

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

July 28, 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. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; 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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Bishop Jerome Showers, Pastor of The Body of Christ Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Shaia Beckwith-James recognized Bishop Jerome Showers for being awarded the Silver Membership Cup for Region II PTA. She stated that 13 districts are represented in Region II. PTA members present were also recognized.

Bishop Showers thanked the Board and everyone for their support.

Mrs. Beckwith-James recognized the Coalition for Change team members. The Coalition for Change Members shared with the Board a short video presentation of the Shanks Make Over Project. The Board presented the Coalition for Change with a plaque award for their hard work and efforts with the Shanks Make Over Project.

The Superintendent and Board thanked The Coalition for Change for making a difference at James A. Shanks Middle School.

The Board recognized Ms. Brandi Coverson, Havana Herald News Reporter. Ms. Coverson will be moving on to pursue her graduate degree.

Mr. Frost recognized Mr. Wayne Shepard for his hard work and dedication to the district.

Mr. Helms recognized the new principal at James A. Shanks Middle School, Mrs. Juanita Ellis. He thanked Ms. Coverson for being supportive of the school district and wished her good luck on her education endeavor.

Mr. Hinson recognized Bishop Jerome Showers for his hard work and dedication in representing the Gadsden community. He also recognized the Town of Havana for co-sponsoring the Adult Basketball League.

Mr. Helms thanked Mr. Hinson and Mr. Marshall Williams for organizing the Adult Basketball League.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Helms entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Roger P. Milton, seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. June 23, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. June 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting
- c. July 14, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- d. July 14, 2009, 5:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- e. July 14, 2009, 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Personnel 2008 – 2009

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Personnel 2009 – 2010

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Approval of bills and vouchers - See back-up material

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Request Board's Permission to Advertise for a Tentative Budget Hearing

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. CONTRACT/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

a. Contract with Independent Contract (Music Therapist)

Fund Source: IDEA
Amount: \$19,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Memorandum of Understanding – Elder Care Services Foster Grandparent Program and Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: IDEA
Amount: \$50,000.00 for twelve months (\$4,410.00 per month)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Memorandum of Understanding – Foster Care Services Foster Grandparent Program and Gadsden County School Board Head Start PreK

Fund Source: IDEA – Federal Funds
Amount: \$7,200.00 for twelve months (\$600.00 per month)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

e. Medicaid Administrative Claiming

Fund Source: Medicaid
Amount: \$9.00 per random sampling form

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

f. Contracted Services with Speech/Language Pathologist Joy Scharein & The Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars
Amount: \$63,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

g. Contract Between The School Board of Gadsden County, Florida and Art Therapist

Fund Source: IDEA
Amount: \$15,500.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

h. Vision Services For Exceptional Students

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars
Amount: \$32,500.00 (est.)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- i. Contract with Independent Contractor (Kurt LaRose)
Fund Source: IDEA
Amount: \$15,000.00 (est.)
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- m. 2009-2010 GCS's Head Start Refunding Application
Fund Source: Federal
Amount: \$1,989,231.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. BIDS

- a. Paper, MultiPurpose Business Grade – Bid #0910-07
Fund Source: General
Amount: \$58,648.34
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- b. Custodial Supplies – Bid #0910-09
Fund Source: General
Amount: \$12,717.35
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Transfers – See back-up material
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.

*8. CONTRACT/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

- b. Memorandum of Agreement Between Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) Head Start and Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars for therapy provided to identified children
Amount: N/A

Mr. Helms stated that he was concerned that there was no cost involved and he wanted to know the number of students that would receive services.

Mrs. Wilma Jackson stated that there was no cost involved, and no maximum number of students to be served. She stated that the district works with Child Placement Services. She stated that there are no more than 2 or 3 students served per year.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- j. Contract with Behavior Management Consultants, Inc. & Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
Amount: \$150,000.00 (est.)

Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted to know if the Behavior Specialists could be used in any other capacity.

Mrs. Wilma Jackson stated that the Behavior Specialists work with schools that have students who might be at risk for ESE, and serve other places in the district when needed. She stated that the Behavior Specialists spend most of their time at George W. Munroe Elementary School and Stewart Street Elementary School.

In response to Mr. Frost's concern about whether the services could be bidded, Mrs. Jackson stated not at this time because this was a continuation and staff will be receiving training this year. She stated that the district has not found another company to provide the behavioral analysis services.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8j. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- k. Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP& P)

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

In response to Mr. Helms' question regarding the changes from last year, Mrs. Jackson stated that the General Education Intervention and Referral section required additional information.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8k. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- l. 2009 – 2010 Dick Howser Center Child Care Contract

Fund Source: Federal
Amount: \$213,506.00

Mr. Simmons stated that he was concerned about other agencies in the surrounding counties being able to provide the child care services.

Mrs. Carolyn Harden stated that the district has two portable classrooms at the Dick Howser Center that are being utilized. She stated that 34 students would be served under the Head Start Program at the Dick Howser Center.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #81. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Approval of School Board Rule 2.25 (Job Description for Community Affairs/Public Relations Coordinator)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #11a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

12. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

13. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Hinson commended Mr. Wayne Shepard on his work with the district. He stated that he, Mr. Shepard and Dr. Sylvia Jackson (principal) toured Havana Middle School campus and discussed items that needed repairing. He stated that Mr. Shepard would ensure that the items were repaired.

Mr. Simmons requested that the Rule Change for Payroll Procedures (7.51) be agendaed for the August 4th Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m..

Mr. Hinson volunteered to serve on the Value Adjustment Board, and Mr. Simmons volunteered to serve as the alternate.

Ms. Catherine Dyson addressed the Board to offer services for the Manilow Music Project. She stated that the Havana schools have been placed to receive services from the project. She stated that services would be provided for anything needed to totally equip the music department.

Ms. Millie Forehand, Executive Director of CEDO, addressed the Board to express her concern regarding a timeline to request an increase in student enrollment. She stated that she was not aware of a timeline in the charter. She stated that letters came from the district explaining that Crossroad Academy Charter was a school of choice. She requested the Board amend the Crossroad Academy Charter School Contract to increase the student enrollment from 225 to 285.

The following individuals from the audience addressed the Board to express their concerns in regards to increasing the student enrollment at Crossroad Academy Charter School: 1) Claudia Maldaula (student at Crossroad Academy), 2) Santos Astros (student at Crossroad Academy), 3) Mr. Derrick Jackson, 4) Mr. Antonio Johnson, 5) Ms. Andria Kinch, 6) Ms. Phoebe Tennel, 7) Keion Johnson (student at Crossroad Academy), 8) Ms. Latisha Figgers, 9) Ms. Carolyn Marshall, 10) Ms. Gloria Johnson, and 11) Ms. Tina Henry.

Ms. Quintella Cato (City of Midway Mayor Pro-Tem), Ms. Agatha Muse-Salters (City of Midway Manager), and Mr. Gerrod Holton (City of Midway Mayor-Council Member) addressed the Board to submit a Charter School Application for the City of Midway (Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence).

Mr. Milton requested a copy of the request from Ms. Millie Forehand (Crossroad Academy Charter School) to increase their student enrollment.

Mr. Simmons requested that the Superintendent and Mrs. Minnis review the Crossroad Academy Charter School Contract to ensure that all the language is correct.

14. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.