

## FINAL BUDGET HEARING

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

September 4, 2012

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 6:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE 2012 – 2013 FISCAL YEAR

Mrs. Wood stated that the district has adequate revenue to reflect the general fund. She stated that the restricted fund balance as of June 30, 2012 was \$522,225.27. She stated that the unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2012 was \$2,895,620.28. She stated that the total fund balance as of June 30, 2012 was \$3,625,910.26. She stated that financial workshops were held to show the adjustments to the budget. She stated that the proposed state law required local effort millage rate was 5.184, the prior period funding adjustment millage was .037, the proposed local discretionary millage rate was .498, the proposed supplemental nonvoted discretionary millage rate was .25, the proposed critical operating needs voted 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 10.26 percent. She stated that the Board's vote to approve the budget for the general fund affirms their intention that the services identified in the detail supporting this General Fund Summary Budget are the only services that the district would provide in the absence of Federal fund sources. She stated that there was no surplanting of the federal funds.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to adopt the recommended state law required local effort millage rate of 5.184, the prior period funding adjustment millage of .037, the local discretionary millage rate of 0.498 and a capital improvement millage rate of 1.50 mills, as the millages to be levied for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year. When all the millages are combined, they amount to less than the rolled back rate by a negative 10.26 percent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Mr. Milton made a motion to adopt the recommended supplemental discretionary millage rate of .25 as necessary for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to adopt the recommended critical operating needs millage of .25 as necessary for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. APPROVAL OF 2012 – 2013 FINAL BUDGET

Fund Source: All Funds  
Amount: N/A

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to adopt the final budget for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year as it was presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. APPROVAL OF 2011 – 2012 SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund Source: All Funds  
Amount: N/A

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to approve the 2011 – 2012 Superintendent’s Annual Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Helms removed agenda item #6a – Agreement for Services with DES of Florida, LLC through Contract No. DESF030928-PAEC.

Mr. Milton made a motion to approve agenda item #'s 5a (Budget Amendment Number Thirty-Seven), b (Crossroad Academy Monthly Financial Reports – June 2012) & c (Crossroad Academy Audited Financial Reports 2011 – 2012). The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

5. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

a. Budget Amendment Number Thirty-Seven

Fund Source: 110 General Funds

Amount: \$415,878.37

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Crossroad Academy Monthly Financial Reports – June 2012

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Crossroad Academy Audited Financial Reports 2011 – 2012

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

a. Agreement for Services with DES of Florida, LLC through Contract No. DESF030928-PAEC

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: Dependent upon the individual Purchase Orders that would be issued through the master agreement Contract No. DESF030928-PAEC

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

8. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons stated that he was concerned about the grounds maintenance at the schools. He stated that the grass was too high. He requested the Superintendent contact Mr. Shepard to review the grass contracts for the schools.

Mr. Hinson requested an update on the drainage problem at Havana Elementary School. He stated that the racquetball court at Havana Middle School needed to be closed in.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.