

Meeting Minutes  
Triumph Gulf Coast Board Meeting  
By Conference Call  
Bay County Government Center  
Panama City, Florida  
850-203-2100 PIN 584768#  
July 19, 2019  
11:00 a.m. CT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lewis Bear, Jr. – by phone  
Allan Bense, Vice Chair – by phone  
Pam Dana, Ph. D – by phone  
Don Gaetz, Chair – in person  
Ben Lee – by phone  
Stephen Riggs, IV, Treasurer – by phone

Chair Don Gaetz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. CT. The Chair announced that staff was attempting to make a recording of the meeting for note taking purposes only and that the recording would not be preserved or posted (the recording was not successful and does not exist.) He asked if any members of the public wanted to indicate their presence by phone. Lori Price, Assistant Superintendent of the Gulf County School District and Tim Croft, reporter for the Gulf County Star newspaper, announced their presence. Jane Evans, Grant Coordinator for the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, was present in person at the meeting.

Executive Director Susan Skelton called roll and announced that all members were present.

Legal Counsel Scott Remington gave an overview of the Grant Award Agreement before the Board for consideration for Proposal #148 – Gulf County School District – Agri-Science Training Program Expansion for \$125,000. He noted that the funding was to be used for partial payment for the program to be located at Wewahitchka High School and explained the performance metrics. Mr. Remington pointed out that the agreement included the new maintenance metric that the Board discussed at the June 20, 2019 meeting and that it was his understanding that the Gulf County School Board had agreed to all of the metrics. Ms. Lori Price, Assistant Superintendent of the Gulf County School District confirmed that the School Board had reviewed all of the metrics and had agreed to all terms in the agreement. Chair Gaetz asked if there was any public comment on the proposal. No one spoke.

Vice Chair Allan Bense commented that he was still upset that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has chosen to use taxpayer funds to purchase a golf course in the county, but that he understood that the projects under consideration at this meeting were for the good of the students in the county, and that the School Board had not been

party to the purchase of the golf course. He said he would support the workforce education proposals but would be reluctant to fund proposals put forth by the County Commission given the situation with the golf course.

**Mr. Lewis Bear, Jr., made a motion to enter into a Grant Award Agreement with the Gulf County School District for Proposal #148. Dr. Pam Dana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote (6-0.)**

Mr. Remington then gave a review of the Term Sheet and Grant Award Agreement for Proposal #180 – Gulf County School District – Wewahitchka High School Welding Program for \$250,000. He noted that the terms of the Term Sheet and Agreement were the same and that both were identical to the proposal just considered relative to clawbacks and substantially similar regarding performance metrics. He said that funds would be used for equipment, supplies and salaries at the beginning of the Welding Program at Wewahitchka High School. He described each of the performance metrics and noted that it was his understanding that the Gulf County School Board had agreed to all terms and conditions of both the Term Sheet and Agreement. Ms. Lori Price, Assistant Superintendent of the Gulf County School District confirmed that the School Board had reviewed and voted to accept both the Term Sheet and Agreement. Chair Gaetz asked if there was any public comment on either the Term Sheet or Agreement for the welding program. No one spoke.

**Mr. Bense made a motion to accept the Term Sheet for Proposal #180 and move to a Grant Award Agreement. Mr. Ben Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote (6-0.)**

Mr. Remington explained that the Grant Award Agreement for Proposal #180 before the Board for consideration contained all of the terms and conditions just adopted in the previous vote. The Chair again asked if there was any public comment on the Grant Award Agreement. No one spoke.

**Mr. Lee made a motion to enter into a Grant Award Agreement with the Gulf County School District for Proposal #180. Mr. Bear seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote (6-0.)**

Chair Gaetz asked if there was any public comment on any other issue. Ms. Price thanked the Board and staff for their support of the two projects and said that Gulf County Schools look forward to working with Triumph Gulf Coast. He then asked board members if anyone had any comments. No one commented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. CT.

