

FINAL BUDGET HEARING

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

September 8, 2015

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, Chairwoman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Roger P. Milton; 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 Chairwoman, Mrs. Audrey Lewis, at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Lewis acknowledged Attorney Minnis.

Attorney Minnis stated that in accordance with Florida Statutes 286.0118 litigation counsel has requested an attorney-client session to discuss pending litigation in the case of Blich vs. Gadsden County School Board. She stated that the following individuals would be attending the attorney-client session: Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; Ms. Gwendolyn Adkins, Retained Counsel, Mrs. Audrey Lewis – Board Member, Mr. Isaac Simmons – Board Member, Mr. Charlie Frost – Board Member, Mr. Roger Milton – Board Member, Mr. Steve Scott – Board Member, and a certified court reporter.

Mrs. Lewis recessed the meeting at 6:05 p.m. to convene in an attorney-client session. The attorney-client session adjourned at 6:25 p.m; and the meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to approve the settlement offer of \$16,000.00 in the case of Blich vs. Gadsden County School Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

2. FINAL EOY BUDGET FOR THE 2014 – 15 FISCAL YEAR

Fund Source: All funds as noted in the budget

Amount: As listed on the final budget form

Mrs. Ferree stated that the 2014 – 15 EOY budget would close out the fiscal year budget as allowed by Florida Administrative Code 6A-1.006. She stated that the final due date for the annual financial report for the 2014 – 15 fiscal year was September 11, 2015. She shared with the Board an overview of the 2014 – 15 EOY budget. She stated that the total estimated revenues were \$42,700,793.29; the assigned fund balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$366,878.44; and the unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$1,065,241.76.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-01 (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 Resolution Number 15 – 01 consisted of the millage rates for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. He noted that the millage rates were initially approved during the July 28, 2015 tentative budget meeting. He stated that none of the rates have changed since the tentative budget approval by the Board.

Following Mrs. Lewis' reading of Resolution Number 15 – 01, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. APPROVAL OF THE 2015 – 2016 FINAL BUDGET – RESOLUTION 15 – 03

Fund Source: All Funds

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

Mr. Mays shared with the Board an overview of the 2015 – 2016 final budget.

Board members expressed their concerns regarding the 2015 – 2016 final budget.

Following Mrs. Lewis' reading of Resolution Number 15 – 03, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. APPROVAL OF THE 2014 – 2015 SUPERINTENDENT' ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund Source: All Funds

Amount: N/A

Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. CATEGORICAL FLEXIBLE SPENDING RESOLUTION

Fund Source: 110

Amount: \$3,640,612.00

Following Mrs. Lewis' reading of Resolution Number 15 – 04, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. **FOOD SERVICE PURCHASE ORDERS**

Fund Source: Food Service Program, Fund 410
Amount: \$149,796.35

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. **ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Smith stated that the district was granted with the FDOE Projection Application Award Grant for K-12 Math & Science Partnership totaling \$328,722. She stated that on September 4th, the district received communication from the U.S. Department of Justice regarding a court order desegregation case. She stated that the district has been requested to rescind information to the U. S. Department of Justice by October 2nd. She stated that Attorney Minnis has been asked to write a response requesting an extension for the information requested.

9. **SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS**

None.

10. The final budget hearing adjourned at 8:51 p.m.