

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

July 26, 2011

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Vice Chairman; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Isaac Simmons; and Mr. Eric F. Hinson. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Roger P. Milton was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 6:02 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

PUBLIC HEARING – Tentative Budget and Millage Rate

a. Approval of the 2011 – 2012 Tentative Budget

Fund Source: All Funds

Amount:	Total Estimated New Revenue and Balances -	\$57,360,081.00
	Total Projected Expenditures -	\$54,439,344.00

Mrs. Wood stated that the proposed state law required local effort millage rate was 5.424, the proposed local discretionary millage rate was .498, the proposed supplemental nonvoted discretionary millage rate was .25, the proposed critical operating needs nonvoted millage rate was .25, and the proposed capital improvement millage rate was 1.50 mills, when all combined amount to less than the rolled back rate by a negative 3.58 percent.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to move that the Board adopt the recommended state law required local effort millage rate of 5.424, the proposed local discretionary millage rate of .498, the proposed supplemental nonvoted discretionary millage rate of .25, the proposed critical operating needs nonvoted millage rate of .25, and the proposed capital improvement millage rate of 1.50 mills, when all combined amount to less than the rolled back rate by a negative 3.58 percent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to adopt the recommended tentative supplemental discretionary millage rate of .25 as necessary for the 2011- 2012 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

Mr. Eric F. Hinson made a motion to adopt the recommended tentative critical operating needs millage of .25 as necessary for the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to adopt the tentative budget for the 2011- 2012 fiscal year as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. James recognized Mr. Simmons for his long tenure on the Board. He announced that the Employee Back to School Rally was scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th, 9:00 a.m. at East Gadsden High School. He stated that a celebration of educational progress will be held on Saturday, August 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at James A. Shanks Middle School and Corry Athletic Field.

Mr. Frost recognized and appreciated Mr. Simmons for his seniority on the Board.

Mr. Hinson stated that he recently spoke about the district's progress at the Havana Kiwanis Club luncheon. He thanked the Superintendent for working swiftly with the Jones and Martin family during the loss of their loved one. He also thanked Ms. Sherrie Taylor for the food provided for the family on Friday night.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Helms entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. June 14, 2011, 5:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
- b. June 28, 2011, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- c. June 28, 2011, 6:00 p.m. - Regular School Board Meeting
- d. July 12, 2011, 6:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)
 - a. Personnel 2010 – 2011
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - b. Personnel 2011 – 2012
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
 - a. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Four
Fund Source: 432 (Targeted ARRA Stimulus) Funds
Amount: \$00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - b. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Five
Fund Source: 410 (School Food Service) Funds
Amount: \$158,634.64
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - c. Resolution Regarding National Solar Power Partners, LLC
Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS
 - a. Contract for Crossing Guard at West Gadsden High School
Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$10/hour for 180 days or maximum of \$7,200.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - b. Contracted Services from General Fund
Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$162,200.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - g. Contracted Services from General Fund
Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$17,000.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- h. Contracted Services from General Fund
Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$40,995.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- i. Contracted Services from General Fund
Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$203,573.34
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- j. Memorandum of Agreement Between Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) Head Start and Gadsden County School Board
Fund Source: FEFP dollars for therapy provided to identified children
Amount: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- k. Contract with Independent Contractor (Music Therapist)
Fund Source: IDEA
Amount: \$19,000.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- l. Vision Services for Exceptional Students
Fund Source: FEFP Dollars
Amount: \$25,500.00 (est.)
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- m. Cooperative Agreement for Inter-County Transfer of Exceptional Students Between Leon County School Board and Gadsden County School Board
Fund Source: State FTE Funds
Amount: (determined by formula)
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- n. Agreement Between The School Board of Gadsden County Public Schools and INVO HealthCare Associates, Inc.
Fund Source: FEFP Dollars
Amount: \$58.00 (per hour for actual hours worked)
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- o. Agreement Between the Gadsden County Public Schools and Independent Contactor for Occupational Therapy Services – Makesha Bus, OTR/L
 Fund Source: FEFP Dollars
 Amount: \$58.00 (per hour for actual hours worked)
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- p. Contract Between the School Board of Gadsden County, Florida and Art Therapist
 Fund Source: IDEA
 Amount: \$15,500.00
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- q. FSU Multidisciplinary Services 2011- 2012 School Year
 Fund Source: IDEA Dollars
 Amount: \$30,000.00 est.
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- r. Contract with Behavior Management Consultants, Inc., & Gadsden County School Board
 Fund Source: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 Amount: \$80,000.00 (not to exceed)
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- s. Contracted Services with Speech/Language Pathologist Joy Scharein & The Gadsden County School Board
 Fund Source: FEFP Dollars
 Amount: \$63,000.00
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- t. Medicaid Administrative Claiming
 Fund Source: Medicaid
 Amount: Amount billed each month by approved staff
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- u. Agreement Between The School Board of Gadsden County And The School Board of Seminole County (Medicaid Administrative Claiming)
 Fund Source: Medicaid
 Amount: \$9.00 per random sampling form
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- v. Contract With Independent Contractor (Kurt LaRose)
Fund Source: IDEA
Amount: \$15,000.00 (est.)
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- w. Amended Agreement Between Gadsden County School District and Alternative Unlimited, Inc.
Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- x. Add – On Endorsement In ESE – Severe and Profound Disabilities
Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- y. Add – On Endorsement In ESE – Autism
Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- z. Gadsden County School Board Head Start 2011-2012 Refunding Application/Program Improvement Plan
Fund Source: Head Start
Amount: \$2,028,014.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- aa. Gadsden District K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan
Fund Source: FEFP
Amount: \$265,622.00
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)

