

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

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4:30 P.M.

This workshop 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 workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 4:30 p.m.

2. DISTRICT'S BUDGET/FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. James stated that while trying to maintain a 3.5% fund balance, the district has tried to keep as many individuals employed. He stated that other districts are experiencing the same thing with their budgets. He asked Mrs. Wood to share with the Board an overview of the district's budget.

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board information on the 4th calculations. She stated that the fund balance at the end of the prior year was \$1,089,175.00. She stated that the state fiscal stabilization fund was \$1,771,493.00. She stated that the required fund balance was based on 952 positions.

Dr. Bridges shared with the Board staffing reductions for the 2010 – 2011 school year. She stated that the district had received a technology grant in the amount of \$212,000.00. She stated that the employees in post drop retirement were not recommended back for re-hire. She stated that Chattahoochee Elementary School will have 14.9 instructional positions and 7.2 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 5 instruction and 5.8 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, and three positions paid from food service, 35.9 total number of staff members; Gadsden Elementary Magnet School will have 10.1 instructional positions and 6 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, one instructional position paid from federal projects, one position paid from food service, 18.1 total number of staff members; George Munroe Elementary School will have 48.26 instructional and 15 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 8.54 instructional positions and 8 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 6 positions paid from food

service, 85.8 total number of staff members; Greensboro Elementary School will have 27.41 instructional positions and 7.46 non-instructional positions, 3.54 instructional positions and 1.54 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 4 positions paid from food service, 43.95 total number of staff members; Gretna Elementary School will have 23.36 instructional positions and 9.46 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 3.54 instructional positions and .94 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 5 positions paid from food service, 42.3 total number of staff members; Havana Elementary School will have 36.51 instructional positions and 5.46 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 7.84 instructional positions and 7.54 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 6 positions paid from food service, 63.35 total number of staff members; St. John Elementary School will have 17.01 instructional positions and 6.46 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 9.54 instructional positions and 5.54 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 5 positions paid from food service, 43.55 total number of staff members; Stewart Street Elementary School will have 42.96 instructional positions and 14.46 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 5.54 instructional positions and 4.54 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 5 positions paid from food service, 72.5 total number of staff positions; Havana Middle School will have 10.6 instructional positions and 8 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 5 instructional positions paid from federal projects, 3 positions paid from food service, 26.6 total number of staff members; James A. Shanks Middle School will have 35.5 instructional positions and 9 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 11.3 instructional positions and 7 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 7 positions paid from food service, 69.8 total number of staff members; Carter Parramore Academy will have 20.8 instructional positions and 5 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 3 instructional positions and one non-instructional position paid from federal projects, 4 positions paid by food service, 33.8 total number of staff members; East Gadsden High School will have 53.3 instructional and 20 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 11.3 instructional positions and 4 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 7 positions paid from food service, 95.6 total number of staff members; West Gadsden High School will have 40.95 instructional positions and 10 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 5 instructional positions and 2 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 4 positions paid from food service, 61.95 total number of staff members; and Gadsden Technical Institute will have 8.5 instructional positions and 5 non-instructional positions paid from the general fund, 1.5 instructional positions and 2 non-instructional positions paid from federal projects, 17 total number of staff members.

Mr. James stated that schools will function with fewer secretaries. He stated that the smaller schools will have one secretary/booker. He stated that there are currently 26 positions reduced from the general fund budget. He stated that all school districts are experiencing budget cuts.

During the presentation, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James announced that FCAT test scores were scheduled to arrive at 7:00 p.m. He stated that employment appointments are usually generated according to test data. He invited Board members to attend the Faith-Based Community meeting this afternoon beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Parkway Center. He stated that he recently attended a Superintendent's conference in Minneapolis. He stated that all states were experiencing the same budget issues with the exception of Texas. He stated that Texas was the only state that did not have budget issues.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Helms requested a copy of the recent financial review report from the Florida Association of District School Superintendent's.

Mr. Milton stated that he had attended a 21st Century conference in Washington, D.C. He stated that he used time at the conference to advocate for additional funding.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:50 p.m.