

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

August 17, 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 6:03 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Judge B. Helms.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. James thanked all the students and all participants in the Back to School Rally. He stated that the students performed with high quality.

Mr. Hinson concurred with the Superintendent regarding the student's performance at the Back to School Rally. He thanked the City of Midway for sponsoring a back to school giveaway. He also thanked New Jerusalem Church in Havana for recognizing teachers.

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. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. July 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting
- b. July 22, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – Student Meeting
- c. July 27, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop

- d. July 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – Tentative Budget Hearing
- e. July 27, 2010, Regular School Board Meeting – Immediately Following Tentative Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

- a. Personnel 2009 – 2010

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Three

Fund Source: 433 (Other ARRA Stimulus) Funds
Amount: \$.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Four

Fund Source: 432 (Targeted ARRA Stimulus) Funds
Amount: \$-123,385.67

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Budget Amendment Number Forty-Five

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds
Amount: \$.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Resolution for Banking Services with Capital City Bank

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Crossroad Academy Audited Financial Reports 2009 – 2010

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. Crossroad Academy Financial Reports for July, 2010

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a. Memorandum of Understanding Between Gadsden County School Board and Florida Therapy Services

Fund Source: Medicaid Billing by Florida Therapy Services

Amount: Based on Services Provided to Students

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. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

- b. Personnel 2010 – 2011

Mr. Helms asked if the out-of-field teachers and the educational professional listed should be placed in the instructional category of the personnel list.

Mrs. Hilda Jackson, Human Resource Direction, provided the Board with documentation of the out-of-field requests. She stated that the out-of-field teachers should be placed in the instructional category, and the educational professional should be placed in the non-instructional category.

Mr. Hinson stated for the record that Havana Elementary School had been without a principal for a few weeks. He stated that he has since communicated with the Superintendent before hiring of a new principal at Havana Elementary School. He stated that he was concerned about having all administrators certified.

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. Roger P. Milton and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

*8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

- b. Contract for Uniformed Security Guards for 2010 - 2011

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$11.60 per hour or approximately \$183,744.00 (based on actual hours)

Mr. Helms stated that he was concerned about whether or not personnel could be reduced if needed.

Mrs. Wood stated that the bid award was for three years. She stated that the Uniformed Security Guard contract provide services for the current need. She stated that the contract included the flexibility to adjust and renewal on an annual basis.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Contracted Services

Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: \$27,325.00

Mr. Eric F. Hinson 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. Contract Services

Fund Source: General Fund and Title I
Amount: \$261,401.40

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

e. Contracted Services

Fund Source: Title I and Title I School Improvement
Amount: \$108,583.50

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

f. Insurance – General Liability, Automobile, Property and Workers Compensation

Fund Source: General Fund and Capital Improvements Fund
Amount: Estimated \$835,020.00

In response to Mr. Hinson's concern whether or not the general liability, automobile, property and worker's compensation insurance was bid, Mrs. Wood stated that the Florida League of Cities was a corporation that bid with other governmental agencies.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- g. Agreement Between Gadsden County School District and Alternative Unlimited, Inc.

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

In response to Mr. Hinson's concern about the funding for the Alternative Unlimited, Inc. Program, Mr. James stated that funds for the Alternative Unlimited, Inc. Program are generated by the students outside of the district. He stated that 10% of the funds will be refunded to the district.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- h. Supplemental Educational Services

Fund Source: Title I Part A, Supplemental Educational Services
Amount: N/A

Mr. Helms asked for an explanation of the Supplemental Educational Provider Services approved by the State of Florida.

Ms. Audrey Lewis stated that the State approved 73 SES Providers for the district. She stated that only 31 SES Providers submitted applications. She stated that training will be provided for the SES Providers. She stated that students are eligible to receive SES if they are eligible for free or reduced price lunch and the school in which they are enrolled has been identified as in need of improvement for three or more consecutive years according to NCLB.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval

9. **CONSIDERATION, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS**

- a. Approval of School Board Rule 2.25 (Code of Student Conduct)

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mr. Helms stated that he was concerned about the printing quotes listed for the Code of Student Conduct.

Mr. James recommended the Board approve the Code of Student Conduct without the printing quotes. He requested that the printing quotes be removed.

Mr. Curtis Montgomery addressed the Board to ask what was the difference with the language change in the Code of Student Conduct.

Mr. Simmons stated that the new language implemented was regarding harassment/bullying per state law.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #9a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that the start of a new school year was off to a good start. He stated that the Back to School Rally was great with the student performances.

11. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that he wants to bring closure to the issue regarding the use of property at Havana Northside High School. He requested that the Superintendent rid all surplus property and salvage computers.

Mrs. Wood stated that vendors will take surplus items to auction. She stated that the auctioneer from Jackson County could be used to help rid all surplus property.

Mr. Simmons requested Board members meet with the Superintendent individually to discuss their concerns with the Havana Community Development Corporation. He stated that he supports the organization. He stated that he would meet with Attorney Minnis and Mr. Shepard to form a contract to formulate for discussion with the Board.

Ms. Amy McBride, Havana Community Development Corporation, stated that a proposal had already been presented to the Board. She asked the Board for clarification on the process to formulate a contract.

Mr. Simmons stated that a Board member was needed to serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee. He stated that he would continue to serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee and Mr. Helms agreed to serve as the alternate. He stated that an Executive Session was scheduled following the meeting to discuss a pending litigation matter.

Mrs. Minnis stated that according to Florida Statute 286.01 the Board could convene in executive session to seek legal advice on a pending litigation matter.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m.; the Board convened in executive session at 7:10 p.m.; and adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

12. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.; and adjourned at 7:55 p.m.