

The mission of the Washington County School District is to empower all students to become well educated, productive citizens by providing appropriate, high quality, and rigorous educational programs in a safe learning environment.

**REGULAR MEETING
WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
March 6, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.
Board Room – Administration Building
Chipley, Florida**

MINUTES

The Washington County School Board met in Regular Session at the designated time and place. Chairman Vann Brock, Vice Chairman Susan Roberts, Mr. Terry Ellis, Mr. Milton Brown, Dr. Lou Cleveland, Attorney Jeff Goodman, and Superintendent Joseph Taylor were present.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Vann Brock called the meeting to order. The amended agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Milton Brown and seconded by Mr. Terry Ellis.

CHANGES

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- **ADD – National Recognition of Washington County SWAT Student – Ashten Tharp, Sophomore @ CHS**

VI. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 14. ADD - Approval of contract with Gabriel Roeder, Smith & Company**

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE DISTRICT:

H. Transportation:

- 2. ADD - Approval of employment recommendation of Patricia Brown, bus driver, effective retroactive March 1, 2017**

II. DISTRICT/SCHOOL UPDATE: None

III. PRESENTATIONS:

Published Students at Vernon High School

Ms. Anna Beth Rackley came forward to recognize her students. Per Ms. Rackley, the prestigious Florida English Journal, a publication of the Florida Council of Teachers of English, asked for student contributors to review novels and send in suggestions for what books are best to teach in the classroom. Her students chose to read and review novels pertaining to the Holocaust. Below are the students who reviews were accepted and published:

Madison Henderson, Hannah Walters, Mercedes Sim, Sage Cox,
Tashara Roche, Ashantai Peterson (transferred to Bay county),
Sara Smith and Lanie Hambright.

Mr. Rackley also recognized Christopher DuBose, a 9th grader at VHS who was chosen out of 700 students in the state of Florida (grades 9-12) to win the “Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award”. Mr. DuBose read his poem “Graven Ivy” to the Board.

Recognition of Florida Department of Education High Impact Teachers

Superintendent Taylor and Director of Administrative Services Pat Collins recognized the following teachers in the Washington County School District as having a significantly positive impact on student learning according to the Florida Department of Education recent analysis of student performance on statewide standardized assessments. Each teacher received a letter and a certificate recognizing their accomplishments:

Brenda Basnaw, Sally Brock, Agnes Harmon, Kimberly Hartzog, Heidi Kirkland, Lajuana Malloy, Tami Parish, Carmen Riviere, Kimberly Tuel, William Wiggins and Taura Brock

National Recognition of Washington County S.W.A.T. Student Ashten Tharp, Sophomore at Chipley High School

Ms. Sharon Hobbs, Community Service Coordinator with Washington County Health Department, gave an overall update on the amazing work the S.W.A.T. students are doing. Ms. Hobbs explained that because of the students’ outstanding results with this project; it is being recognized on the national level. She proudly acknowledged that because of Ashten Tharp’s work with this program and out of hundreds of thousands of youth, he has been invited by Truth Initiative to attend the National Conference on Tobacco or Health in Austin, TX. S.W.A.T. member Marcella Randolph, student at Vernon High School, was also in attendance. *See Supplement book for documentation.*

IV. CITIZENS REQUEST:

The Washington County School Board welcomes you to this meeting. This is time set aside for individuals to address the School Board. This is not a question and answer period, it is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations and derogatory remarks to/ or about school personnel. If you would like to address the School Board please come to the podium, state your name and address for the record and limit your comments to not more than five (5) minutes. Your participation is welcomed and appreciated. None

V. FACILITIES: None

VI. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Approval to pay monthly bills; Approval of the Financial Report and Budget Amendments
2. Approval of minutes for Regular School Board Meeting on February 13, 2017
3. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting/Employee Hearing on February 13, 2017
4. Approval of Substitutes/Volunteers

5. Approval to advertise revisions to School Board Policies/Procedures/Student Progression Plan
6. Approval of out-of-state travel for Vernon High School JROTC to Valdosta, GA on May 6, 2017
7. Approval of out-of-state travel for Vernon High School Young Boyz To Men and GIRLS I.N.K. to New York City, NY on May 30 – June 2, 2017
8. Approval of out-of-state travel for Chipley High School Baseball team to Dothan, AL on February 24, 2017
9. Approval of contract with HIRE, LLC
10. Approval of Disposal of Property
11. Approval to donate surplus property to Northwest Florida Community Hospital
12. Approval of 2017-2018 WCSP at OYDC Calendar
13. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Group Application
14. Approval of contract with Gabriel Roeder, Smith & Company

Chairman Vann Brock asked that the consent items be accepted as a whole. Mr. Taylor, Superintendent, recommended as presented; on a motion by Mr. Terry Ellis and a second Mr. Milton Brown, consent items were unanimously adopted by the Board.

