

FINAL BUDGET HEARING

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

September 7, 2010

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 Mr. Eric F. Hinson. 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 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE 2010 – 2011 FISCAL YEAR

Mrs. Bonnie Wood stated that the proposed state law required local effort millage rate is 5.533, the proposed Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage rate is 0.44, the proposed local discretionary millage rate is .498, the proposed supplemental nonvoted discretionary millage rate is .25, the proposed critical operating needs nonvoted millage rate is .25, and the proposed capital improvement millage rate is 1.50 mills, when all combined amount to less than the rolled back rate by negative 2.06 percent. She stated that there are no increases in taxes for homeowners. She stated that the assessed tax valuation has decreased.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to adopt the recommended state law required local effort millage rate of 5.533, the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage rate of .044, 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 2010-2011 fiscal year. When all the millages are combined, they amount to less than the rolled back rate by negative 2.06 percent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Mr. Eric F. Hinson made a motion to adopt the recommended supplemental discretionary millage rate of .25 as necessary for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to adopt the recommended critical operating needs millage of .25 as necessary for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. APPROVAL OF 2010 – 2011 FINAL BUDGET

Fund Source: All Funds
Amount: N/A

Following discussion of the district's 2010 – 2011 final budget, Mr. Judge B. Helms, made a motion to adopt the final budget for the 2010 – 2011 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 2009 – 2010 SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund Source: All Funds
Amount: N/A

Mrs. Wood stated that she was still working on reconciliation of the Superintendent's Annual Financial Report. She stated that she would present additional information to the Board upon completion of the reconciliation.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger P. Milton and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Simmons entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Roger P. Milton; seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

5. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

a. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Six

Fund Source: 320 (Federal) Funds
Amount: \$00.01

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Seven

Fund Source: 432 (Targeted ARRA) Stimulus Funds
Amount: 0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Eight

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds
Amount: \$0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Nine

Fund Source: 432 (Targeted ARRA) Stimulus Funds
Amount: \$0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

c. Change in Terms Agreement

Fund Source: Capital Improvements
Amount: Total Loan \$1,818,042.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

*6. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

a. Contracted Services

Fund Source: Federal Projects – Title I
Amount: Not to exceed \$24,000.00

Mr. Helms asked if the contracted services for federal projects were a continuation of services, and if the Department of Education was reimbursing the district in a timely manner.

Mr. James stated that the Department of Education has changed procedures for reimbursing the district, and has appointed someone to work with the district

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Memorandum of Agreement with Gadsden County Health Department –
REVISED

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$100,100.00

Mr. Helms requested an explanation of the revision to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Gadsden County Health Department.

Ms. Doris Drake, Gadsden County Health Department, stated that concerns were with housing student data by a web-based server. She stated that the revised Memorandum of Agreement changes the method that student data is provided to the Health Department by the district to the process previously used, not by a web-based server.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

8. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Hinson stated that an Assistant Principal was needed at Havana Elementary School.

Mrs. Minnis requested the Board recess the meeting to allow for a closed-door session with the Attorney and Board to discuss a pending litigation matter.

The Chairman recessed the Final Budget Hearing at 6:36 p.m.; the Board convened in a closed-door session at 6:46 p.m.; and recessed at 7:13 p.m.

- 9. The Final Budget Hearing reconvened at 7:15 p.m.; and adjourned at 7:17 p.m.