

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

August 31, 2018

10:00 A.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mr. Tyrone D. Smith; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board, were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 10:03 a.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF 2018 – 2019 BUDGET

Mrs. Wood stated that the district completed its second major payroll with Employee Management. She stated that the final group of employees will be exported out of Human Resource into the new Employee Management Program.

Mr. Mays stated that the district was allotted \$1.5 million for transportation. He shared with the Board preliminary estimates for the 2018 – 2019 budget. He stated that estimated revenues totaled \$39,586,876.33. He stated that other financing sources totaled \$1,505,000.00. He stated that the fund balance as of July 1, 2018 was \$1,176,718.00. He stated that the estimated revenues, other financing sources and fund balance totaled \$42,268,594.33.

During the discussion of the 2018 – 2019 budget, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments.

Mrs. Wood stated that this will be a tight year for the general fund due to a change in the sparsity funds. She stated that the student FTE counts are still being reviewed. She stated that there are currently 819 employees. She stated that the district was currently making efforts to encumber funds as needed. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide them with the budget information.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that Gadsden County High School was preparing for homecoming. He requested the Board's input on the location of the homecoming parade.

Following the Board's input on the location of the homecoming parade, they agreed to have Quincy as the central location for the homecoming parade as long as there was one high school.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding the completion of employee background checks before an employee begin work, Mr. Milton stated that the district was moving in that direction to ensure every level of the hiring process was completed before an employee begin work.

Mr. Smith stated that he toured Carter Parramore Academy with Mr. Emanuel Sapp. He stated that there were no major structural repairs needed to the facility. He stated that the major concern was near the doors. He stated that there is a flooding issue at Carter Parramore Academy. He stated that sandbags are needed. He stated that the tour of Carter Parramore Academy was beneficial. He stated that there was a request for computers at Carter Parramore Academy. He stated that the cultural of the classrooms are vital. He stated that parents are looking for a culture of respect. He requested that solicitation for members to join the Gadsden Education Foundation Board be advertised on the district's website.

Mrs. Lewis stated that student desks are needed at Carter Parramore Academy.

Mr. Smith requested the district research ways to reuse textbooks that are outdated. He suggested the Board advocate for the Legislature to stop the change of books every two years.

The Board recognized Mr. Smith's birthday the next day (September 1st), and Mr. Scott's birthday today (August 31st).

Mr. Simmons recognized Mrs. Lewis for her dress attire.

Mr. Scott stated that mowing and weeding was needed further back behind James A. Shanks Middle School gymnasium.

Mrs. Edna Hussein addressed the Board to request the consideration of moving away from text books to chrome books. She stated that she has observed students using chrome books instead of text books.

Mr. Milton stated that Crossroad Academy uses chrome books. He stated that he will look into the issue of chrome books for the district.

Mr. Smith stated that marketing was a means of success. He stated that the business of education is competitive.

Mr. Bill Stinson addressed the Board to express his concerns regarding the acknowledgement of things of importance but not doing anything about the issue. He stated that James A. Shanks Middle School's website need updating. He also stated that the use of Skyward was a concern.

Mrs. Lewis stated that she will continue to advocate for the district's RV to go out into the communities. In response to her concern regarding SIP Plans needing Board approval, Mr. Milton responded yes and the SIP Plans are a working document.

Mr. Smith expressed his concerns regarding parent accountability. He stated that there was an evolution of how people show care. He stated that the format of School Advisory Council (SAC) was changing. He stated that the district need to re-address how things are taking place.

Mrs. Lewis stated that there are many ways to deal with culture involvement.

5. The workshop adjourned at 11:35 a.m.