

## FINAL BUDGET HEARING

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

September 6, 2016

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. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; and Mr. Steve Scott. Also present were Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board, was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 6:06 p.m.

2. FINAL EOY BUDGET FOR THE 2015 – 16 FISCAL YEAR

Fund Source: All funds as noted in the budget

Amount: As listed on the final budget form

Mr. Kauffman stated that the 2015 – 16 EOY budget would close out the fiscal year budget as allowed by Florida Administrative Code 6A-1.006. He shared with the Board an overview of the 2015 – 2016 EOY budget. He stated that the total estimated revenues, other financing sources and fund balance were \$45,924,170.20; the unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$3,138,936.31. He stated that the total fund balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$3,252,018.25.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2 Final EOY Budget for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

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

3. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-01 (reaffirmed at final budget hearing) and FDOE Form ESE 524

Fund Source: All funds budget

Amount: Refer to millage rates and amounts stated on the Resolution

Mr. Mays stated that Resolution Number 16-01 consisted of the millage rates for the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year. He noted that the millage rates were initially approved during the July 26, 2016 tentative budget meeting. He stated that none of the rates have changed since the tentative budget approval by the Board.

Following Mr. Milton’s reading of Resolution Number 16–01, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to approve Resolution Number 16–01 and FDOE Form ESE 524. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. APPROVAL OF THE 2016 - 2017 FINAL BUDGET – RESOLUTION 16-02

Fund Source: All Funds

Amount: Refer to tentative budget and/or budget summary attached to agenda item

Mr. Mays stated that Resolution Number 16–02 consisted of the final budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Following Mr. Milton’s reading of Resolution Number 16–02, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to approve Resolution Number 16-02 final budget for fiscal 2016 - 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. CATEGORICAL FLEXIBLE SPENDING RESOLUTION

Fund Source: 110

Amount: \$4,074,840.00

Mr. Mays stated that Resolution Number 16 – 03 consisted of categorical flexible spending.

Following Mr. Simmons’ reading of Resolution Number 16–03, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to approve Resolution Number 16–03 Categorical Flexible Spending. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-04 – BOARD’S INTENTION ON USE OF GENERAL FUNDS

Fund Source: General Funds  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Mays stated that Resolution Number 16-04 consisted of the Board’s intention to use services identified in the previously adopted budgets by Resolution Number 16–02 and 16–03 as well as any subsequent budget amendments presented to the Board for approval, and are the only services that the district would provide in the absence of federal funds.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to approve Resolution Number 16–04 Board’s Intention On Use Of General Funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. APPROVAL OF THE 2015 – 2016 SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund Source: All Funds  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Kauffman stated that the due date for the Superintendent’s Annual Financial Report for the 2015 – 16 fiscal year was due September 11, 2016. He shared with the Board information pertaining to the Annual Financial Report for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. He also shared information with the Board to consider when approving the final budget for the 2016 – 17 fiscal year.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s Annual Financial Report for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. MERRILL vs. GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Fund Source: General Fund  
Amount: \$10,000.00

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve agenda item #8. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. APPROVAL OF 2015 – 2017 GESPA CONTRACT

Mr. Rocky Pace stated that the Gadsden Educational Staff Professional Association Collective Bargaining Contract for the 2015 – 2017 year was ratified with 188 yes votes and 7 no votes.

Following discussion, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to approve agenda item #9 2015 – 2017 GESPA Contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Hightower stated that as a result of Hurricane Hermine, 30 teachers were absent and 237 students were absent. He stated that a majority of the district's teachers live in Leon County. He asked the Board if they wished to include staff outside of the GESPA contract to receive a 3% increase.

The Board agreed for staff outside of the GESPA contract to receive a 3% increase.

Dr. Hightower stated that six focused schools were scheduled to receive visits from the DA Team (Differentiated Accountability). He stated that the DA Team discuss expectations for improving schools to a letter grade of "C". He requested the Board review the DOE Educational Report.

11. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Scott stated that he attended a Men's Breakfast where Mr. Bill Montford commended the Gadsden County School District.

Mr. Simmons stated that it is the responsibility of the Deputy Superintendent and district team members to oversee schools and provide what they need. He requested the district establish a Hurricane Restoration Team in the event of a disaster. He stated that the district needs a disaster recovery plan.

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.