

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

May 30, 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; Mr. Tyrone D. Smith; and Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis via teleconference. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 6:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Simmons entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried with Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Simmons voting "aye". Mr. Scott voted "nay".

2. 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.

b. Personnel 2017 – 2018

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

a. 2017 – 2018 Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

a. 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.

*4. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

a. Rebranding East Gadsden High School Name

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mrs. Lewis requested the Board consider scheduling a workshop to further discuss the financial impact on agenda items #4a, b & c. Mrs. Lewis stated that she was concerned with the colors for East Gadsden High School.

Mr. Milton stated that the committee recommended the most economical cost for rebranding East Gadsden High School. He stated that the rebranding recommendation incorporates West Gadsden colors and scheme.

Mr. Simmons requested Mrs. Lewis represent the Board to work with the committee as it relates to rebranding of the uniform and school colors for the combined high school.

Mr. Frost stated that he was more concerned about student transportation and academics. He stated that he did not want to have a workshop to discuss school colors.

Following discussion, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on agenda item #4a to rebrand East Gadsden High School with the name change to Gadsden County High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Rebranding East Gadsden High School Mascot

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mr. Tyrone D. Smith made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on agenda item #4b to rebrand East Gadsden High School mascot to remain the Jaguars. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Rebranding East Gadsden High School Colors

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mr. Tyrone D. Smith made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on agenda item #4c. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on agenda item #4c to rebrand East Gadsden High School colors to Navy, Carolina Blue, Maroon, Black and Silver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Chavien Lockwood addressed the Board regarding concerns with agenda item #'s 4a, b & c. He stated that rebranding should be done totally and not half. He stated that he want to keep moving forward.

6. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that he met with members of the TCC Foundation a couple of weeks ago. He stated that the TCC foundation will offer every student who graduates from Gadsden County a scholarship to attend TCC. He stated that TCC will make an announcement regarding the student scholarships on June 8th. He stated that he met with representatives regarding the possibility of bringing an IB Program to the district. He stated that tomorrow (May 31st) was the last day of school for students. He stated that he will provide the Board with recommendations for proposed school start and dismissal times.

7. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons stated that the district need to market the scholarships for high school seniors.

Mr. Frost stated that he was concerned about the scholarships provided by First Presbyterian Church to the students at Gretna Elementary School. He requested the Superintendent follow-up on the student scholarships. He stated that he wanted to continue the partnership with the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Smith stressed the importance of marketing the good things that are happening in the district. He announced the Teacher Recruitment Workshop on June 8th at Gadsden County High School.

In response to Mr. Scott's concern whether charter school students were inclusive of receiving scholarships from the TCC Foundation, Mr. Milton stated that charter school students are inclusive.

Mr. Simmons thanked the Superintendent for his leadership and relationship with Tallahassee Community College.

8. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.