

## SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

July 19, 2011

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Mr. Judge B. Helms; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 6:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Milton entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

2. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

b. Budget Amendment Number Forty

Fund Source: 431 Fund  
Amount: \$0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Budget Amendment Number Forty-One

Fund Source: 435 (Education Jobs Fund) Funds  
Amount: \$0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Two

Fund Source: 300 (Capital) Funds  
Amount: \$22,538.09

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Three

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds  
Amount: \$0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

### 3. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a. Participation in the Small School District Council Consortium

Fund Source: General Fund  
Amount: \$2,850.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items preceded by an (\*) asterisk were removed from the CONSENT agenda at the beginning of the meeting and acted upon during the DISCUSSION portion of the agenda.

### \*2. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Request Board's Permission to Advertise for a Tentative Budget Hearing

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Simmons requested an overview of the advertisement for the Tentative Budget Hearing.

Mrs. Wood presented copies of the actual ads for the tentative budget hearing. She stated that the required local effort millage was 5.424 with a total millage of 7.922. She stated that the language for the capital outlay was based on procedures by the Department of Revenue informing the public that a hearing has not happened. She stated that she will meet with the Department of Education Facilities staff tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. to discuss maintenance and repair allowable expenses for capital outlay. She stated that the focus of the budget will be on student achievement and school improvement.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

### 4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that the county is applying for the Solar Farm Grant and wants the district support.

Mr. Hinson stated that he was concerned about not having enough information on the Solar Farm Grant. He requested the Board schedule a workshop to further discuss the Solar Farm Grant before approval.

## 5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons thanked the Board for being attentive in the meeting. He also thanked the Superintendent and staff for their hard work and his colleagues for their support.

Mr. Helms requested an overview of the Administrator's Institute In-service Training and the PAEC Training.

Mrs. Smith shared with the Board an overview of the Administrator's Institute In-service Training. She stated that there were personal testimonies shared during the Administrator's Institute and everyone had the opportunity to be a visionary. She stated that the PAEC Training validated what was at the Leadership Training. She stated that schools were enthusiastic. She commended Mr. Frost for attending the Administrator's Institute.

Dr. Jackson stated that every school site was in attendance at the PAEC Training. She stated that there was growth and networking opportunity for principals and assistant principals. She stated that she received positive feedback. She stated that PAEC is a tremendous resource for the district.

Mr. James stated that the EMT meeting held earlier this morning was one of the best ever. He stated that staff have a lot of knowledge and passion for education. He stated that everyone seemed to have a good focus to move forward.

Mr. Helms requested that the Board be more informed on meetings and events within the district.

Mrs. Smith stated that the Board will be included in the upcoming district's five year review.

Dr. Jackson announced that the district was hosting Region I Differentiated Accountability Training at East Gadsden High School this week and next week.

Mr. Hinson stated that he was concerned about telephone calls getting through at East Gadsden High School. He stated that he attended the Midway City Council meeting. He stated that he thought the issue of charter schools was on the council's agenda. He stated that he supports having a school in Midway.

Mr. James stated that when invited, he will speak with the Midway City Council in reference to charter schools.

Mr. Hinson announced that funeral services for his relative Samuel Jones, Jr. was scheduled for Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at James A. Shanks Middle School. He stated that an appreciation program to raise funds was scheduled for Wednesday night at Neal's Temple Church.

6. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.