

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

October 28, 2014

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; Ms. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; 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 4:40 p.m.

2. Financial Data Report

Mrs. Ferree stated that she was continuing to work on the cost report and balance sheets.

3. Discussion Items

- a. List of contractors and notification to Board regarding vendors with total payments greater than \$15,000 and other payment issues.

Mrs. Ferree stated that one of the contractors will provide supportive math instruction for grades 6 -12 in small group tutorials, pull pull-outs and push sessions as determined by the student's primary math instructor and school principal to analyze data for math. She stated that another contractor will provide transition support and planning for students with special needs in order to identify opportunities and experience during their school years that will better prepare them for life as an adult. She stated that the transition planning will assist students in securing employment, pursuing post-secondary education and experience a meaningful community life.

b. Miscellaneous finance department items:

i. Catapult request for payment.

Mrs. Ferree stated that there was a delay in processing an invoice for Catapult due to them not providing the district with an invoice and supporting documentation in a timely manner. She stated that attendance records were still needed as required by contract section 7.01 to validate the enrolled information.

ii. Remaining balance for the Patricia Boyd McLain Fund bequest.

Mrs. Ferree shared with the Board the remaining balance for the Patricia Boyd McLain Fund bequest. She stated that as of 09/30/14, the Foundation's long-term investment portfolio returned 3.2% year to date and 7.4% for the most recent 12 month period with the 3 and 5 year annualized returns being 12.6% and 9.0% respectively.

iii. Miscellaneous verbal update.

Mrs. Ferree stated that changes to the cost report will be forwarded to the Department of Education. She stated that the Actuarial Services under GASB Statement No. 45 OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) for Districts Participating in Gateway will be contracted with PAEC. She stated that the district entered into a settlement agreement with the State of Florida, Agency for Healthcare Administration for services from October 2013 through December 2013 in the amount of \$72,500. She stated that the extended day programs will be provided for the lowest performing elementary schools.

c. Facilities update from Wayne Shepard.

Mr. Shepard stated that the Gretna Sidewalk Project has been pushed back to 2017. He stated that Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Ferree and himself visited Madison County to meet with the Finance Director and an onsite energy person to view the energy saving program Cynergistic. He stated that a good report was received from Madison County regarding Cynergistic.

Following discussion of the energy saving program Cynergistic, Board members were asked to consult individually with the Superintendent regarding their concerns.

Mrs. Minnis stated that the Board was not being canvassed regarding Cynergistic, only for the Board to meet individually with the Superintendent to express their opinion regarding the energy saving program Cynergistic.

Mr. Shepard stated that the Havana Middle School Project still has items for consideration. He stated that he has information regarding the digital sign for Havana Middle School. He stated that the contingency estimated sales tax savings will fall short. He stated that the remaining balance will come from of the contingency funds.

Ms. Lewis stated that she wanted to revisit the issue regarding the music room at Havana Middle School because of its future vision with arts.

d. Other – agenda items:

i. Agenda item – Approval of PO #187140.

Mrs. Ferree stated that software renewal of the Library License was needed for the schools.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:35 p.m.