

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

October 1, 2013

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Roger P. Milton; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Ms. Audrey D. Lewis. 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 workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 6:00 p.m.

2. FINAL EDITS ON 2012 – 2013 SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Melanie King stated that the final edits on the 2012 – 2013 Superintendent’s Annual Financial Report included the following changes: a) School Internal Fund (891) beginning account balance did not equal prior year ending balance due to an audit difference; b) General Fund (100) – Preschool Projects (3372) and Receipt of Food Service Indirect Costs (3499), State Fiscal Stabilization Funds – K-12 (3210), Special Revenue Fund Education Jobs Act (435), Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds (432), Capital Projects Funds (3XX), and Class Size Reduction Capital Outlay (3396) revenue amounts were not reported; c) no records present for the accounts Lifelong Learning – General Fund (100), Lifelong Learning – Other Federal Programs Special Rev. Fund (420), and Lifelong Learning – Federal Economic Stimulus Spec Rev. Funds (430); d) no records present for Charter School Distributions – Special Revenue – Food Service (410), and Charter School Distributions - Federal Economic Stimulus Spec Rev. Funds (430); e) Sub-object Edit – the sum of school bus purchases (object 651) in funds 100, 420, 3XX and 430 was less than \$10,000; f) an amount remains as unspent in the Florida Teachers Lead program (Grant 97580); and g) Expenditures for Continuing Workforce Education.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve agenda item #2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. APPROVAL OF GALLOWAY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Following Ms. Galloway's responses to the concerns of the Board members, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried with Mr. Simmons, Mr. Frost, Mr. Milton, and Ms. Lewis voting "aye". Mr. Helms voted "nay".

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Smith stated that FTE week was scheduled to begin the week of October 14th. She announced that East Gadsden Homecoming Parade was scheduled for Friday, October 4th beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Quincy. She stated that Florida will pull away from the PARC Assessment to the Common Core Assessment. She stated that the district is committed to a rigorous curriculum. She stated that the district must offer a more rigorous curriculum to ready students for college and a career. She stated that the district's K12 curriculum will be reviewed.

5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Lewis stated that strategies need to be put in place to ensure the FTE count was increased. She stated that the district need to market its offerings better. She stated that she will share more information with the Board regarding charter schools.

Mr. Frost expressed his dismay in the Board's action regarding a previous expulsion hearing. He stated that a student could have been saved from the streets.

Mr. Helms stated that he wants to ensure that all students are in school for at least one day during the FTE week.

Mrs. Smith commended staff for their hard work with the Skyward training. She stated that every effort was being made to ensure that FTE data was accurate.

Mr. Simmons stated that Skyward training need to be mandated for all staff. He stated that FTE verification was needed at the Drop Back In Academy to account for all students. He stated that all elected officials are required to have mandated ethics training by December 31st.

In response to Ms. Lewis' request for a calendar for all school activities, Mrs. Smith stated that all schools post calendars on their websites.

Mr. Frost requested a report showing all funds that have been allocated for each sport.

6. The workshop adjourned at 7:05 p.m.