

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

May 22, 2012

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Chairman; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Roger P. Milton; 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. Judge B. Helms, at 4:35 p.m.

Board members were presented a power-point presentation outlining a proposal for a student data base system by Skyward Solutions. Mr. Daniel Hornsby, Ms. Donna Myers, and Ms. Suzanne Richards all shared in the presentation. It was noted that the Skyward Student Management Suite Core Package Includes the following: Student Management, Educator Grade book, Graduation Requirements, Health Records, Family Access, EduTrack, Lesson Plan, Special Education, Fee Tracking, Textbook Tracking, Responses to Intervention, Sky2Go & Progress Media Fee.

The optional services included the following: ASP Hosting Services – an option to remotely host Skyward solution through an Application Service Provider (ASP). The ASP Provider operates servers within its own facilities allowing secure access to all applications through a browser via the internet. The ASP Service is fully responsible for all aspects involved in database disaster recovery, loading releases and updates, operating and maintaining host servers, software, and databases. Open Edge Management – (OE) Management provides a tool to monitor all Skyward's database services to ensure peak performance and up time. OE Management monitors the database and associated web services and will send immediate notifications for any issues that arise as well as report on performance. Additionally, the notification will include critical information that will enhance analysis and troubleshooting.

Throughout the power-point presentation, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments regarding Skyward's proposal for a student data base system.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Melanie King, Assistant Comptroller, shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) 110 – General Fund – Encumbered \$3,378,324.11; 2) 300 – Capital Projects – Encumbered \$92,344.15; 3) 410 – School Food Service – Encumbered \$198,293.45; 4) 420 – Federal – Encumbered 2,743,734.79; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds - \$296,519.29; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$181,715.80.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that the district was in the process of re-writing the Wellness Grant to meet its needs. He stated that the Wellness Grant will be re-submitted as a Gadsden District Grant. He stated that the monies will be used to improve facilities and help students. He stated that the Wellness Grant is no longer associated with the “I Can Program”. He stated that he will keep the Board updated on the District’s Wellness Grant.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

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