

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

December 17, 2019

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, Chairwoman; Mr. Leroy McMillan; 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 was absent.

1. Call To Order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairwoman, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mr. Tommy Horton, Rostan's Representative, addressed the Board to share information on the district's reimbursements from the impact of Hurricane Michael. He stated that the district has received \$3 million in reimbursement payments. He stated that reconstruction projects have to be completed on schools that were impacted by Hurricane Michael. He stated that he is working with FEMA to use the 428 grant for reconstruction. He stated that the FEMA Assistance Program will be the last resort for payment. He stated that any issues with the insurance company must be resolved before the letter of agreement for the 428 grant could be signed. He stated that the 428 grant will allow the district flexibility to use money at their discretion. He stated that he is continuing to work with FEMA.

In response to Mrs. Wood request for an explanation of the direct administrative fees for the task order and exercise of contract extension with Rostan Solutions, LLC, Mr. Horton stated that the costs incurred for the task order and exercise of contract extension services will be submitted for reimbursement through the FEMA grant process as eligible administrative costs. He stated that no payments on this contract have been made by the district to date. He stated that costs are submitted to FEMA for reimbursement as part of FEMA administrative costs, and the amount will not exceed \$600,000.00.

Mrs. Wood stated that the district has received FTE student calculations. She stated that the district has received verbal communication and emails alerting the district of decreased student enrollment. She shared with the Board a summary of the retention, recruitment, UNISig Grant, and the Best and Brightest bonuses. She stated that Mrs. Anna West had surgery on Friday (December 13th) and was home healing. She stated that the finance department is continuing to work diligently and professionally.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

Mr. Milton stated that he appreciates all the work being done in the finance department. He stated that the district has a good working relationship with the Gadsden County Classroom Teachers Association (GCCTA). He thanked Mrs. Judith Mandela, President of GCCTA, for her leadership.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:10 p.m.