SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

May 24, 2016

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. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; and Mr. Steve Scott. 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 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Data Report

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

   b. Miscellaneous finance department items:
      i.   Title I and 21st Century – Piggyback on PAEC Contract
      ii. FOCUS Implemented and working.
      iii. Florida Supreme Court Workers' Compensation Ruling

      Mrs. Kim Ferree thanked the Superintendent and Board for allowing her work with the district. She stated that she would be leaving the district due to another job opportunity.

      Mr. Thomas Kauffman stated that the Florida Supreme Court Worker's Compensation Ruling in Castellanos v. Next Door Company was issued on April 26, 2016. He stated that the Castellanos ruling will have a significant impact on the manner in which workers' compensation cases will be evaluated and handled, and employers and their insurance carriers will be faced with substantially more significant exposure for attorney's fees.

      iv. Revised 4th Calculation Net State FEFP

      Mr. Kauffman stated that the revised 2015-16 Florida Education Program (FEFP) Fourth Calculation showed a decrease in funds for the McKay Scholarships.

   c. Other – Agenda Item:
      i.   2016-17 Payroll

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

   Mr. Simmons requested financial updates every Tuesday in an effort to help with timing of the TRIM table, and transitioning in the business and finance department.

   The Board scheduled financial workshops the second and fourth Tuesday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

   Mr. LaClarence Mays shared with the Board budget updates. He stated that the district was in the process of planning for the 2016-2017 fiscal year's budget.

   Mr. Simmons suggested scheduling budget workshops to streamline the budget categorically by line item.

   Mr. Mark Sonsalla, Senior Account Executive with American Business Center, presented the Board with information regarding a cost saving analysis on Xerox copiers. He stated that Xerox provides cost savings, simplified billing, network security, reliable and prompt service, transform printing environment, track and control printing, advantages of State of Florida contracts, right fleet sizing, and utilizes advancements in technology (i.e. Apps).

   The Board thanked Mr. Sonsalla for his presentation on Xerox copiers.

   Mr. James Brennan, Veterans Legion Auxiliary Post #84, addressed the Board regarding the donation of the Havana Elementary School property to provide housing for veterans. He requested the Board donate the Havana Elementary School property as is to speed up the process of renovation. He stated that the district will receive proceeds from the sale of the property located on the side of Havana Elementary School. He stated that a $1,000 scholarship will be provided to one of the high school seniors.

   Mr. Emmanuel Sapp addressed the Board to advocate for student scholarships. Mr. Sonsalla if Xerox offered scholarships to students.

   Mr. Sonsalla stated that he would look into student scholarship information with Xerox corporate office.

   Mr. Frost shared his sentiments regarding the one cent sales tax. He stated that this would be a good time for the Board to look into getting the one cent sales tax on the upcoming election ballot.

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

   The Board convened in executive session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining issues, and adjourned at 5:55 p.m.