

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

November 20, 2012

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Roger P. Milton; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Ms. Audrey D. Lewis. 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 6:03 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Simmons congratulated the newly elected officials, Mr. James, Mr. Milton and Ms. Lewis.

Mr. James expounded on the Swearing-In Ceremony. He stated that the Swearing-In Ceremony was outstanding and well attended. He stated that Ms. Lewis and Mr. Milton's comments were great. He thanked everyone for their support. He announced that Magic Johnson was scheduled to visit East Gadsden High School and address the students on Thursday, November 29th at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Frost recognized Mrs. Jane Butler for her dedication and hard work to the district.

Mr. Helms invited everyone to the Quincy Kiwanis Club Children's Christmas Party at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 12th at noon. He stated that the proceeds from the fruit sales will benefit the students of Gadsden County.

Mr. Milton recognized Ms. Lucy Woods for her dedication and hard work to the district.

Board members, Superintendent, and Mrs. Rosalyn Smith, Deputy Superintendent, recognized the following Unsung Heroes for the month of November: Ms. Lucy Woods, Ms. Dorothy Wood, Mrs. Diana Engling, Mrs. Joann Kimble, Mrs. Kathy Austin, Ms. Lorianna Salais, and Mr. Jay Smith. Each of the employees was presented with awards by the Board members and the Deputy Superintendent. Mrs. Smith stated that the unsung heroes are employees of the Walker Administration Building.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Simmons requested that agenda item #10a – Review of Traneisha Galloway Charter School of Business and Integrated Technology Application be removed from the agenda. He entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made Mr. Roger P. Milton, seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. October 16, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. October 23, 2012, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- c. October 23, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- b. Budget Amendment Number Six

Fund Source: 434 (ARRA) Race To The Top)
Amount: \$0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Program Cost Report for 2011 - 2012

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Purchase Order for ESE Program

Fund Source: Federal IDEA
Amount: \$25,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Purchase Order for Academic Services

Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$17,977.50

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Purchase Order for Media and Technology
Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$21,383.30
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- e. Purchase Order for Head Start Early Childhood Program
Fund Source: Head Start Program in Federal Projects Fund
Amount: \$68,643.73
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- g. System Upgrade for Skyward System Migration
Fund Source: Capital Outlay
Amount: \$21,383.30
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items preceded by an asterisk (*) were removed from the CONSENT agenda at the beginning of the meeting and acted upon during the DISCUSSION portion of the agenda.

*6. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Budget Amendment Number Five

Fund Source: 420 Federal Funds
Amount: \$4,878.00

In response to Mr. Simmons' question whether the correct award amount was \$7,848.00 or \$4,878.00, Mrs. Wood stated that the correct award amount was \$7,848.00. She stated that there was a typo on the summary sheet.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6a with the corrected award amount to be \$7,848.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Milton made a motion to rescind the approval of agenda item #7f. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

*7. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

d. Purchase of Two Playgrounds for Head Start Program

Fund Source: Head Start Project in the Federal Projects Fund 420
Amount: \$39,881.96

Mr. Helms congratulated Mrs. Carolyn Harden and the PreK staff for considering playgrounds for students. He asked if the district own the land where the playground equipment would be stationed.

Mr. Shepard stated that the district did not own the land where the playground equipment would be stationed, but the playground equipment could be removed at any time.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

f. Contracts for Federal Projects

Fund Source: Title I
Amount: \$88,903.00

Ms. Lewis asked if the Children Are Our Future contracted service would provide services to 80 students until the end of the school year. She requested to see baseline data, communication with the principal, and to ensure that the curriculum was not in line with the Supplemental Educational Services.

Ms. Rose Raynak, Director of Federal Programs, stated that the Children Are Our Future contracted service would provide services to 80 students until the end of the school year. She stated that there will be pre/post test. She stated that the Children Are Our Future contracted service would not overlap with the Supplemental Educational Services.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #7f. The motion was seconded by Ms. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

*8. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #-16-1213-0231

Mr. Frost stated that he wanted an exodus for students when they complete their expulsion period at Carter Parramore Academy. He stated that safety is a concern for the students.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #17-1213-0061

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #18-1213-0231

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8c. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #19-1213-9102

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8d. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #25-1213-0231

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8e. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

*9. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

a. School Advisory Council Rosters

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Ms. Lewis requested that a correction be made to East Gadsden High School Advisory Council Roster to change the sex and race in reverse order for Mr. Emanuel Sapp.

Mr. Helms asked if there was a deadline for approving the remaining School Advisory Council Rosters.

Ms. Lewis stated that the remaining School Advisory Council Rosters will be presented to the Board at the December meeting.

Following discussion, Ms. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #9a with the noted correction to change the sex and race in reverse order for Mr. Emanuel Sapp. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10 EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

a. Review of Traneisha Galloway Charter School of Business and Integrated Technology Application

Agenda item #10a was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons.

11. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

12. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons stated that he will serve as the Board's representative for the FSBA Legislative Liaison.

The Board appointed Mr. Helms to serve as the representative for the Small School District Consortium. The Board scheduled the December Board Meeting for December 18th.

Mr. Helms announced that a workshop was scheduled on Tuesday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss and review Traneisha Galloway Charter School of Business and Integrated Technology Application.

Mr. Simmons stated that he will meet with the Superintendent before the budget workshop. He requested Board members submit budget concerns to the Superintendent.

Mr. Elijah Key, Jr. addressed the Board to express his dismay with the Superintendent's decision to remove him as Principal of Chattahoochee Elementary School. He stated that he was concerned that his vision was not aligned with the Superintendent's vision. He turned in his keys and notebook to the Deputy Superintendent, Mrs. Rosalyn Smith.

The following individuals addressed the Board to express their sentiments in support for Mr. Elijay Key, Jr.: Ms. Frances Brown, Ms. Tyeisha Reed, and Mrs. Sharon Davis Reed. Ms. Reed handed the Chairman, Mr. Simmons, petitions from parents and students in support of Mr. Key. She read one of the student's petition letter.

13. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.