c. Approval of Revised 2011-2012 Teacher Calendar

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mr. Helms stated that he was concerned about teachers and students returning back to school on the same day in January (January 3rd). He stated that the district should consider having teachers return a day earlier for planning.

Mrs. Wood stated that it was necessary to revise the instructional calendar in order to get the contracts corrected. She stated that it was a payroll issue.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6c. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

*8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

c. Memorandum of Agreement Between Workforce Plus and Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mr. Simmons stated that he was concerned about having a two year agreement with Workforce Plus/Youthbuild Project. He stated that there needed to be annual reviews and quarterly reports. He stated that the agreement did not have a termination or exit clause. He stated that the district has good partnership with Workforce Plus. He requested Workforce Plus make changes to the agreement by adding an entrance and exit clause; require quarterly reports and resubmit to the Board.

Ms. Kim Moore, CEO of Workforce Plus, stated that she will make the necessary changes to the agreement and resubmit to the Board.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to defer action on agenda item #8c. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Memorandum of Agreement with Gadsden County Health Department

Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$100,100.00

Mr. Helms asked why three schools (Gadsden Elementary Magnet, Carter Parramore Academy, and East Gadsden High School) were not listed to receive comprehensive healthcare.

Ms. Doris Drake stated that the health department was short staffed. She stated that staff are assigned on a daily basis and the three schools receive basic health care services. She stated that the Health Department has some facility and staffing issues.

Following discussion, Mr. Eric F. Hinson made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8d. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

e. Contract for Uniformed Security Guards for 2011 – 2012

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$11.60 per hour or approximately \$183,744.00 (based on actual hours)

Mr. Frost asked if the Uniformed Security Guard Contracts were annual renewals.

Ms. Wood stated that the Uniformed Security Guard Contracts are bid as a three year contract with renewal.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8e. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

f. Contract with Gadsden County Sheriff's Department

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: Not to exceed \$226,982.36 (\$29.62/hour)

In response to Mr. Frost concern regarding the contractual years with the Sheriff's Department, Ms. Wood stated that contracts with the Sheriff's Department are annual.

Mr. Hinson stated that in the past the Sheriff's Department allocated half of the funds for services.

Mr. James stated that in the past grants were used to help fund services with the Sheriff's Department.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8f. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

a. Approval of School Board Rule 2.25 (Code of Student Conduct)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Following discussion, Mr. Eric F. Hinson made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #9a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

11. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that he met with the new principal, Dr. Kimball Thomas, at East Gadsden High School. He stated that he was impressed with Dr. Thomas. He requested the district give him the support that he needs.

Mr. James stated that the district's primary focus this year would be on the high schools

Mr. Helms and Mr. Hinson echoed the earlier sentiments by Mr. Frost regarding Dr. Thomas.

Mr. Hinson requested the district partner with May Nursery or some other nursery to plant flowers for beautification at the schools. He requested the district ensure there are enough books for all students to take home for studying.

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.