

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

August 21, 2018

6:00 P.M.

This meeting 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; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 6:08 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Reverend Greg Taylor, Pastor of Exodus Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Milton recognized Reverend Greg Taylor as one of his former coaches at the Quincy Recreation Department.

Mr. Scott also recognized Reverend Greg Taylor and thanked him for the prayer.

Mr. Frost recognized Mr. Hunter and his maintenance staff for a job well done with the grass cutting and James A. Shanks Middle School floors cleaned and shined.

Mr. Smith commended the Superintendent and administration for an excellent first week of school. He recognized the Commissioner of Education, Pam Stewart, for visiting the schools. He also recognized Mr. Hunter and the maintenance staff for their hard work.

Mr. Milton recognized Ms. Vicki Muse Johnson as the district's Parent Services Coordinator.

Ms. Johnson expressed her excitement about children, people, learning and Gadsden County. She stated that she was excited about helping to move the district from good to great. She stated that she has always been on the bus but now has a new seat on the bus. She stated that we are all in this together as Team Gadsden.

Mr. Scott stated that he attended a school supply drive at Florida State Hospital. He stated that the Gadsden County Men of Action donated school supplies and jackets at the school supply drive. He recognized Ms. Vicki Muse Johnson for assisting with the delivery of the school supplies and jackets.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Scott entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Isaac Simmons, seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. July 24, 2018, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. July 24, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – Tentative Budget Hearing
- c. July 24, 2018, Immediately Following Tentative Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. - Regular School Board Meeting
- d. July 31, 2018, 4:30 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
- e. July 31, 2018 - 6:00 p.m. – Tentative Budget Hearing

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Personnel 2018 – 2019

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Letter Purchase Order for Services Pursuant to Agreement No. DESF- 030928 - PAEC

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Letter Purchase Order for Services Pursuant to Agreement No. DESF-030928 – PAEC

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Letter Purchase Order for Services Pursuant to Agreement No. DESF-030928- PAEC

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Letter Purchase Order for Services Pursuant to Agreement No. DESF-030928-PAEC
 Fund Source: N/A
 Amount: N/A
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- e. Contracted Services with Speech/Language Pathologist Justina Williams & The Gadsden County School Board
 Fund Source: FEED dollars
 Amount: \$58.00 per hour
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- f. PSTB Consulting
 Fund Source: Federal
 Amount: \$50,000.00
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- g. Renaissance Learning
 Fund Source: Federal
 Amount: \$47,908.10
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Contract Amendment
 Fund Source: N/A
 Amount: \$0.00
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- b. Contract Amendment
 Fund Source: N/A
 Amount: \$0.00
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9. FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Hunter stated that the school year was off to a good start. He stated that the grounds crew are continuing to work faster. He stated that improvements will be seen in approximately six months. He stated that he is finalizing the agenda for custodial training. He stated that a lot of work has been completed this summer. He stated that a new cooling tower has been installed at Havana Magnet School.

In response to Mr. Scott's concern regarding the maintenance staff mowing on the weekend, Mr. Hunter stated that discussion will take place modifying hours for staff to mow on the weekend.

Mr. Smith stated that the courtyard at Stewart Street Elementary School needed to be beautified. He stated that there may be a possibility of someone donating plants for the courtyard.

10. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that the first week of school was a smooth start. He stated that there were minimal incidents with putting students on the correct bus. He stated that the elementary schools are moving toward colored coded bands for students. He stated that several schools are still in need of teachers in the area of Math and Science. He stated that DLT meetings have been changed to principal meetings. He stated that meetings with the directors/coordinators will be held on the Monday before the Regular School Board Meeting to share updates and prepare items for submission for the principal meetings. He stated that communication is the key to success. He thanked Ms. Sharon Thomas for being proactive in meeting with students and parents regarding an issue. He stated that the students have been assigned to a social worker. He stated that making the connection with students and parents is very important. He stated that the presence of staff makes a difference on school campus.

11. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that the City of Gretna has an interest in purchasing the Gretna Elementary School property for \$200,000 with the option to pay \$50,000 down and \$25,000 a year.

During the discussion of the purchase of the Gretna Elementary School property, Board members expressed their concerns with the requested purchase price and agreed to have the Superintendent further discuss the issue with Attorney Minnis to ensure all legalities are met.

Mr. Emanuel Sapp addressed the Board in regards to the Gretna Elementary School property being sold for \$200,000.00 taking into consideration the maintenance and upkeep of the facility. He stated that he was concerned about parents of elementary school students not being able to drop off students before 8:00 a.m. He stated that school open at 7:30 a.m. He stated that he was concerned about the structure of schools. He stated that he wants to see the structure of the schools maintained. He stated that there need to be uniformity in the schools. He stated that old text books could be used for homeroom assignments or for students to use at home. He stated that the district need to think outside of the box to help with hiring math and science teachers with Title I funds. He stated that existing contracts should partner with Florida State University and Florida A&M University. He suggested that the gymnasium at West Gadsden Middle School be named in honor of Mr. Simmons. He stated that PTA and SAC Committees could have fund raisers to help generate funds for schools. He stated that principals should have an open line of communication with the feeder school principals.

Mr. Milton stated that all elementary schools have before and after school care for students.

Mr. Smith stated he would meet with Mr. Sapp tomorrow (August 22nd) at 10:30 a.m. to tour Carter Parramore Academy.

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.