

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

March 27, 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; 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 4:39 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mr. Bob Butler addressed the Board to state his concern about the district's current insurance representative being over compensated. He stated that the total commission was excessively high, especially for medial services.

In response to Mr. Simmons' concern about bidding health insurance, Mrs. Wood stated that health insurance companies make presentations before the insurance committee.

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board a Schedule A – Form 5500 for year 2011. She assured the Board that the district has a fair share process for bidding. She also shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) General Fund – Encumbered \$4,239,624.97; 2) 300 - Capital Projects – Encumbered \$2,620,389.13; 3) 410 – Food Service – Encumbered \$354,742.30; 4) 420 – Federal Projects; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$50,237.89; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$134,297.82. She stated that a recent audit report showed a 40% decrease in findings, with no financial findings.

The Board agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss and review the audit findings.

Mr. Milton requested that students who attend summer programs be provided a hot lunch once a week.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that the Commissioner of Education visited Gadsden Elementary Magnet School to present a plaque for ranking number 10 in the State of Florida. He stated that the Commissioner commended the Superintendent and Board for their efforts in having five “A” schools.

Mrs. Smith stated that all schools were in the FCAT mode. She stated that staff are analyzing data, and principals are continuing to visit classrooms. She stated that the district will continue to be proactive to challenges with grading. She stated that the ESE student population will be included in school grades this year. She stated that all of the high schools are focused on trying to overcome their challenges with accelerated courses.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:50 p.m.