

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

October 25, 2011

4:30 P.M.

This workshop 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 workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 4:35 p.m.

2. HAVANA HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICE AND TRAINING CENTER, INC.

Ms. Nell Cunningham addressed the Board to express her concerns regarding the business plan for the Havana Health And Wellness Service And Training Center, Inc. She stated that she taught in the school district for many years and respected Board members in their positions.

Dr. Shirley Aaron, Chair of the Havana Health And Wellness Service Steering Committee, asked the following committee members present to do self introductions: Dr. Shirley McGill, Ms. Kim Maddox, Ms. Sherie Mixon, Mr. Howard McKinnon, Ms. Lillian Johnson, Ms. Nancy Gee, Dr. Maggie Blackburn, Dr. Sue Porterfield, and Ms. Jill Mercer.

Dr. Aaron shared with the Board an overview of the business plan for the Havana Health And Wellness Service And Training Center, Inc. She stated that the steering committee is proposing that an unused 4,000 square foot building (bldg. 9) at the Havana Middle School be renovated to house its health services. She stated that the steering committee is composed of a mixture of community members, county and local school educators, higher education health services and related disciplines personnel, faith-based and other concerned individuals. She stated that this group recognizes how fundamental good health is, not only to a child's ability to learn, but to the learning

family's role to help its children realize their potential. She stated that the steering committee is requesting the Board fund this renovation by partially matching the \$207,387.00 that Center partners will have expended this year to provide health services to Gadsden County public school children at four school sites – two in Havana and two in Quincy.

Dr. Maggie Blackburn expressed her concerns for the importance of children's success. She stated that the recognition of healthy children makes successful children.

Dr. Shirley McGill shared with the Board the desperate need for the healthcare center.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments during the presentation of the business plan for the Havana Health And Wellness Service And Training Center, Inc.

Mr. Milton requested the Superintendent look at the long term plans for Havana Middle School, and schedule a workshop to thoroughly discuss the business plan for the Havana Health And Wellness Service And Training Center, Inc.

Mr. James thanked Dr. Aaron and staff for their presentation. He stated that the Board's Attorney will review the business plan for the Havana Health And Wellness Service And Training Center, Inc. He stated that there are no plans to merge Havana Elementary School and Havana Middle School. He stated that he visited the space requested for use by the Havana Health And Wellness Service And Training Center, Inc. and there will be minimal impact on the future plans for Havana Middle School. He stated that plans for Havana Middle School include building a magnet school concept.

Dr. Aaron recognized Major Willie Jackson, Principal of Havana Middle School.

Ms. Nell Cunningham pleaded with the Board to move forward with the business plan for the Havana Health And Wellness Service And Training Center, Inc.

Mr. Milton recognized Ms. Nancy Gee and acknowledged Major Jackson.

Major Jackson addressed the Board and stated that healthcare is part of the human brain.

3. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Bonnie Wood shared with the Board the preliminary results of the October Survey 2 report. She stated that the district has 122 students less than budgeted for. She shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) General Fund – Encumbered \$8,191,702.54; 2) 300 – Capital Projects – Encumbered \$2,949,175.07; 3) 410 – Food Service – Encumbered \$1,228,513.78; 4) 420 – Federal Projects – Encumbered - \$1,142,417.50; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$150,086.84; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$38,703.68.

4. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons expressed his desire to only discuss financial data during the financial data workshops.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:55 p.m.