Trenton, Florida
March 17, 2025

The Gilchrist County School Board met in Board Room 14-002 on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM with the following members present:

Deen Lancaster-Chair, Susan Owens – Vice Chair, Christie McElroy, Tammy Moore, & Roy Smith

Also present were Gina Geiger, Superintendent of Schools, Linda Gartin, Assistant Superintendent, and Lindsey Lander, Gilchrist County School Board Attorney.

Mr. Lander, Board Attorney led us in the opening ceremonies. Upon completion of the opening ceremonies, the following business was transacted.

AGENDA
The Chair amended the agenda for good cause. The amendment consisted of the following:

Additions to Agenda

HEADING -Day of the week corrected from Tuesday to Monday, March 17, 2025.

A.2. Additional Hours

NAME	ACTIVITY	HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	PROJECT TO PAY FROM
Jamie Douglas	ESOL TUTOR	3 days/ wk 1.5 hrs/day	20 hrs	Stronger Connections
Becky Hilty	ESOL TUTOR	3 days/ wk 1.5 hrs/day	20 hrs	Stronger Connections
Candice Whidden	Tutor	2 days/wk 1 hr/day	8 hrs	Title II
Crystal Pelt	Tutor	2 days/wk 1 hr/day	8 hrs	Title II

G. Agreements/Amendments/ Contracts

5. Classwallet Renewal Order 04/01/2025-03/31/2026

H. DOE - Annual Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification

Susan Owens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with Christie McElroy seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
School Board Attorney Lindsey Lander reviewed the minutes and recommended approval.
Christie McElroy made a motion to approve the March 4, 2025, minutes, with Susan Owens seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

CITIZEN INPUT/DELEGATIONS

There was no citizen input.

District Matters

Approval of Ranking for Contractor of New School

Greg Kelley, CRA, passed out the evaluation form and results of the ranking from the Committee and asked the Board for approval of the ranking of Contractors for the new school. Deen Lancaster then referenced the email sent to the Board members, Superintendent Geiger and Mr. Lander, Board Attorney, from Mr. Gray, Gray Construction on Friday, March 14, 2025. Mr. Lander stated that he had made a request for documentation to be sent for review prior to the meeting today. Mr. Lander stated his opinion, that the concerns from Mr. Gray were "Local vs Gainesville" and "prior audit discrepancy findings on projects with Parrish McCall".

Roy Smith, Board member voiced his concern with Parrish McCall and their ability to meet budget and audit findings. Christie McElroy, Board member stated that in her opinion that the audit findings were against the school district and not the Company. Lindsey Lander, Attorney for the Board stated in his opinion that the findings were against the district. David Spencer, GCSD Operations Director, also felt those findings were not against the Company. Christie McElroy stated that the ranking approval would allow the process to continue. The Board has the right to vote as they wish, but the Committee established was well qualified to help in the ranking process. Greg Kelley with JRA also reminded the Board to be mindful of the timeline the state has given for choosing a contractor and that the Board had already received an extension. Tammy Moore asked for clarification on what the next steps would be if they approved the committee's recommendation. Mr. Kelley said that if they approved the committee's recommendation, then negotiations would begin with the number one (1) choice and if an agreement could not be reached then they would negotiate with the number two (2) choice. Again Mr. Kelley stated that this is an approval of ranking of the contractors as recommended by the committee.

Christie McElroy stated that she had confidence in the committee and their recommendation and made the motion to approve the ranking for Contractor of New School as recommended by the Committee. Tammy Moore seconded the motion. Christie McElroy and Tammy Moore voted for the approval. Susan Owens and Roy Smith voted against the motion.

Deen Lancaster asked if the motion fails "Where are we"? Lindsey Lander, Board Attorney, stated that ultimately the decision lies with the Board. Deen Lancaster, Board Chair, voted against the motion to break the tie. The motion failed.

Roy Smith made a motion to reject all proposals for the new school and advertise for an RFQ for Construction Managers. Susan Owens seconded the motion. Roy Smith and Susan Owens voted in favor of the motion. Christie McElroy and Tammy Moore voted against the motion. Deen Lancaster, Board Chair, voted in favor of the motion to break the tie. The motion carried.

Public Hearing to adopt Policy Change to Policy 7.30 (after 4:15pm)

Public hearing was held at 5:10pm to adopt Policy Change to Policy 7.30 – Grant Management. No public comment was made.

Approval of Policy Change to Policy 7.30 – Grant Management

Susan Owens made a motion to approve the policy change to Policy 7.30 – Grant Management. Tammy Moore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

HR – Request to Advertise Policy Changes

Debbie Hill requested that the Board advertise policy changes for 6.18 Contracts: Instructional and Administrative Personnel and 6.214/D Resignations. Christie McElroy made the motion to advertise policy changes for 6.18 Contracts: Instructional and Administrative Personnel and 6.214/D Resignations. Susan Owens seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. FINANCE
1. CHECK SUMMARY
2. ADDITIONAL HOURS

