

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

November 16, 2010

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Frost and Mr. Hinson attended the State School Choice Parent Advisory Council meeting at Carter Parramore and arrived at 6:13 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Judge B. Helms.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Milton thanked Mr. Simmons for serving as the past Chairman. He congratulated Mr. Frost on being the President of the State School Choice Parent Advisory Council. He also congratulated Mr. Simmons, Mr. Frost, and Mr. Helms on their re-election to serve another four-year term on the School Board.

Mr. Simmons stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve as the district 3 School Board representative. He pledged support to the Superintendent and his colleagues. He stated that he was committed to be the best Board member. He stated that he will work toward having quarterly Board meetings in the community. He stated that the district have many challenges ahead, but will overcome them.

Mr. Helms stated that he was pleased to be re-elected for another four-year term. He stated that he was fortunate to be unopposed. He stated that he was committed to serving as a Board member for the entire district. He announced that the Quincy Kiwanis Club was sponsoring a Children's Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 14th, 12:00 noon at the First Baptist Church. He stated that proceeds from the fruit sale will benefit students from Stewart Street Elementary School, St. John Elementary School, Gretna Elementary School, and George W. Munroe Elementary School at the Children's Christmas Party.

Mr. Milton thanked his colleagues for having him serve as Chairman. He stated that he expects to receive information for the School Board's agenda in a decent and timely manner. He recognized Ms. Sharon Jefferson, Vice President of Student Affairs at Tallahassee Community College.

Ms. Jefferson stated that she enjoys working with Mr. Milton. She stated that she appreciates the Superintendent allowing her to attend the meeting. She stated that she will continue the partnership between Tallahassee Community College and Gadsden County School Board.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Milton entertained 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. October 26, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. October 26, 2010, 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 Six

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds
Amount: \$233,766.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Budget Amendment Number Seven

Fund Source: 432 Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds
Amount: \$1,284,820.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Budget Amendment Number Eight

Fund Source: 410 (School Food Service) Funds
Amount: \$.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Crossroad Academy Financial Reports for September, 2010

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #09-1011-0051

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #11-1011-0231

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Clearing Two Lots at New Greensboro Elementary and Removing House From One Lot

Fund Source: 2 mil

Amount: \$9,250.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- a. School Improvement Plans for Carter Parramore Academy, Chattahoochee Elementary, East Gadsden High, Gadsden Elementary Magnet, George Munroe Elementary, Greensboro Elementary, Gretna Elementary, Havana Elementary, Havana Middle, James A. Shanks Middle, St. John Elementary, Stewart Street Elementary and West Gadsden High WEBSITE www.flbsi.org

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

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 asked that the request for leave ending date be changed to 06/10/2011. In response to his concern regarding whether the Technology Specialist position was paid under the SIG grant, Dr. Hightower responded yes.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6a with the noted correction to change the request for leave ending date to 06/10/2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Approval of School Board Rule 2.25 (Job Description for Director of Federal Programs)

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #11a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Milton added to the agenda a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quincy for paving portions of North Lincoln Street, West Sharon Street and North Cleveland Streets.

Ms. Wood stated that funds for paving the streets will come from a special fund for paving projects.

Following discussion, Mr. Eric F. Hinson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quincy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

12. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James thanked the public for their support with the 0.25 Critical Needs Millage Referendum. He stated that the 0.25 Critical Needs Millage Referendum passed during the recent election.

13. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Hinson invited everyone to the Havana Lions Club Southern Food Fest on Saturday, November 20th, 3:00 p.m. in Havana. He stated that tickets for the Southern Food Fest are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children ages 6 to 11, and children ages 5 and under free. He stated that he was proud of the Havana community male involvement group. He stated that the Havana Community Male Involvement group meet Sunday mornings at New Jerusalem Church.

Board members were invited to a Thanksgiving Brunch on November 23rd at 10:00 a.m.; and Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 17th at 12:00 noon at the district office.

Mr. Frost stated that he was proud to serve as the Chairman for the State School Choice Parent Advisory Council. He stated that he was also proud of the district's parent involvement.

14. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.