

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY ANNOUNCES A
ORGANIZATION MEETING TO WHICH THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

DATE: November 22, 2011
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Willie Speed School Board Room

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1 Other

A. Schedule

1. Call Meeting to Order - Nina Marks, Superintendent
2. Elect FCSB Chair
3. Elect FCSB Vice Chair
4. FCSB Attorney - Employment and Fee
5. Small School District Council Consortium Representative - Elect/Appoint
6. Florida Legislature Liaison - Elect/Appoint
7. Establish 2011-2012 FCSB Regular Meeting Dates and Times
8. Continuation of FCSB Scholarship
9. Continuation of Forestry Scholarship
10. Adjournment

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING SCHEDULE 2011-2012
ALL MEETINGS 6:00 P. M - Willie Speed School Board Room

BOARD MEETING DATE	AGENDA DATE	AGENDA ITEMS DUE DATE
DECEMBER 8, 2011	DECEMBER 1, 2011	NOVEMBER 17, 2011
JANUARY 5, 2012	DECEMBER 29, 2011	DECEMBER 22, 2011
FEBRUARY 9, 2012	FEBRUARY 2, 2012	JANUARY 26, 2012
MARCH 8, 2012	MARCH 1, 2012	FEBRUARY 23, 2012
APRIL 5, 2012	MARCH 29, 2012	MARCH 22, 2012
MAY 10, 2012	MAY 3, 2012	APRIL 26, 2012
JUNE 7, 2012	MAY 31, 2012	MAY 24, 2012
JULY 5, 2012	JUNE 28, 2012	JUNE 21, 2012
AUGUST 9, 2012	AUGUST 2, 2012	JULY 26, 2012
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	AUGUST 30, 2012	AUGUST 23, 2012
OCTOBER 4, 2012	SEPTEMBER 27, 2012	SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
NOVEMBER 8, 2012	NOVEMBER 1, 2012	OCTOBER 25, 2012
*NOVEMBER 20, 2012	NOVEMBER 13, 2012	
*Organization Meeting		

ANY ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING THAT CONSIDERATION IS DESIRED.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the Franklin County School Board on May 7, 1981. One \$150.00 scholarship was given to each high school in 1981 and each Board member had \$60.00 deducted from May's salary.

The next year and ensuing years through 1994, \$20.00 was deducted from each Board Member's pay for a total of \$1200.00 a year. This was used to award two \$250.00 scholarships in each high school. The cost was \$1000.00 a year. Beginning in 1995, \$25.00 will be deducted from each Board member's pay for a total of \$1500.00 a year which will be used to award two \$300.00 scholarships in each high school. The cost will be \$1200.00 a year.**

The Board members agreed to increase the amount of scholarship to two \$500.00 scholarships in each high school for school year 2001-2002. The cost will be \$2000.00 to diminish a surplus fund balance. ***

The generosity of the Board for the 2002-2003 awards reduced the balance to allow for four \$400 scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year awards. ****

The remainder will be kept in an interest bearing account. The amount awarded would be adjusted yearly, based on amount in the fund, and decided upon no later than March 1 of the year of the award.***** Maintaining a balance in the account will insure continuity. The award would be valid until the Fall of the year following high school graduation. Awards not claimed will revert to the scholarship fund for future disbursement.*****

\$1000.00 per award for 2011

*Award 2007-2008
4 @ 500.00 each
Increase of Amount
11-20-09*

The Carrabelle High school Scholarship will be named the "Misty Sexton School Board Scholarship" in memory of Misty Sexton, a CHS graduate who won a scholarship in 1994 but was killed in an automobile accident.**

For each school, one award would normally be given to a Vocational ***** Diploma recipient and one to a College-Ready Diploma recipient. This would be the case unless, there was not a qualified recipient in either of the categories; then two would be given in one or the other category. A provision was made for appeal to the Board should additional scholarships be warranted.***

Selection Process:

1. Student must enroll in a degree-granting program in an accredited school. This applies equally to academic or vocational program.
2. Payment will be made to student (or registrar) after verification from the school that the student is actually in attendance.
3. The selection of students will be made by faculty members by closed ballot from a list of those students who a.) have applied to schools and b.) have an acceptable average.

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By *[Signature]*

4. The acceptable average will be as follows: Overall grade point average must be "C" or better.*
5. Students must be enrolled for four semesters preceding graduation.
6. The selection of the student from the approved list will be based on the following criteria:
 - a.) Good behavior
 - b.) Positive attitude
 - c.) Cooperative/Helpful
 - d.) Mannerly/Mature

*Revised - FCSB/11-17-92

**Revised - FCSB/ 11-22-94

***Revised - FCSB/ 11-20-2001

****Revised - FCSB/ 11/18/03

*****Revised - FCSB/11-16-04

~~*****~~ Revised - FCSB 11/20/07

Franklin County Forestry Scholarship

History

At 202,426 acres Tate's Hell is the single largest State Forest in Franklin County and the second largest State Forest in Florida. The land that makes up Tate's Hell was purchased beginning in 1994. The land was bought from private timber companies primarily to protect and restore water quality for Apalachicola Bay. Other objectives include restoration of the forest to natural communities, protection of rare and endangered species, and providing recreational opportunities to the public.

