

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

July 23, 2019

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; 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. Mr. Leroy McMillan was absent.

1. Call To Order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the 2019 - 2020 Florida Education Finance Program Second Calculation. She stated that in comparison to the first FEFP Calculation, the following were noted with the 2nd FEFP Calculations: a) The 2019 tax roll increased by \$21,953,321,318 from the estimate of \$2,147,762,752,089 to \$2,169,716,073,407; b) The increase in the tax roll caused the statewide average millage rate to decrease from 3.927 to 3.888; c) The total Required Local Effort increased by \$1,006,189 from \$7,855,919,131 to \$7,856,925,320; d) The State-Funded Discretionary Contribution Allocation increased by \$250,212 from \$23,554,345 to \$23,804,557; e) The 0.748 discretionary millage revenue, based on the actual millage levied in 2018- 2019, increased by \$15,764,242 from \$1,542,265,476 to \$1,558,029,718. The 0.748 Mills Discretionary Allocation decreased by \$1,990,541 from \$256,575,028 to \$254,584,487; e) The Virtual Education Contribution Allocation decreased by \$217,460, from \$3,263,545 to \$3,046,085; and f) The amount withheld for the McKay Scholarship Program, based on the 2018 – 2019 FEFP Fourth Calculation, is \$221,684,762. She stated that electronic fund transfers based on the Net State 2019 – 2020 FEFP Second Calculation will begin with the July 26, 2019 payment. She also shared the following with the Board: Certification of the 2019 – 2020 School District Millage Rates and Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage. She stated that the district will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.50 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects. She stated that the tax is in addition to the School Board's proposed tax of a 4.7340 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the School Board. She stated that the Capital Outlay tax will generate approximately \$2,314,938 to be used for construction projects.

Mrs. Wood stated that the insurance committee recommended approval of new rates for health insurance premiums. She stated that the health insurance premiums will increase 4.0% beginning October 1, 2019. She stated that Option A provides that the Board and Employees would share in bearing the cost of the increase in health insurance. She stated that Option B provides that the Board would bear 100% of the increase in health insurance. She stated that the Board's approval was needed for premiums for general

liability, auto liability and physical damage, property and workers compensation insurance through the Florida League of Cities (Florida Municipal Insurance Trust). She stated that there was an estimated increase of 5% or a total of \$1,193,225.

Mr. Mays stated that the district's proposed budget for the 2019 – 2020 year was advertised in the local newspapers. He stated that the tentative budget hearing was scheduled on July 30, 2019.

Mrs. Wood stated that the Human Resource and the Instructional Media & Technology department are working diligently with the finance department to upgrade to Skyward with pay codes and project numbers.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mr. Frost commended Mr. Eric Jenson for being a great speaker at the PAEC Leadership Conference in Destin. He stated that great information was shared at the conference.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:47 p.m.