

**GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

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 **Frank Malone**

Board Member **Dale Jernigan**

Board Member **Kelly Walker**

Also in attendance:

Dr. Matt Akin, School Board Superintendent

Dr. Stephanie Harrison, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Innovation

Chad Green - CSFO

Tobi Waters, Interim School Board Clerk

5. Adoption of the Agenda

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

6. Opening Announcements

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran announced tomorrow would be a big day with the starting of school. He asked everyone please be patient with the new car lines / drop off points. He then gave a brief summary of the recently held Teacher Institute.

7. Approval of Minutes

A. July 18, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the July 18, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Frank Malone seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. July 25, 2019 – Special Meeting

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the July 25, 2019 – Special Meeting. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Frank Malone seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

C. August 1, 2019 – Special Meeting

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the August 1, 2019 Special Meeting. Board Member Frank Malone made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

D. August 1, 2019 – Work Session Meeting

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the August 1, 2019 Work Session Meeting. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

8. Discussion Items

A. Construction Update

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief construction update. Reporting they had put out the benches and bike racks, were currently working on landscaping and paving the bus loop. The State Building Inspector had cleared the schools to open. Board President Kevin S. Corcoran announced how the car line/drop offs would work at each school.

9. Action Items

A. Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Chad Green presented the Financial Report giving a brief summary, afterwards Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave his recommendation for approval. Board Member Frank Malone made a motion approving the Financial Report as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. After a brief discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. Legal Fees

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the July 2019 Legal Fees in the amount of \$4,162.50 and his recommendation for approval. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the Legal Fees as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. With there being no discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the Personnel Recommendations and his recommendation for approval. Board Member Kelly Walker made a motion approving the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. With there being no discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

D. Bid Recommendation – School Buses

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the School Bus Bid and his recommendation for approval in the amount of \$160,050.00 to purchase two (2) new busses. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the School Bus Bid as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. After a brief discussion regarding the use of the fleet renewal monies; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion

E. Authorization to Expend Funds – Renaissance Learning Software

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the Renaissance Learning Software and his recommendation for approval to expend funds of \$67,741.95 to purchase the software. Board Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion approving the purchase of the Renaissance Learning Software as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. After a brief discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

F. Contracts – AltaPointe Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the AltaPointe MOU and his recommendation for approval. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the AltaPoint MOU as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. After a brief discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion

G. Student Code of Conduct

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the Student Code on Conduct and his recommendation for approval. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the Student Code on Conduct as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. With there being no discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

H. Employee Handbook

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the Employee Handbook and his recommendation for approval. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the Employee Handbook as presented. Board Member Kelly Walker seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. With there being no discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

I. Policy Approval – Wellness Policy

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of the Wellness Policy and his recommendation for approval, stating this was the policy's second and final reading. Board Member Dale Jernigan made a motion approving the Wellness Policy as presented. Board Member Frank Malone seconded the motion; after which Board President Kevin S. Corcoran opened the floor for discussion. With there being no discussion; the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

J. Superintended Evaluation

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran gave a brief summary of the Superintendent's 2019 Evaluation. Board Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin was scored an "outstanding" rating on all three goals, this in turn gave him an overall "outstanding" rating with a cumulative score of 4.78 out of 5.00.

10. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a report on the following: after school care program, the Data Beach Act (AASB) and information on volunteer background checks. Principals from each school gave a brief summary of what activities they had planned for the first day of school. Dr. Stephanie Harrison, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Innovation gave a brief report on the AMSTI training and the Virtual Academy. At this time, Jason Stephenson of the Dolphin Foundation for Arts & Education gave an update on the Adopt a Teacher Program.

11. Public Comment

Board President Kevin S. Corcoran reported cameras had been installed at all three schools and would be monitored by the police department.

12. Future Meeting Dates

- A. August 29, 2019 (Special Called Meeting) Budget Hearing
- B. September 5, 2019 (Work Session)
- C. September 12, 2019 (Regular Meeting)

13. Attorney – Client Privilege

14. Adjournment

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

President Kevin S. Corcoran declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Kevin S. Corcoran, School Board President



Dr. Nichole Gotschall, School Board Vice President



Kelly Walker, School Board Secretary



Frank Malone, School Board Member



Dale Jernigan, School Board Member

DATE APPROVED: September 12, 2019