Acquisition of land by the state can create a hardship to counties since the acquired land may reduce the local county's tax roll. In order to assist the counties, the Division of Forestry (DOF) gives 15% of the revenue collected on the state forest to the Franklin County School Board (FCSB). DOF collects State Forest revenue from a variety of sources. For most forests, including Tate's Hell, timber harvest is the primary revenue source. Other sources of revenue include: apiary leases, worm grunting permits, recreational fees, and the sale of miscellaneous forest products such as firewood and palmetto berries. When the State was in the process of choosing an agency to manage Tate's Hell, the Franklin County Commission requested that the Division of Forestry (DOF) be given the responsibility of primary manager. This was in part due to the multiple-use concept of the Division and the revenue sharing program.

Since DOF began managing Tate's Hell, the payments to the FCSB have ranged from \$45,000, to the 2009 year high, \$175,975.31. Fluctuations in timber prices, the number of active sales, type of sales, and weather all influence harvesting operations, and therefore the amount and timing of this revenue. It is expected that timber revenue will increase as stands are thinned over the next few years, and gradually level off as the forest reaches a maintenance stage. Once most stands have had an initial thinning, future sales will generally be of smaller acreages, but since the trees will have grown, the value per tree will be higher. Recreation and other revenues from Tate's Hell are included in this payment, but they have historically been a small portion of the money collected. Recreation revenues are likely to continue to rise, but will remain a minor part of the State Forest income.

Historically, retention of foresters on Tate's Hell has been difficult. Average tour of duty for a forester at Tate's Hell is 1-2 years. One contributing factor for foresters resigning is the desire to move home.

Addressing the Need

In an effort to improve retention rates, the DOF and the FCSB have teamed up to create a local scholarship to be entitled The Franklin County Forestry Scholarship (FCFS). The FCFS is beneficial to Franklin County, Franklin County students and DOF. The FCFS allows a local student the opportunity to receive a degree in Forestry with the option of eventually moving back to Franklin County and seeking employment with DOF. Since Employment by the DOF can not be guaranteed due to availability of positions at time of graduation. To provide funding for the FCFS a percentage of the money received by the School Board from the DOF 15% revenue collection will be set aside in a trust. DOF is responsible for generating revenue from the State Forest to ensure the continued funding of the FCFS. The Franklin County School Board is responsible for maintaining a trust, allotting a percentage of the revenue collection to the trust annually, and awarding the scholarship. The percentage allotted shall be based on the amount of revenue generated and must at a minimum sufficiently fund all awards. Annually, the FCSB will review the scholarship and awards to determine the percentage of the allotment and to determine whether the scholarship is still a necessity. This annual review shall be conducted at the Organization Meeting held during the month of November.

Award

- There will be one scholarship awarded each year with the monetary amount to be based on the student's program and school of choice. In no event shall the annual scholarship exceed \$20,000.00 per year. The award amount shall be paid ½ each semester. The award shall be in the form of a no-interest loan with complete loan forgiveness of two (2) years for each one (1) year of

service with the DOF within Franklin County. The recipient must seek employment with the DOF within Franklin County. The loan shall be repaid in one-hundred and twenty (120) monthly installments with the first installment due six months after graduation or six months after failure to return to school. Should the recipient not be accepted for employment by the DOF within Franklin County, by no fault of their own, the loan shall be forgiven.

- The Franklin County School Board is looking for a student who is interested in a career in forestry and who desires to serve the local community. The student should stand out in academic achievement and encompass the characteristics of leadership.
- Awards shall be paid directly to the university or community college of choice and shall be used for qualified tuition and related expenses. Qualified tuition and related expenses are tuition and fees required for enrollment, books, supplies, equipment, and university sponsored housing and meal plans.
- Awards are to be granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, sexual preference or disability.

Applicant Criteria

- Student must graduate and receive a high school diploma from the Franklin County Consolidated School.
- Applicants must enroll and be accepted to one of the following universities.
 - Any Florida SAF Certified School
 - West Florida Research and Education Center (UF/IFAS Milton)
 - Lake City Community College
 - Local Community College (ex: TCC or Gulf Coast) to fulfill prerequisites.
 - Lake City Community College offers a one year program in forestry. Applicants must be willing to continue pursuing a bachelor's degree in forestry or natural resources.
- Applicants must seek a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Conservation or Natural Resource Conservation.
- Cumulative GPA must be 2.75 or higher on a scale of 4.0. Student must maintain a 2.75 GPA while attending college to remain eligible.

Application Process

- Applicant must submit the following to the Franklin County School Board:
 1. Resume
 2. List of clubs, activities, and years of involvement
 3. Essay of 500 words or less which includes the applicant's:
 - a. desire to reside in Franklin County;
 - b. interest in obtaining a degree in forestry or natural resources; and
 - c. achievements.
 4. One letter of recommendation by a teacher, advisor, or community leader.
- Applicant must Interview with the FCFS Advisory Committee, which shall consist of the Franklin County Superintendent, the Franklin County School Board and one representative from the Franklin County Consolidated School; one representative from the Friends of Florida State Forest; and one representative from the Florida Division of Forestry.