

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

April 26, 2011

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Mr. Judge B. Helms; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 6:05 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Charlie D. Frost.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

The Superintendent and Board recognized Master Sergeant Jerome Kerrison and the East Gadsden High School JROTC for their outstanding performance in the recent State Competition. The Jaguar Cadets placed at State Level in two separate events. It was noted that this is the eighth consecutive year that East Gadsden High School JROTC has received an award on the State Level.

Mr. James thanked the teachers, parents, students and staff for their hard work with FCAT testing. He commended the Testing Coordinator (Mrs. Shaia Beckwith James) for her hard work. He stated that there were no glitches with testing.

Mr. Hinson recognized the East Gadsden High School students for their professional behavior at Career Day. He stated that at Career Day students received scholarships to Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University.

## ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Milton added to the agenda item #6a – revised personnel 2010 – 2011. He made a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Judge B. Helms, seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

### 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. March 29, 2011, 4:30p.m. - School Board Workshop
- b. March 29, 2011, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

### 7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Approval of bills and vouchers - See back-up material

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Budget Amendment Number Twenty-Six

Fund Source: 379 (Capital Improvement 10-11) Funds  
Amount: \$1,818,042.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Budget Amendment Number Twenty-Eight

Fund Source: 432 Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds  
Amount: \$.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Budget Amendment Number Twenty-Nine

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds  
Amount: \$326,149.05

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. Budget Amendment Number Thirty

Fund Source: 410 (School Food Service) Funds  
Amount: \$171,695.04

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

### 8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a. Contracted Services

Fund Source: General Fund, Title I and Title I School Improvement  
Amount: \$76,600.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. In-Service Program for Add-On Endorsement in the Area of Florida Gifted

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

- d. ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.  
Gates v. Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: General

Amount: \$7,500.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## 9. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #77-1011-0231

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #78-1011-0071

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## 10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. West Gadsden High School P. E. Fields Project

Fund Source: Capital Improvements - 379

Amount: \$95,248.26

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## 11. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- a. Florida Association of District School Superintendents Membership Dues for 2011 - 2012

Fund Source: General

Amount: \$10,479.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Reimbursement for Legal Fees

Fund Source: General

Amount: \$2,106.61

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items preceded by an (\*) asterisk were removed from the CONSENT agenda at the beginning of the meeting and acted upon during the DISCUSSION portion of the agenda.

\*6. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

a. Personnel 2010 – 2011

Mr. Helms noted that a correction was made to the addition of agenda item #6a to rescind the resignation of employee Ketranna Jones.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6a to rescind the resignation of employee Ketranna Jones. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

\*7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

c. Budget Amendment Number Twenty-Seven

Fund Source: 200 (Debt Service) Funds  
Amount: \$344,351.54

Mr. Helms requested corrections be made to agenda item #7c.

Mrs. Wood stated that the following corrections should be made to agenda item #7c: page #12 heading should be "debt service fund", and #27 heading reflected on prior page.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation with the noted corrections on page #12 heading should be "debt service fund", and #27 heading reflected on prior page. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

\*8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

c. Agreement Between Gadsden County School District and Alternative Unlimited, Inc.

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Simmons requested the Board defer action on agenda item #8c in order to have representatives from Alternative Unlimited, Inc. give the Board an update on the Drop Back In Program.

Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to defer action on agenda item #8c. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Helms requested a list showing the number of students in the Drop Back In Program, when the students left the public school, and when they enrolled in the Drop Back In Program. He stated that he also wants to visit each location and meet with staff and students.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons withdrew his motion in order to include a list showing the number of students in the Drop Back In Program, when the students left the public school, and when they enrolled in the Drop Back In Program. Mr. Eric F. Hinson withdrew his second.

Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to defer action on agenda item #8c until the Director of the Drop Back In Program had an opportunity to come and share with the Board and update. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

**\*10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY**

- b. Request to Delete and Dispose from Capital Assets – Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

Fund Source: All Funds  
Amount: \$855,862.99

Mr. Helms requested an overview of agenda item #10b.

Mr. Bruce James stated that many of the computers have served its purpose. He stated that the computers are 10 plus years old. He stated that it would be in the best interest of the district to recycle the computers.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda #10b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

**12. CONSIDERATION, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS**

- a. Discussion and Request to Advertise the Board's Intent to Amend School Board Rule Numbered 2.90 (Tobacco Use in District Facilities)

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Helms stated that agenda item #12a was a request to advertise the Board's Intent to Amend School Board Rule Numbered 2.90 (Tobacco Use In District Facilities).

Mr. Simmons stated that he was concerned that Policy 2.90 is at all schools and staff are aware of the policy. He stated that he wanted to ensure that Policy 2.90 is being adhered to.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #12a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

13. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that he was contacted by the Chancellor. He stated that the Governor's wife wanted to visit Crossroad Academy on Thursday (April 28<sup>th</sup>) morning. He announced that Budget workshops were scheduled for Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

14. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons stated that in a workshop setting he wanted an update on the district's policies and procedures. He stated that he had received telephone calls regarding ways to establish outreach programs to assist our students. He stated that the district needed to find ways to minimize disciplinary problems at schools.

Mr. Milton stated that all middle and high schools have extended day programs such as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Programs.

Mr. James stated that student enrollment is not good at after school programs. He stated that the district need to find ways to recruit more students for after school programs.

Mr. Hinson stated that the district could partner with the city and county to find students jobs after school.

Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted to ensure that all precautions are taken with every event. He stated that adequate security is needed to help minimize student disciplinary problems.

Mr. Hinson invited everyone to the Havana Senior Citizens Model Show on Saturday (April 30<sup>th</sup>) beginning at 4:00 p.m. He stated that the early learning school day was a hardship for parents to drop students off to school early. He stated that the district needed customer service training.

Mr. Helms requested a calendar of school activities for the end of the school year.

Mr. Frost stated that he had concerns with employees working in the district and sending their children to school in another district.

Mr. Hinson congratulated Mr. Frost's son for receiving a football scholarship. He recognized Mrs. Alma West, former principal of Gretna Elementary School. He asked everyone to speak positive about the district.

Mr. Milton stated that the Homegoing Service for Jalecia Whaley (Havana Elementary School student) was scheduled for Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Deliverance Temple Ministries. He congratulated Mrs. Rosalyn W. Smith on her new position as Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services.

Mr. Frost stated that he appreciated Mrs. Smith for a job well done as Principal of Carter Parramore Academy.

Mr. James thanked his staff for their hard work with finding ways to reduce the district's budget. He stated that in 2004 there were 63 administrators, and today the district has 51.75 administrators.

15. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The Board convened in executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining issues; and adjourned at 8:00 p.m.