NAME	ACTIVITY	HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	PROJECT TO PAY FROM
Denise Cowart	ESOL Tutor	1 day/wk 2 hrs/day	10 hrs	Stronger Connections
Jamie McKenzie	ESOL Tutor	1 day/wk 2 hrs/day	10 hrs	Stronger Connections
Christy Russel	ESOL Tutor	1 day/wk 2 hrs/day	10 hrs	Stronger Connections
Kylee Barry	ESOL Tutor	1 day/wk 2 hrs/day	10 hrs	Stronger Connections
Jenna Kirkland	Tutor	4 days/wk 1 hr/day	20 hrs	Title II
Jamie Suber	Tutor	1 day/ wk 1hr /day	5 hrs	Title II
Kourtney Robbins	Tutor	1 day/wk 1 hr /day	5 hrs	Title II
Cayti Welbers	ESOL Tutor	2 days/wk 1 hr/day	10 hrs	Stronger Connections
Jamie Douglas	ESOL Tutor	3 days/ wk 1.5 hrs/day	20 hrs	Stronger Connections
Becky Hilty	ESOL Tutor	3 days/ wk 1.5 hrs/day	20 hrs	Stronger Connections
Sandra Carawan	Tutor	4 days/wk 1 hr/day	8 hrs	Title II
Melissa Harvey	Tutor	4 days/wk 1 hr/day	8 hrs	Title II
Candice Whidden	Tutor	2 days/wk 1 hr/day	8 hrs	Title II
Crystal Pelt	Tutor	2 days/wk 1 hr/day	8 hrs	Title II
Lesa Egalite	Tutor	4 days/ wk 1 hr/day	8 hrs	Title II
Denise Ice	Tutor	3 days/wk 2 hrs/ day	30 hrs	Title II
Victoria Accursio	Tutor	3 days/wk 2 hrs/ day	30 hrs	Title II

Heather Class	ESOL Tutor	2 day/wk 1.5 hrs/ day	15 hrs	Stronger Connections
Brooke Whittington	ESOL Tutor	2 day/wk 1.5 hrs/ day	15 hrs	Stronger Connections
Carrie May	ESOL Tutor	1 day/wk 1 hr/day	6 hrs	Stronger Connections
Kaley Macy	Tutor	5 days/ wk 1hr/ day	25 hrs	Title II
Erin Sanders	Tutor	2 days/ wk 1.5 hrs/ day	21 hrs	Title II
Dawn Dennis	Tutor	2 days/ wk 1.5 hrs/ day	21 hrs	Title II
Kathy Sites	After School Model	Monday & Wednesday 1.5 hrs/ day	39 hrs	Safety
Kathy Sites	After School Model	Tuesday & Thursday 2.5 hrs /day	65 hrs	Safety

B. COE
  1. Out of County (1)

C. Out of State Trips
  1. BES 2nd to Wild Adventures 04/3/2025
  2. TES Kg to Wild Adventures 4/11/2025
  3. THS Band to Wild Adventures 4/25/2025

D. Return to Main Campus: Case #25-008

E. Job Description Update
  1. Director of Operations and Transportation
  2. Finance Officer Accounting
  3. Personnel and Risk Manager Specialist
  4. Coordinator – Career and Technical Education & K-12 Readiness
  5. District Threat Management and Program Coordinator

F. Non-Bargaining, Administrative, Other/Confidential 2024-2025 Salary Schedule

G. Agreements/ Amendments/ Contracts
  1. Facility Usage
     a. DCC Church, THS Football Field, April 19, 2025
     b. Fla. Blaze, BHS New Gym, March 3,9,16,30,2025; April 16, 2025; May 4,11, 2025; June 22,29, 2025; July 6,27, 2025
     c. Ballers without Boundaries. THS Old Gym, March 19,21,26,28, 2025; April 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30, 2025; May 2,5,7,9,12,14,16,26,28,30, 2025; June 2,4,5, 2025; July 7,9,11,14,16,17, 2025
  2. Psychological Services Agreement with Lisa Rowe
  3. Information Transport Solutions. LLC, A Uniti Company E-rate Extension 7/1/2025-6/30/2026
  4. AT&T Dedicated Ethernet Contract Extension 7/1/2025- 6/30/2026
  5. Classwallet Renewal Order 04/01/2025-03/31/2026

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Christie McElroy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Susan Owens seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

REPORTS

Gina Geiger, Superintendent reported to the Board on the following:
IT Study – Tracey Wilkerson, Retired NEFEC, will be meeting with Clayton Allen, John Sloan and herself Tuesday, March 18, 2025, to discuss the infrastructure with our technology. She is coordinating a team to give extra support to the Finance department. Olga Swinson Former CFO with Pasco County and Scott Ward, Chief Financial Officer with FADSS, and David Dose, former GCSD Finance Director. She has met with or will be meeting with them and Tiffany Bodiford, Finance consultant.

Criminal Justice at BHS and Digital Design at THS are two current CTE programs that will not be offered beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. They will be replaced by Cyber Security at both campuses. It will be a 9th grade honors program. The teacher for this program will also be the Testing Coordinator and work with Project 10 students as time allows. Schools will go to a 7-period schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. Superintendent Geiger also stated that she would be in Tallahassee this Wednesday – Friday for training, and Rural County Days.

Tammy Moore, Board Member, wanted to emphasize the committee value and the time they spent on the ranking of the contractors. Not knowing about the new school statutes, is there a procedural for building a new school? She also still has financial concerns within the district.

Christie McElroy agreed with Tammy Moore and also suggested that possibly FADSS/ DOE/ NEFEC might have something that the Board might be able to use as guidance. She suggested that a calendar be mapped with the dates/ deadlines. She felt that a rubric would be important to establish for evaluation of future presentations for the new school contractor ranking.

Roy Smtih, Board Member, spoke again of the local jurisdiction concern.

Michael McElroy, committee member for the ranking of contractors, stated that he felt disrespected and was disappointed. He stated that he had given his time and had been dedicated to the committee to rank contractors, not once but on two occasions. That committee recommendation was just rejected by the majority Board.

Deen Lancaster, Board Chair, spoke to the Board and said that moving forward in building the new school, the Board should have a "clear" timeline and process.

Lindsey Lander, Board Attorney was absent during reports due to prior obligations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board Chair adjourned at 5:58pm.

DEEN LANCASTER
CHAIR TO THE BOARD

ATTEST:

GINA GEIGER
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD
APPROVED
4/1/2025
Date