

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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

February 14, 2013

3:30 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. 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. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 3:35 p.m.

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. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

3. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

a. Purchase Orders for Copiers

Fund Source: Federal Projects Title I
Amount: \$13,589.08

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Purchase Order for Cabling Services

Fund Source: Federal Projects Title I
Amount: \$72,939.56

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

a. Camera Surveillance System Bid Award Recommendation

Fund Source: 379
Amount: \$147,623.90

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.

*2. RESOLUTION

a. Dedication of District Transportation Facility

Fund Source: Gadsden Education Foundation
Amount: \$1,500.00

In response to Mr. Helms' concern about funding for the dedication of the District Transportation Facility, Ms. Beckwith stated that funding will come from private donations. She stated that the dedication will take place in February.

Ms. Lewis stated that one of the accolades for former Superintendent Robert Bryant was he followed the school buses during his tenure to ensure the safety of the students.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

*3. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

b. Purchase Orders for Library Materials

Fund Source: Federal Projects Title I
Amount: \$220,647.70

Mr. Helms asked if the purchase of library books was included with the purchase order for library materials.

Ms. Raynak stated that the purchase order for library materials was for classroom library books to build up the classroom collection to promote more reading at Chattahoochee Elementary School and George W. Munroe Elementary School.

Mrs. Wood stated that the notebook grants end June 30th.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #3b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger P. Milton and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Letter of Interest in Alternative Governance Model for Career and Technical Education Programs

Fund Source: Undetermined at this time
Amount: Undetermined at this time

In response to Mr. Milton's concern about abstaining from discussing and voting on the Letter of Interest in Alternative Governance Model for Career and Technical Education Programs, Mrs. Minnis stated that she had briefly looked into the issue and that there could be some concerns with conflicting issues and the ethics code. She suggested Mr. Milton not participate in the discussion and voting until further information was received.

Mr. Simmons agreed with Mrs. Minnis that Mr. Milton should abstain from participating in any discussion and voting for the Alternative Governance Model for Career and Technical Education Programs for precaution.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #3d. The motion was seconded by Ms. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mr. Roger P. Milton did not cast a vote.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James commended everyone for their participation with the SAC Accreditation Review. He stated that the district received high marks. He stated that the district needs a long term plan for implementing elementary school facilities. He stated that he felt good about the recent audit findings.

Ms. Lewis stated that the district should market positive reasons why its facilities need improvement.

6. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Helms congratulated the staff for working with the SAC Review Team Committee.

Mrs. Minnis stated that Attorney Zoe M. Savitsky with the U. S. Department of Justice will be conducting interviews with district staff and visit some schools regarding the court ordered desegregation.

Mr. Simmons thanked Mr. Shepard for proceeding with the bidding process for a Camera Surveillance System for West Gadsden High School, Carter Parramore Academy, and James A. Shanks Middle School.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.