

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

August 28, 2012

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Eric F. Hinson, Vice Chairman; 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. Mr. Judge Helms, Chairman; and Mr. Charlie D. Frost were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Eric F. Hinson, at 4:35 p.m.

Ms. Debra Rackley stated that enrollment was due to Occupational Accreditation for Technical Centers. She stated that the district needs to be competitive to accept the PELL Grant dollars. She requested the Board's approval to withdraw from the general fund \$5,900 to cover the cost of occupational accreditation for Technical Centers.

Following discussion, Board members stated that they will further review the information regarding Occupational Accreditation for Technical Centers.

2. MIDWAY ARTS AND SCIENCES ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

Mr. Auburn Ford, Midway City Manager, and Midway City Board Members Charlie Smith and David Knight were present for the workshop to discuss the Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence Charter School.

Mr. Ford stated that the Superintendent recommended Midway seek a charter. He thanked the Superintendent for allowing Dr. Jackson to assist with preparing the charter application. He stated that the goal was to open the Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence Charter School for the 2014 – 2015 school year. He stated that Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence Governing Board is the ultimate policy-making body for the school, and will have the responsibility for the affairs and management of the school. The Governing Board will provide continuing oversight of school operations, including a responsibility to effectively and properly manage public funds. He stated that the mission of Midway Arts & Sciences Academy

of Excellence is to provide an innovative, challenging curriculum for students in an environment that furthers a philosophy of respect and high expectations for all students, parents, teachers, and staff. He stated that Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence goal is to serve up to 360 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> within the next seven years. He stated that during the implementation year 2013 -2014 planning and organization will take place. He stated that in the first year of operation, the school will gather varied data, i.e. student academic performance, student demographics, student to teacher ratio, board governance, financial management and overall school operations, to develop a School Accountability Plan as a measurement of overall school performance on an annual basis. He stated that this plan will detail specific goals and strategies to achieve academic success, fiscal efficiency – including budget projections and evaluations from internal audits and maximum school performance. He stated that the Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence will adhere to the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

Following the Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence Charter School presentation, the Board agreed to schedule another workshop to further discuss and review the Midway Arts & Sciences Academy of Excellence Charter School application.

3. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Melanie King, Assistant Comptroller, shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) 379 – Capital Improvements – Encumbered \$16,068.58; 2) 394 – Class Size Reduction – Encumbered \$147,513.36; 3) 410 – School Food Service – Encumbered \$2,485.09; 4) 420 – Federal – Encumbered \$685,889.36; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds - \$189,451.24; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$198,538.16.

4. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:15 p.m.