

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

June 26, 2018

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mr. Tyrone D. Smith; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, 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 workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board information on contracts and agreements for the 2018 – 2019 school year. She stated that the contracts were continuous and approved by the Board annually.

Mrs. Raynak shared with the Board an explanation of the virtual school contracts. She stated that the State of Florida requires each district to have a virtual instruction program pursuant to F.S. 1002.45. She stated that the following virtual instruction programs are school choice options: Edgenuity, K-12 Virtual, PAEC Florida Virtual Franchise, and the Florida Virtual School (FLVS). She stated that the district contract with PAEC - ELL to provide continuing operation of the ESOL and Immigrant programs. She stated that PAEC provide all the staffing and deliverables for the ESOL/ELL program required of the district for EL and immigrant students. She stated that the Florida Statute and Florida Consent decree require the district to provide staff to manage the requirements of the district program for ESOL/EL students.

3. Discussion Items

a. 2017 – 2018 Recap of Tax Revenue

Mrs. Wood stated that the Gadsden County Tax Collector disseminated a recap of the 2017 taxes levied for both the Required Local Effort and Discretionary funds.

b. Kindergarten and Seventh Grade Immunization Status Report 2017 – 2018

Mrs. Wood stated that the Florida Department of Health published the 2017-18 Immunization Status Report. She stated that the data correlates to the annual contract that the district establishes with the County Health Department. She stated that each October, all public and private schools with a kindergarten or seventh grade are required to submit reports indicating the immunization status of their kindergarten and seventh grade students. She stated that 96.6% of the district's students were certified with immunizations. She stated that the district is continuously assessing data. She shared with the Board updates on the new project numbers. She stated that the total number of employees hired for the 2018 – 2019 year (April, May, and June) were 743.

Mr. Mays shared with the Board highlights from a recent finance conference. He stated that there were many updates on accounting procedures. He stated that federal requirements except as provided in Statute 300.204 and 300.205, funds provided to an LEA under Part B of the Act must not be used to reduce the level of expenditures for the education of children with disabilities made by the LEA from local funds below the level of expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. He stated that the threshold for IDEA was 100% unlike Title I which is 90%. He stated that there are multiple ways to calculate the Maintenance of Effort (MOE). He stated that the use of both state and local expenditures (excludes all federal expenditures), the use of local only expenditures, aggregate, and per student are ways to calculate MOE. He stated that the LEA must calculate expenditures from the same source from one year to the next in order to have a valid comparison.

4. Educational Items by the Superintendent

In response to Mr. Milton's request for a workshop to discuss the district's budget, the Board scheduled a workshop on July 10th at 6:00 p.m.

5. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mr. Smith thanked the Superintendent and finance department for their hard work to ensure employees received bonuses.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:21 p.m.