

**Wakulla COAST Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, February 26, 2024**

Board Members

Nancy Stokely John Nichols Alan Wittmier Amy Delaney Jamie Gray

**Agenda**

- Call to Order @ 6:03 pm
- Public Comments - None
- District Update - Nick Weaver
  - 1521/1581 - Code of Conduct must state disciplinary action for opposite sexes entering each others bathrooms; students must enter the bathroom that is associated with their birth gender
  - Harvey asked for the statement from the District's code of conduct to be shared; Nick said he would share it with us
- Approval of Minutes\*
  - Monday, December 04, 2023
    - motion - Jamie, 2nd Amy, all in favor
- New Principal Introduction and update on Job
  - Mrs. Harvey sent out an introduction of herself to parents; included it in the Board meeting information
- Current Staff - Additions and School Path
  - Loss of staff members and why
    - Hannah Strong - currently 2nd grade; last day is Thursday; position will be advertised
    - Dr. Stewart - 3rd grade; left in January; Leon Hillman will take her place tomorrow; will include some low 4th grade students to help boost their progress
    - Misty Tillery - paraprofessional; issues with attendance so sent a letter of concern; haven't heard from her so job was vacated due to job abandonment
  - Current Staff - additions:
    - Mallory Harrison - PE; from WMS
    - Reba McKenzie - 8th Grade; taking over for Ms. Gerrell
    - Brooke Hines - Paraprofessional; working with pull out remediations for intervention help and enrichment to reach our "bubble" students
    - Avid Tutors program - 2 students from WHS paid from grant; must work with students K-5 during the school day; one for 3.5 hrs a day and the other for 3 hrs a day
    - Sherri Holloway - Substitute teacher; coming on an as-needed basis but will not work 3 days a week
    - Jamie Pontones - Role change from PE to paraprofessional; has moved to 2nd grade
    - Leon Hillman - taking over 3rd grade tomorrow, as listed above
- Budget Review - built around 150 FTE
  - updated teacher lead money due to being short a few teachers from what the District sent
  - instructional teacher salaries went down due to staffing changes
    - approximately \$40,000
  - FTE issues from October FTE
    - mistake made on the October FTE
    - teacher not coded correctly so 17 students were left off of the FTE count

- received the ESSR grant so that helps to balance out the financial loss
  - spoke with the financial officer at the district about what our next steps are; can correct the information and receive half of the money
    - Dichio and he are working on making the corrections
- Current FTE as of February FTE - 167
  - 168 as of tomorrow with a student coming back
- Bus cost concerns
  - running 3 of our buses with 1 bus from the district
  - having to change between 3 and 4 routes so often that we will now be switching back permanently to a 3-bus route
  - bus mechanic will work on getting our extra bus ready and at school during the summer
- Grounds and Projects
  - Playground Area
    - recently put up privacy screening around the playground
    - still waiting on funding to get it put up
    - have a verbal quote of \$13,400; written quote will be sent to the school soon
      - will pull permits
      - will need to pass inspection
    - should be able to use Capital Outlay funds to help pay for installation; double check with district financial officer
    - St. Marks Committee has been working to get donations to us for
      - chili cook-off this past weekend
      - community market in March will also provide donations to COAST
      - provided food for teachers on our most recent staff development day
    - John made a motion to approve up to \$16,000 for playground installation; Jamie seconded; all in favor. Motion carried.
  - people of St. Marks got a letter in the mail to disband the City of St. Marks
    - uncertainty about what would happen to the school and the property it is on
    - Nancy will talk to a council member about what that means for the school so we have some idea of what to expect
  - school was placed on lockdown last Friday due to law enforcement presence in the area
- Daily Operations Review
  - Mid-Year Reflection review of SIP
- Adjournment
  - Jamie made a motion to adjourn @ 6:45 pm; John seconded the motion; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Board Meeting: March 25, 2024**

*\*Requires Board Action*