

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MAX D. WALKER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
35 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.  
QUINCY, FLORIDA

March 28, 2017

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; and Mr. Tyrone D. Smith. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 6:02 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Reverend Juliaette Horne, Pastor of Mayflower African Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Milton recognized Mr. Curtis Richardson who presented the Sunshine State Scholars: Trentorria Green and Tahir Montgomery. The Superintendent and Board presented each student with a plaque award.

Mr. Milton recognized Mr. Chester Davis, Jr. on behalf of his father, Mr. Chester Davis, Sr. who received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award from the United States Congress. Mr. Chester Davis, Sr. was a member of the Montford Point Marines.

Mr. Frost recognized the ESE Department for a well-organized Special Olympics.

Mr. Smith recognized Stewart Street Elementary School and the third graders on taking the FSA test. He stated that he will donate snacks for the third students. He encouraged other Board members to visit schools.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Simmons entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Steve Scott, seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. February 27, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. February 28, 2017, 4:30 p.m. - School Board Workshop
- c. February 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m. - Regular School Board Meeting
- d. March 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- e. March 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- f. March 7, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- g. March 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- h. March 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Joint Meeting With Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
- i. March 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

- a. Personnel 2016 – 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Budget Amendment No. 6

Fund Source: 110  
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Subward Agreement between County of Gadsden Board of Public Education and Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. STUDENT MATTERS

- c. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #46-1617-0051  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- d. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #47-1617-0051  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- e. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #48-1617-0051  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- f. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #49-1617-0051  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- g. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #50-1617-0051  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- h. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #51-1617-0051  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- j. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #56-1617-0071  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- l. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #58-1617-0071  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- m. Extension of Student Suspensions – See back-up material  
Case #59-1617-0071  
Case #60-1617-0071  
Case #62-1617-0071  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Request to Delete and Dispose from Capital Assets – Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment and sale via Auction or Recycling Co.

Fund Source: All Funds  
Amount: \$162,832.14

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

11. CONSIDERATION, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

- a. Request to Advertise Notice of Intent (Policies Numbered 5.20, Student Assignment and 5.23, Controlled Open Enrollment)

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Approval of Job Descriptions

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items preceded by an (\*) asterisk were removed from the CONSENT agenda at the beginning of the meeting and acted upon during the discussion portion of the agenda.

\*9. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #44-1617-0071

The parent of student #44-1617-0071 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to defer action on agenda item #9a until a hearing could be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #45-1617-0071

The parent of student #45-1617-0071 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Tyrone D. Smith made a motion to defer action on agenda item #9b until a hearing could be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- i. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #55-1617-0071

The parent of student #55-1617-0071 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Tyrone D. Smith made a motion to defer action on agenda item #9i until a hearing could be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- k. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #57-1617-0071

The parent of student #57-1617-0071 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Tyrone D. Smith made a motion to defer action on agenda item #9k until a hearing could be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommends approval.

## 12. FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Hunter stated that the HVAC project at the administration building was working great. He stated that the professional service committee will start next month.

The following individuals from the audience addressed the Board to share their concerns regarding the school reconfiguration proposal: 1) Mrs. Frances Brown; 2) Mr. Emanuel Sapp; 3) Mr. Ronte' Harris; 4) Mr. Dwayne Corker; 5) Ms. Rosetta Rolle-Hylton; and 6) Rev. Charles Morris.

## 13. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that students have begun taking the FSA test. He stated that he will continue to encourage the Board to visit schools. He stated that he received a draft of the staffing review. He stated that FADSS will work with the finance department to update the procedures manual. He stated that he is currently working on the district's strategic plan, and he encouraged a Board member to serve on the Strategic Plan Committee. He stated that he has 3 years and 8 months to move this district forward from good to great. He stated that he is committed to putting children first and to bringing Gadsden together.

## 14. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that Mr. Milton will not be moved by claps and etc. He stated that he will do what is best for the students. He stated that the Board will come together to make the best decisions for students and parents.

Mr. Smith quoted “What I did to get here, I cannot do to get there”. He requested the Superintendent bring recommendation on the school reconfiguration to the Board for a vote.

Mr. Scott stated that he had visited Gadsden Elementary Magnet School and West Gadsden High School. He stated that he was concerned about the number of student expulsions.

Mr. Simmons stated that he had met with the Superintendent. He stated that there will be a continuation of meetings between him and the Superintendent to discuss facilities and maintenance issues. He stated that he did not concur with the Superintendent bringing a recommendation to the Board regarding school reconfiguration.

Mr. Milton stated that he will bring a recommendation to the Board on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. regarding school reconfiguration. He stated that school reconfiguration is an ongoing process, and there still needs to be ongoing meetings and dialogues. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

15. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.