake K-8.*

**4. McKim & Creed Agenda Items**

*The Board reviewed current projects for 2024 Paving Package and Soundside High School.*

**5. Sam Marshall Architects Agenda Items**

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

*The Board approved Phase 2 for Santa Rosa Center for Innovation.*

**6. Direct Purchasing Change Orders**

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

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

- Soundside High School*

Morette Company  
\$3,428,168.13

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

**1. Action Agenda**

*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:*

- *Monica Garcia, Principal, Gulf Breeze Elementary, effective 06-14-2024*

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

*The Board approved the following administrative recommendation:*

- *Audrey Goodwin, Principal, Holley Navarre Primary, effective 06-14-2024*

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

*The Board approved the following administrative recommendation:*

- *Melinda Holland, Assistant Principal, Central School, effective 06-14-2024*

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

*The Board approved the following administrative recommendation:*

- *Trish Johnson, Principal, East Milton Elementary, effective 06-14-2024*

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

*The Board approved the following administrative recommendation:*

- *Patrick Keen, District Threat Management Coordinator, effective 07-01-2024*

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

*The Board approved the following administrative recommendation:*

- *Joe Trujillo, Assistant Principal, Gulf Breeze High, effective 07-01-2024*

*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:*

- *Ryan Stokes, Principal, Avalon Middle, effective 06-14-2024*

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

*The Board approved the 2024-2025 Administrative recommendations.*

**2. Self-Funded Medical Plan Update**

*For a complete word for word transcript, please see the video.*

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*Alexander Timmons, Director of Risk Management and Kristy Sheffer, Fisher Brown Bottrell gave an update on the Self-Funded Insurance.*

**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 Charles Elliott, Seconded by Scott Peden. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.*

**2. Alternative Placements**

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

*The Board approved the alternative placements as submitted.*

*Mother of student A-24-0103-058 spoke requesting leniency and reconsideration on the recommended discipline action.*

**3. Lakeview Memorandum of Understanding**

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

**4. Revised English Language Learner's Plan**

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

**5. Adult Education Tuition & Fees 2024-25**

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

**6. CareerSource Escarosa and Santa Rosa County School Board Infrastructure Agreement**

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

**7. The Learning Academy of Santa Rosa Contract Renewal**

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

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

**1. Budget Amendment #23/08, Bills/Payroll and Monthly Financial Statement for April 2024**

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

**2. Finance 2023-2024 4th Calculation Presentation**

*For a complete word for word transcript, please see the video.*

*Ms. McCole presented the Finance 2023-2024 4th Calculation.*

**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.*

*Lorrie Newman spoke on freedom celebrated through struggles and civilization.*

*Susan Creel read the mission statement of FSBA, Florida School Board Association. She recognized Mrs. Hewey's certification with the association.*

*Riley Wayne Perantoni would like for the Board to consider having student representation on the board.*

*Thomas Bruce would like for the Board to consider having student representation on the board.*

*Christin Burgess would like for the Board to consider having student representation on the board.*

*Jan Cook spoke on voter information in the county and the candidates that are running for office.*

*The following is submitted via email:*

*Dear Superintendent and School Board Members:*

*I again am working so cannot be there in person so am sending you my*

*public comments by email. Thanks for reading.*

*Thank you for upholding the values of our community and caring for and teaching ALL students. What you do is sometimes thankless and certainly difficult in this current political climate.*

*Things I am concerned about this month are as follows:*

*1. I am concerned about the lack of transparency on the book reconsideration review process. I do not think it is sufficient to say a book has been "Weeded/deselected" without explaining why. I understand that some books have had no circulation or the book itself is ripped or broken. But a clear reason is important. Otherwise, it looks as if you have something against supernatural beings and are discriminating against vampires as most of the weeded books are this fantasy genre.*

*2. I am concerned about the lack of transparency about the review process and timeline. It's been 2 months now since the new policy was put in place and there seems to be no books advancing through the review process. I am not sure how long it takes to train folks on the policy but there needs to be transparency on the timeline for the public. Otherwise, it gives the impression that under the guise of "training" the books are being left in purgatory to avoid having to review them at all and lets you all straddle the line between appeasing m4l and the 30,000 families that actually have kids in the public school system.*

*3. I would like to remind you all that Moms 4 Liberty is a Hate/antigovernment group and they are not your friend. They are very anti-LGBTQ. Their goal is to get rid of public education and all of you. The community doesn't support this hate group. I would like to see you all be more vocal in supporting ALL children and ALL parent's rights. June is Pride Month. You make proclamations for every other group but have not yet made a proclamation supporting our LGBTQ+ students (which comprise almost 30% of our student body per national and FL data). At some point you will have to take a stand on what you believe in and I hope that you would put out a statement that supports ALL children.*

*Please think about how you would like your public service record to be documented in history. Please support your students and stand against censorship and hate.*

*Ilana Porzecanski, MD  
Gulf Breeze, FL*

## **N. Items from Board Members**

### **1. FSBA Advocacy Committee**

*Mrs. Boston volunteered to serve on the FSBA Advocacy Committee, all Board members approved.*

*Mr. Elliott volunteered to serve as the alternative on the FSBA Advocacy Committee, all Board members approved.*

**2. Florida Superintendent Leadership Development Program**

*Mrs. Sanborn read a letter from Katrina Figgett with FADSS acknowledging Dr. Barber's successful participation in the Florida Superintendent Leadership Development Program training. This Special Qualification Certification earned under State Board of Education Rule, 6A-1.551 has been extended through May 31, 2025.*

**O. Items from Board Attorney**

*None*

**P. Items from Superintendent**

*None*

**Q. Adjournment**

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

*DONE AND ORDERED IN LEGAL SESSION by the Board of Santa Rosa County the 13th of June 2024.*

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

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*Chairperson*

ATTEST:

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*Superintendent and Secretary*