

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

July 1, 2014

1:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Ms. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; 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 1:35 p.m.

2. AGREEMENT BETWEEN GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CATAPULT LEARNING, LLC

Ms. Christine Perez, Catapult Regional Director for Gadsden County, addressed the Board to answer questions, and clarify information regarding the agreement between the Gadsden County School District and Catapult Learning, LLC. During the lengthy discussion, Board members asked questions, made comments, and shared the following issues and concerns regarding Catapult Learning, LLC: program description; marketing advertisement for Catapult; clarity on the attendance and membership; check and balance system for verifying FTE; change administrative fee to 15%; compensation language; consider a different funding model; options to terminate early; and have a stand-alone program for Catapult.

Following discussion, the Board requested the Superintendent, Mrs. Minnis and staff work to restructure the agreement with Catapult Learning, LLC.

Ms. Perez thanked the Board members for their time, and stated that Catapult Learning, LLC was willing and ready to work with the district.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that Ms. Lewis shared with him a list of issues and concerns. He stated that many of her issues and concerns have already been addressed. He stated that Ms. Lewis has a monthly newsletter that is being published in the local newspaper. He stated that AMIKids has expressed interest in becoming partners with the district to enhance the programs at Hope Academy. He stated that the legislature has earmarked ½ million dollars for AMIKids to pilot the program.

Mr. Milton requested the Board schedule a workshop to further discuss the pilot program with AMIKids.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Lewis requested a news article following each Board meeting to highlight important information.

5. The workshop adjourned at 3:30 p.m.