VII. OTHER ACTION ITEMS: None

VIII. PANHANDLE AREA EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. PROJECTS/CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/PROPOSALS/BIDS

1. Projects
 - a. Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS)
 - b. Multiagency Service Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) Project
 - c. Teacher and School Leader (TSL) Incentive Program
 - d. Title I, Part C-Migrant Education
 - e. Title I, Part C- Education of Migratory Children – Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC) Project
2. Program / Budget Amendments
 - a. Administrative Services Project Grant (program)
 - b. Title I School Improvement Technical Assistance Grant (budget)
3. Contracts/Agreements
 - a. Jackson County School District
 - b. Calhoun County School District
 - c. Walton County School District
 - d. Xerox
 - e. Sepielli Consulting Group, LLC (Amendment)
 - f. Air Speed Networks
 - g. Custom Educational Furnishings, Inc. Affiliation Agreement

B. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. Recommendation for Program Assistant

C. PURCHASE ORDERS

- a. Pearson

Chairman Vann Brock asked that the PAEC packet be accepted as a whole. Mr. Taylor, Superintendent, recommended as presented; on a motion by Dr. Lou Cleveland and a second Ms. Susan Roberts, the packet was unanimously adopted by the Board.

IX. HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE DISTRICT:

A. District:

- 1. Approval of employment recommendation of Marcy Dixon, School Psychologist, effective February 6, 2017

Mr. Taylor, Superintendent, recommended as presented; on a motion by Mr. Terry Ellis and a second by Ms. Susan Roberts, item was unanimously adopted by the Board.

B. Chipley High School: None

C. Florida Panhandle Technical College: None

D. Kate M. Smith Elementary School: None

E. Maintenance: None

F. Okeechobee Youth Development Center:

- 1. Approval of out-of-field teachers

Mr. Taylor, Superintendent, recommended as presented; on a motion by Mr. Milton Brown and a second by Mr. Terry Ellis, item was unanimously adopted by the Board.

G. Roulhac Middle School: None

H. Transportation:

- 1. Approval of resignation of Kyle Lee, bus driver, effective February 10, 2017
- 2. Approval of employment recommendation of Patricia Brown, bus driver, effective retroactive March 1, 2017

Mr. Taylor, Superintendent, recommended as presented; on a motion by Dr. Lou Cleveland and a second by Ms. Susan Roberts, items were unanimously adopted by the Board.

I. Vernon Elementary School:

- 1. Approval of leave of absence for Susie Morris, teacher, effective 2017-2018 school year

Mr. Taylor, Superintendent, recommended as presented; on a motion by Ms. Susan Roberts and a second by Mr. Milton Brown, item was unanimously adopted by the Board.

J. Vernon High School:

- 1. Approval of resignation of Willie Spears, Head Football Coach/Athletic Director, effective March 10, 2017

Mr. Taylor, Superintendent, recommended as presented; on a motion by Mr. Terry Ellis and a second by Mr. Milton Brown, item was unanimously adopted by the Board.

K. Vernon Middle School: None

L. Washington Institute for Specialized Education (WISE): None

X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS :**

Superintendent Taylor and Dr. Bobbie Dawson reviewed and explained the Habitual Truancy Data report.

See Supplement book for documentation of the Habitual Truancy Data report and Average Daily Attendance report.

XI. **TIME RESERVED/SUPERINTENDENT:**

Superintendent Taylor and Mike Park gave an update on the sale of the buildings and items at the old Kate M. Smith Elementary School; after expenses the district made about \$31,000. Demolition will be done after the cleanup of the asbestos.

Mike Park also briefed them on the sidewalk project for all the schools except FPTC. FPTC will be done at another time.

Master Board training will be Wednesday, March 8, 2016, 8:30 am at the FPTC conference room.

XII. **TIME RESERVED/BOARD MEMBERS:**

XIII. **ADJOURN:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

VANN BROCK, CHAIRMAN
SUSAN ROBERTS, VICE-CHAIRMAN
TERRY ELLIS
MILTON BROWN
DR. LOU CLEVELAND

JOSEPH TAYLOR, SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY

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