

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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

July 14, 2009

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Chairman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; and Mr. Roger P. Milton. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 6:05 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Helms entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Roger P. Milton, seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

2. BIDS

a. #2 Diesel Fuel Bid Award - #0910-01

Fund Source: Transportation

Amount: \$1,000,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Medical Physicians 2009-2010

Fund Source: Transportation

Amount: \$8,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 3. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

#### a. Student Data Management System – CROSSPOINTE

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$200,000.00 (First Year)

\$50,000.00 (Second Year)

Ms. Monroe and Mr. Steve Hannah shared with the Board a presentation of the new CrossPointe student packet and upgrades from the current AS/400 program for TERMS.

Mr. Milton requested the spending breakdown of the current AS/400 cost, breakdown of the new CrossPointe charges from capital outlay and any other funds. He stated that he wanted to ensure that this new system would be mandated so that it would not just be put into place and not used. He stated that he want principals and the Board to be involved in the approval process.

Dr. Bridges stated that the new CrossPointe system would replace the current AS/400 system and would have to be used.

Mr. James stated that he would prepare a cost analysis of all funds to pay for the new CrossPointe system.

Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted sole source document, and that because of compatibility it was not feasible to go to another software program.

Following discussion, Mr. Simmons made a motion to defer action on agenda item #3a to gather additional data. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost.

Mr. Milton stated that he was concerned about the cost difference of \$50,000 and \$54,000 for the second year of the Student Data Management System – CrossPointe.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

#### b. Agreement Between Gadsden County School District and Alternative Unlimited, Inc.

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Mr. Steven Dixon, Vice President of Alternative Unlimited, Inc, and Mr. Ronald Williams shared with the Board an overview of the Alternative Unlimited, Inc. (Drop Back In) Program. Mr. Dixon stated that the Drop Back In Program provides an opportunity for success to students who fail to learn in traditional school settings. He stated that they only look for students that are totally discharged from any school. He stated that they are seeking to open three sites in Gadsden County. He stated that the benefits to Gadsden County include graduates, better citizens, and positive cash flow. He stated that there would be no cost to the district.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments throughout the presentation of the Alternative Unlimited, Inc. (Drop Back In) Program.

Mr. Milton requested Attorney Minnis review the contract prior to the Board's decision.

Mr. James explained that the district's current alternative education program is to keep students from dropping out of school. He stated that the Drop Back In Program is for students that have already dropped out of school.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to defer action on agenda item #3b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Sale and Lease of School Property and Building at Old Greensboro Elementary Location

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: As Per Agreement

Rev. Philip May, Pastor of AGAPE Assembly of God Church, stated that he wished to lease the old Greensboro Elementary School property with the intent to become a partner in the community. He stated that the property would be used as the location of the church and provide after school and summer activities as the Lord provides that will help to build character and show the love of Christ.

Mr. James stated that he would meet with Pastor May to further discuss the lease of the old Greensboro Elementary School property.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to defer action on agenda item #3c. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to schedule a Special meeting on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and review the following: 1) Plan of Action for Carter Parramore Academy, East Gadsden High School, and West Gadsden High School; and 2) Request to Advertise the Board's Intent to Amend School Board Rule 7.51 (Payroll Procedures).

Mr. Milton requested a cost analysis with the plan of action for Carter Parramore Academy, East Gadsden High School, and West Gadsden High School.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Discussion and Request to Advertise the Board's Intent to Amend School Board Rule 7.51 (Payroll Procedures)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. EDUCATIONAL (IMPROVEMENT PLAN OF ACTION)

- a. Carter Parramore Academy

6. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

7. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

- 8. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.