

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

July 28, 2009

4:00 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Chairman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; and Mr. Roger P. Milton. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; and others. Mr. Eric F. Hinson arrived at 5:00 p.m. during the presentation of the tentative budget; and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board, arrived at 4:30 p.m. during the presentation of the tentative budget. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 4:00 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Bonnie Wood shared with the Board an overview of the 2009 – 2010 tentative budget. She stated that the total fund balance as of June 30, 2010 was \$1,364,051.00. She stated that the total appropriations, other financing uses and fund balance were \$44,424,497.00. She stated that a tentative millage rate of 7.980 percent, up 0.384 percent from last year's millage. She stated that the amount will add \$9.60 to this year's tax bill for homeowners living in a home with a value of \$50,000.00 with a \$25,000 homestead exemption. She stated that a \$75,000.00 value homeowner with a similar exemption will see an increase of \$19.20. She stated that revenues for capital outlay are diminishing. She stated that the current year gross taxable value for operating purposes would be \$1,546,899,495.00. She stated that the total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and fund balance for state fiscal stabilization funds are \$1,948,278.00. She stated that the total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and fund balance for targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds are \$1,817,852.00. She asked Mrs. Minnis to share with the Board information on the Lease/Purchase of School Buses Agreement.

Mrs. Minnis stated that she was still working with Daimler/Chrysler Financial Services on some contractual language. She stated that she was concerned about indemnification in the contract, and the payment. She stated that she was continuing to work through her concerns with Daimler/Chrysler Financial Services.

Mr. Simmons stated that he was concerned about purchasing 24 school buses at one time. He stated that he was under the assumption that the district would receive 8 or 9 school buses at one time. He stated that he wanted to review the contract information regarding the purchase/lease of the school buses prior to the Board's making a decision.

Mr. Helms requested that the Lease/Purchase Agreement for School Buses be added to the agenda for discussion on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Wood requested that the Life Insurance Contract and Health Insurance Contract be added to the agenda for discussion on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James requested that the Contract with Alternative Unlimited, Inc., and Crossroad Academy Charter School Request to Increase Student Enrollment be agendaed for Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. He announced that he was the guest speaker at the Gadsden Law Enforcement Academy Graduation this evening at 7:00 p.m.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:25 p.m.