

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

June 1, 2021

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Leroy McMillan, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mrs. Karema D. Dudley; Ms. Cathy S. Johnson; and Mr. Charlie D. Frost. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. GADSDEN ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SITE PLANS

Mr. Hunter provided the Board with an additional layout titled 1c of the GEMS Improvement Site Plans. He stated that he found a splicing cabinet that will eliminate the need for an electrical engineer and will make the West Gadsden site a good location for the portables and busses.

In response to Mrs. Dudley's concern regarding the timing needed to complete the project, Mr. Hunter stated that the timing will be the same. He stated that the portables have been ordered.

Mr. McMillan stated that he wanted to make sure there was shelter for the students when it rained. He stated that he wanted the covered walkway to extend to building #8 and the cafeteria.

Mr. Hunter stated that everything will be covered so the students will always be covered going to and from the cafeteria and bus.

Mr. Key stated that there was never a covered walkway at West Gadsden and this will solve that problem.

Mr. Scott stated that he has reservations because this move effects one of the schools in his district. He reiterated that moving Gadsden Elementary Magnet School will not benefit West Gadsden in any way. He stated that he wanted the assurance that GEMS will be kept as a separate school until such time as the new school is built.

Mr. Key stated that GEMS will be considered a school-within-a school.

Mr. McMillan stated that the students will remain GEMS students. He inquired about transportation for the students.

Mr. Key stated that he has to find a location with shelter for parents to meet the bus in case of rain. He stated that he will work out the logistics for transporting GEMS students to West Gadsden.

Following discussion, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to approve option 1c as the improvement site plan for GEMS. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karema D. Dudley and carried with Mr. McMillan, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Dudley, and Mr. Frost voting "aye". Ms. Johnson voted "nay".

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- a. Agreement Between the School Board of Gadsden County Public Schools and Soliant Health, Inc.

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars
Amount: \$59.00 per hour

Mrs. Sharon Thomas, Director of Exceptional Student Education, stated that the agreement with Soliant Health, Inc. is a continuation of the current approved speech therapy contract for George W. Munroe Elementary and Gadsden County High School. She stated that the current contract end date needs to be revised because school will not end until June 18th instead of May 28th as referenced in the previously approved contract.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #4a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Key encouraged Board members to review their calendar of school activities and attend if possible. He stated that the high school prom went very well last Saturday (May 29th). He stated that Gadsden County High School Commencement is scheduled for Friday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. He stated that he will travel to Jackson County on Tuesday, June 15th to visit their new K-8 school.

Board members scheduled a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 16th @ 6:00 p.m. to take action on personnel.

Mr. Key stated that at the Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 16th, he will present the administration staff for the schools.

6. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.