

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

September 5, 2017

10:00 A.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; 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. Charlie D. Frost and Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 10:04 a.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Mr. Milton stated that there will be open dialogue and discussion of the student code of conduct.

Mr. Scott began the discussion of the student code of conduct with the intermediate offenses. He stated that he was concerned about students fighting and disruptions of classes. He stated that there is no education going on when students fight and disrupt classes. He stated that student fighting is much greater now. He stated that student fighting sometimes involve guns and other weapons. He stated that the Board should have a zero tolerance for fighting and class disruptions.

Mr. Simmons stated that student discipline issues need to be addressed during the first disciplinary problem. He stated that there need to be an intervention for students.

Mr. Smith stated that the Board need to take advantage of what is currently in place for student discipline. He stated that stronger measures should be taken when the first offense occurs. He stated that some type of restitution should be made for students, and parents/guardians regarding student discipline.

Mr. Milton stated that students who are involved in fights should be identified if their involvement has been with other fights. He stated that students have been alerted that the Superintendent and Board will not tolerate disruptions in school functions. He stated that every parent will be ensured that student discipline will have repercussions. He stated that the Board need to take a more proactive approach when handling student discipline. He stated that discussions have taken place with Judge Kathy Garner regarding student discipline.

Mr. Smith stated that there need to be a check and balance system in place for restitution for student discipline. He stated that parents need to be held accountable.

Dr. Sylvia Jackson stated that Carter Parramore Academy is an alternative learning environment. She stated that some students are not able to function in large learning environments. She stated that the Board need to enforce the student code of conduct. She stated that every administrator and staff should be placed in areas to supervise during lunch periods and at the end of each class period.

Mrs. Tammy McGriff-Farlin stated that there need to be intervention before the 3rd interruption. She stated that there need to be more interaction with parents.

Mr. Simmons stated that students with discipline problems should meet with the Behavioral Specialist or Administrator upon returning to school.

Dr. Hightower stated that procedures need to be put in place to handle student discipline. He stated that there could be a duty roster for administrators and staff. He stated that security officers should be more visible. He stated that Carter Parramore Academy should be an alternative school.

Mr. Simmons stated that students should be brought before the Board following the 3rd suspension. He stated that the Board can be a major resource for communicating with parents. He stated that the Board need to get more involved in student discipline.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that precautions are being made for Hurricane IRMA.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Smith stated that he visit schools regularly. He stated that a group called “The Biker Boys” want to get involved to help stop student violence. He stated that a community event is scheduled on October 7th.

Mr. Milton stated that the Chattahoochee Rotary Club along with Mr. Lee Garner gave each student at Chattahoochee Elementary School a dictionary on last Monday, August 28, 2017

5. The workshop adjourned at 11:55 a.m.