

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

October 24, 2017

2:00 P.M.

The 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 2:05 p.m.

2. Head Start Training

Mr. Milton introduced Mrs. Carolyn Harden, Head Start / PreKindergarten Program Director, who stated that Mrs. Delores Peace, PCS-Peace Consultation Services, was present to share with the Board information on Head Start Program Governance.

Mrs. Peace stated that it is the purpose of Head Start to promote the school readiness of low-income children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development in a learning environment that supports children's growth in language, literacy, mathematics, science, social and emotional functioning, creative arts, physical skills, and approaches to learning; and through the provision to low-income children and their families of health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services that are determined, based on family needs assessments, to be necessary. She stated that the composition of a Head Start governing body must be in accordance with the requirements specified at section 642(c) (1)(B) of the Act. She stated that the governing body is responsible for activities specified at section 642(c) (1) (E) of the Act. She stated that the governing body shall have legal and fiscal responsibility for administering and overseeing programs under the subchapter, including the safeguarding of federal funds. She stated that the governing body must use ongoing monitoring results, data on school readiness goals, other information described in Statute 1302.102. She stated that achieving goals include establishing program goals – a program, in collaboration with the governing body and policy council, must establish goals and measurable objectives that include the following: a) strategic long-term goals; b) goals for the provision of program

services; c) school readiness goals and, and d) effective health and safety practices. She stated that there must be ongoing compliance oversight and correction. She stated that in order to ensure effective ongoing oversight and correction, a program must establish and implement a system of ongoing oversight that ensures effective implementation of the program performance standards, including ensuring child safety, and other applicable federal regulations as described and must: work with the governing body and policy council to address issues during the ongoing oversight and correction process and during federal oversight. She stated that a program must effectively oversee progress towards program goals on an ongoing basis and annually must; communicate and collaborate with the governing body and policy council, program, staff, and parents of enrolled children when conducting the annual self-assessment. She stated that there must be continuous use of data for improvement. She stated that the program must submit reports. She stated that status reports, determined by ongoing oversight data, to the governing body and policy council, at least semi-annually. She stated reports, as appropriate, to the responsible HHS official. She stated that the governing body may establish advisory committees as it deems necessary for effective governance and improvement of the program. She stated that if a governing body establishes an advisory committee to oversee key responsibilities related to program governance, it must; a) establish the structure, communication, and oversight in such a way that the governing body continues to maintain its legal and fiscal responsibility for the Head Start agency; and b) notify the responsible HHS official of its intent to establish such an advisory committee.

Mrs. Carolyn Harden stated that the new and revised Head Start Performance Standards were changes to policy numbers. She expounded on the use of data by the governing body, attendance, and suspension and or expulsion of the Head Start program.

Mrs. Cynthia Riley, Coordinator Head Start PreK Education, shared with the Board information on the assessment timelines and results for PreKindergarten students.

During the discussion of the Head Start Governance Training, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments.

Mrs. Edna Hussein participated in the discussion of the Head Start Governance Training.

The Board and Superintendent thanked Mrs. Peace and Mrs. Harden for their presentation.

3. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

4. The workshop adjourned at 3:40 p.m.