Trenton, Florida
February 18, 2025

The Gilchrist County School Board met in Board Room 14-002 on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 4:00 PM with the following members present:

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

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:

6.A.2. Additional Hours - Tierra Riley, After School Model, 2 days/week, 30 hours total, school safety.

6.A.3. Supplements – Bryant Frye, Resigned effective 1/1/2025, Coach JV Softball, THS. Holli Moore, affective 1/2/2025, Coach JV Softball, THS.

B.1. Appointment – Sara Gartin, 21st Century & Title 9 Coordinator, TES, 3/10/2025. Kymberli Wood, Bus Driver, MTO, 2/24/2025.

B.1 Resignation – Wendy Fore, Bus Driver, MTO, 02/10/2025.

C.1. Agreements/ Amendments/ Contracts – Service Contract with Tiffany Bodiford.

ADDITIONS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITIZEN INPUT/DELEGATIONS

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

DISTRICT MATTERS

A. New Elementary School Update
   Board Chair, Deen Lancaster stated that there was an item on the table from the previous board meeting on February 4, 2025. Christi McElroy made a motion to remove from the table the Approval of ranking for Contractor of New School. Susan Owens seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Board Chair, Deen Lancaster, asked Board Attorney, Lindsey Lander if he had been able to research, the concerns that Mr. Gray had regarding the new school contractor rankings. Mr. Lander addressed the Board and said his recommendation to the Board was to advertise a public meeting notice – School Board Special Facility Committee. The meeting would be for the top three (3) ranking contractors. They would be brought back and would make their presentations to the original committee and any public that wished to attend. The committee would then bring back to the Board the ranking and recommendation using the same rubric for scoring. The results would be presented at the next school board meeting after the public meeting.

Christie McElroy asked if this advertisement and presentation would cause any issue with the timeline of the new school project. Mr. Spencer, Director MTO and Mr. Greg Kelley, CRA both agreed that it would not be an issue with the timeline.

Christie McElroy made the motion to advertise a public meeting notice for the presentation of ranking for contractor of New School. Tammy Moore seconded the motion. It was unanimous for approval.

Deen Lancaster asked Mr. Kelley, CRA and David Spencer, Director of MTO, if the process for the meeting would be the same of if they needed to change anything for the presentations. Could the public comment on the presentations? Would all the contractors be in the room during presentations.

Mr. Lander addressed the contractors in the room during presentations and said that because it is open to the public, the contractors could be in the room but often during presentations of this nature the contractors will have a "Gentlemen's Agreement" in which they wait outside the room. This would be decided amongst the contractor's.

Mr. Kelley, CRA and Mr. Spencer agreed that the contract presentations would each be given 30 minutes uninterrupted. The committee could ask questions, but any public comment would be held until the end of all presentations. That would keep the presentations on schedule. The same rubric would also be used for scoring.

Todd Gray, Gray Construction also asked if the score results would be released after the ranking. Mr. Spencer and Mr. Kelley agreed that those would be released.

B. Finance Update – Leah Ungarten, Director of Finance, addressed the Board with the Finance update. She informed the Board that grants were put toward the General Fund which inflated the fund balance. Christie McElroy stated that the Budget has been approved but wanted to know where the finances are in relation to the budget. Is the Board operating within the budget? Ms. Ungarten stated that the Budget was copied from the prior year, but she thinks they are within budget but is still working on the finances. She also stated that there were issues with the voucher system at the state level that were having a trickle-down effect.

   Mrs. Geiger, Superintendent also announced that Tiffany Bodiford would begin contracting to help the Finance department. She reminded the Board that Mrs. Bodiford had worked in the GCSD finance department in the past and will share her knowledge with Ms. Ungarten and the finance team.

At 4:30pm the Board went into a time sensitive closed session.

CLOSED SESSION – Student Services: Disciplinary Hearing

Case #25-010
Christie McElroy moved to approve Superintendent Geiger's recommendation with Susan Owens seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Case #25-011
Christie McElroy moved to approve Superintendent Geiger's recommendation as amended with Tammy Moore seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Case # 25-012
Christie McElroy moved to approve Superintendent Geiger's recommendation with Susan Owens seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Case # 25-013
Christie McElroy moved to approved Superintendent Geiger's recommendation with Susan Owens seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

The Board Meeting resumed at 5:20pm

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA
Tammy Moore requested that under Supplements, Holli Moore be removed from the Consent Agenda due to conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA
Christie McElroy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of removing Holli Moore – Supplements, that consisted of the following:

A. FINANCIAL
1. CHECK SUMMARY

2. ADDITIONAL HOURS

NAME	ACTIVITY	HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	Project to Pay From
Mary Jane Osborne	NSLP TMHS Cafeteria	3hrs/day 2/19-3/14/2025	54	Food Service
Mylie Barrickman	NSLP BMHS Cafeteria	3hrs/day 2/19-3/14/2025	54	Food Service
Tierra Riley	After School Model	2 days/week	30	School Safety

3. SUPPLEMENTS

Julie Fricke	Cell Phone	21st Century & Title 9 Coordinator-BES Paid from Title 9 Grant	$300.00/ year
Bryant Frye	Coach JV Softball Resigned 01/01/2025		Pd 50%

		THS	($900.00) of $1800.00
~~Holli Moore~~	~~Coach JV Softball~~	~~THS~~	~~Pd Remaining 50% of Supplement ($1800.00) Bal $900.00~~

B. PERSONNEL
1. RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS, TRANSFERS, STATUS CHANGES, APPOINTMENTS, SUBSTITUTES, AND VOLUNTEERS (CONTINGENT UPON VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND REVIEW)

APPOINTMENT			
Julie Fricke	21st Century & Title 9 Coordinator	BES	02/10/2025
Sara Gartin	21st Century & Title 9 Coordinator	TES	03/10/2025
Kymberli Wood	Bus Driver	MTO	02/24/2025
RESIGNATION/ TERMINATION			
Wendy Fore	Bus Driver	MTO	02/10/2025
TRANSFER			

C. AGREEMENTS/ AMENDMENTS/ CONTRACTS
1. Service Contract with Tiffany Bodiford

Susan Owens seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Christie McElroy made a motion to approve the Supplement for Holli Moore.

Holli Moore	Coach JV Softball	THS	Pd Remaining 50% of Supplement ($1800.00) Bal $900.00

Susan Owens seconded the motion. Tammy Moore abstained due a conflict. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Gina Geiger, Superintendent reported to the Board that she would be at a FADSS 2025 Spring Leadership Conference the rest of the week.

Christie McElroy, Board Member, did not have any reports at this time.

Tammy Moore, Board Member, did not have any reports at this time.

Susan Owens, Board Member, did not have any reports at this time.

Deen Lancaster, Board Chair, did not have any reports at this time.

Lindsey Lander, Board Attorney, spoke to the Board about the Social Media Litigation and clarified that the Board had decided to withdraw due to the amount hours it would take to complete the paperwork. Mr. Lander will contact the firm on the behalf of the Board. Mr. Lander stated that he and Mr. Lancaster would be at a closing on the land for the new school on Friday. He also stated that Wesley Carter, HLT employee, had been very helpful and accommodating during the land purchase process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board Chair adjourned at 5:30pm.

DEEN LANCASTER
CHAIR TO THE BOARD

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED
3|4|2025
Date

ATTEST:

GINA GEIGER
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS