

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

December 14, 2010

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Mr. Judge B. Helms; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. 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. Roger P. Milton, at 4:35 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Ms. Wood shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) 110 – General Fund – Encumbered \$2,657,978.22; 2) 300 – Capital Projects – Encumbered \$135,977.16; 3) 410 – Food Service – Encumbered \$203,937.03; 4) 420 – Federal Projects – Encumbered \$1,076,549.93; and 5) 430 – