

**GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Call To Order**

President Kevin S. Corcoran called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall.

**2. Reflection**

President Kevin S. Corcoran paused for a minute of reflection.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Roll Call**

On roll call the following answered present:

President **Kevin S. Corcoran**

Vice President **Dr. Nichole Gotschall**

Board Member **Kelly Walker**

Board Member **Dr. Ralph Gold**

Board Member **Dale Jernigan**

**Also in attendance:**

Dr. Matt Akin, School Board Superintendent

Nash Campbell, Board Attorney

Chad Green - CSFO

**5. Adoption of the Agenda**

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the agenda for discussion. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**6. Opening Announcements**

Opening Announcements: Board President Kevin S. Corcoran discussed rising ninth grader orientation and thanked Ms. Veasey for her efforts in preparation for that. Further reminding the audience that out of district applications are due April 30 and the fee to apply is \$100.00. Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin told the audience that the Central Office's first attempt for an email blast was today, updating the public on school events, then reminded the audience that we are only required to transport resident students and that middle school orientation is upcoming. Also discussed was tuition hardships and he was available to discuss individual needs if necessary. Board President Kevin S. Corcoran reminded everyone about the City's annexation process.

**7. Discussion Items**

Discussion Items: Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin discussed the Dolphin Foundation and stated that the Dolphin Foundation adopted several "planks" that will support the school system and said the he is excited because it will help support our teachers received National Board Certifications.

**8. Action Items**

**a. Personnel Recommendations**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin stated that over 20 applicants applied for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Instruction and that he is honored to recommend Dr. Stephanie Harrison for the position. School Board President Kevin S. Corcoran noted that the position was properly posted according to law and where upon Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin replied "yes it was." Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin also thoroughly discussed all of Dr. Harrison's accolades and stated that Dr. Harrison was the first to start a virtual school in the State of Alabama and that she is the perfect fit for the job. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made the motion to hire Dr. Harrison for the position. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion to hire Dr. Harrison. Dr. Harrison then said that she can make sure Gulf Shores education can meet our students' needs and looks forwards to working in Gulf Shores. She also stated that she can start May 1, 2019.

**b. Contract – Voice Over IP (VOIP)**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the item where it was discussed. After which he recommended the Board authorize the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$21,110.52 to purchase VOIP services from C-Spire. Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin also noted that this is through the joint purchasing program through the State and there is no need for the bid process. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the purchase of the VOIP Phone System. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**c. IT Consulting and Network Equipment Purchase**

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the item where it was discussed. After which he recommended the Board authorize the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$255,401.35 to purchase IT consulting and network equipment for CMA Technology Solutions. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion approving the purchase IT consulting and network equipment for CMA Technology Solutions of the VOIP Phone System. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**9. Public Comment**

Teacher Kerry Day spoke requesting a date for when teachers will know where they are going (Baldwin County or Gulf Shores). Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin and School Board Attorney Nash Campbell stated they will know no later than next week.

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran congratulated Frank Malone, who was in the audience, on being appointed as a new Board Member and noted that he will take Dr. Gold’s place in June.

Other questions / comments consisted of the new Band Director at the Middle School, bus related issues, rising 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, goals for class sizes, after school care programs, and where would athletic practices be held. Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin and School Board President Kevin S. Corcoran addressed these questions and concerns.

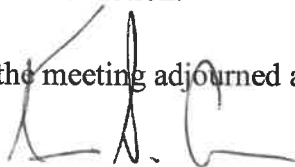
**10. Attorney – Client Privilege**

Not needed at this time.

**11. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Board Member Kelly Walker motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

President Kevin S. Corcoran declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



*Kevin S. Corcoran, School Board President*




*Dr. Nichole Gotschall, School Board Vice President*



*Kelly Walker, School Board Secretary*



*Dr. Ralph Gold, School Board Member*



*Dale Jernigan, School Board Member*

DATE APPROVED: May 9, 2019