

## SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

July 17, 2017

10:00 A.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mr. Tyrone D. Smith; and Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, via teleconference. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 10:21 a.m.

2. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Following discussion of a summery for the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2017 – 2018, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to give permission to advertise for the tentative budget hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

Mr. Simmons requested a financial workshop to discuss the tentative budget in more detail. He stated that he wanted to itemize the tentative budget in all areas. He stated that the financial workshop should be held to strictly discuss financial issues.

Mrs. Wood encouraged the Board to visit the finance department to view financial source documents.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that the PAEC Leadership Conference was scheduled in Destin this week. He stated that the District's Leadership Institute would be ½ day on Thursday in Destin. He stated that the district's strategic plan, along with the mission and vision will be discussed at the District's Leadership Institute.

#### 4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons cautioned the Board about responding to negative issues. He stated that the Board needed to respond to all issues in a positive manner. He stated that the Board is a team and should always take a positive approach toward district issues. He stated that there was an article in the Tallahassee Democrat featuring the school district, and the engagement of School Boards.

Mr. Smith stated that the district can write and tell their own stories. He stated that Florida State University has a declaration clause for employees that state “you will not bring defamation to the university”. He stated that there was a possibility that the district could put a policy in place to that effect for Gadsden County.

5. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.