

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

April 27, 2021

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Leroy McMillan, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mrs. Karema D. Dudley; Ms. Cathy S. Johnson; and Mr. Charlie D. Frost. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, 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. Leroy McMillan, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood stated that local taxes are included in the general fund. She stated that the national school lunch participation has been down. She stated that the current revenue estimated at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was \$30.9M in the general fund. She stated that capital improvement expenditures as of March 31<sup>st</sup> showed the revenue was slightly more than the expenditures.

3. 2020 – 2021 Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Fourth Calculation

Mrs. Wood stated that the fourth calculation showed that the student enrollment was down 2.63%. She stated that teacher salaries stay the same no matter the student count. She stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> calculation actual enrollment revealed 102 students less than the projection equaled \$106,000. She stated that the total funds UWFTE increased between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> calculation, but the McKay and Family Empowerment students are included. She stated that the district does not receive those funds. She stated that \$37M was for Gadsden County but not the school system.

Mr. Frost stated that charter schools get money from us but it looks like the district is receiving money when in fact what we receive goes directly to the charter school.

Mrs. Wood stated that the district spent \$10,000 on a project but it was all for private schools. She stated that the general fund is always stretched and we have to be very careful with the general fund. She stated that there is an overwhelming amount in federal but there are compliance requirements to use that money. She stated that the district need to carefully review food service because the budget has been reduced by \$1M in food service revenue. She stated that cost strips and staffing plans are currently being developed and finance is working closely with Human Resource. She stated that the incentive to get certified instructional personnel is working. She stated that the Board packet contains district-wide teachers grandfathered since 2011 with professional contracts that are being recommended back, all other teachers are on annual contract. She stated that the insurance spreadsheet provided shows repairs and insurance payments were current. She stated that the new Prek-8 school in Marianna was built for 1,800 students which is the same number of students the district has for a new school and cost \$58M to build. She stated that the district is updating an Inter-district Global Agreement to provide guidelines for shelters in schools.

In reference to the Chattahoochee High School (CHS) mortgage, Mrs. Minnis stated that there are 37 past due payments. She shared with the Board some ideas of how to handle these missed payments without foreclosure.

In response to Mr. Scott's question regarding who was the responsible party for the insurance, Mrs. Wood stated that the district is not liable for the insurance. She stated that the mortgagor is not 37 months behind but have missed 37 payments over the length of the loan.

Mrs. Minnis stated that the district could possibly be named in a liability suit because you would be a person of interest since you hold the mortgage.

Mr. Key stated that he will meet with the mortgagor to discuss the payments.

4. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

5. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:30 p.m.