

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

June 28, 2011

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. Judge B. Helms; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; 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. Roger P. Milton, at 4:30 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the following budget status summary reports: 1) 110 - General Fund – Encumbered \$580,350.53; 2) 300 – Capital Outlay Funds- Encumbered \$165,743.97; 3) 410 – Food Service Fund – Encumbered \$80,527.17; 4) 420 – Contracted Federal Projects – Encumbered \$1,019,277.45; 5) 431 – State Fiscal Stabilization – Encumbered \$1,000; 6) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$67,963.53; 7) Other ARRA Stimulus Grants – Encumbered \$0.00; 8) Other ARRA Race To The Top Fund – Encumbered \$7,450.00; and 9) Education Jobs Fund - Encumbered \$0.00.

3. INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Wood stated that the Insurance Committee received and reviewed the renewals of the contracts for Health Insurance for 2011- 2012. She stated that the blended rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and Capital Health Plan were analyzed. She introduced Mr. Craig McMillan.

Mr. McMillan stated that the insurance renewals included the \$50,000 credit on the premium increases from Florida Combined Life. He stated that benefits for employees and retirees who have selected Capital Health Plan will remain the same as the current coverage. He stated that the benefits for employees and retirees who have selected Blue Cross Blue Shield will be altered to fit within the 5.2% blended rate. He stated that the district has seven active employees on Blue Cross Blue Shield, and the others on Capital Health Plan. He stated that there was a slight increase with the insurance rates.

Mr. Simmons requested the Board defer action on the Health Insurance Contracts for 2011 – 2012 because more information was needed.

4. TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION

Dr. Bridges stated that the district held a technology conference on last week. She introduced staff from James A. Shanks Middle School to share with the Board what they learned.

Mrs. Catina Russ Simmons stated that staff at James A. Shanks Middle School learned how to integrate technology into their curriculum using SMART Boards. She shared a SMART Board demonstration with the Board.

5. WORKFORCE (YOUTHBUILD)

Ms. Kimberly Moore of Workforce Plus shared with the Board a power-point presentation outlining Youth Build related services. She stated that Workforce Plus was awarded a United States Department of Labor YouthBuild grant in the amount of \$1,047,000. She stated that the award process was very competitive with only 31 awards being made nationally. She stated that under the grant, 60 Gadsden County Youth (ages 16 – 24) will be served over a 2 year period with an additional year of follow-up. She stated that over the course of the 3 year period, the following services will be provided to participating youth. She stated that Adult education services related to securing a GED or remediation, vocational instruction related to construction, leadership development, industry recognized certification, case management, and career counseling. She stated that the primary thrust of the grant is to provide at risk youth (younger and older) with an opportunity to establish a solid educational foundation that is infused with a leadership component. She stated that Workforce Plus is requesting the Board's permission to locate two modulars on the campus of Gadsden Technical Institute to deliver the YouthBuild related services. She stated that this request is consistent with the dialogue that has occurred between Workforce Plus, the Superintendent and the Principal of Gadsden Technical Institute. She noted that all costs associated with securing and maintaining the temporary modular's (i.e. insurance, utility cost, rental/lease agreement, onsite placement and removal) would be addressed by Workforce Plus. She stated that if approved, appropriate steps would be taken to ensure that a uniform approach is adhered to related Gadsden Technical Institute's current policies. She stated that moreover, Gadsden Technical Institute would be provided a seat to serve on the advisory council associated with this project to ensure continued engagement.

6. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

7. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

8. The workshop adjourned at 5:45 p.m.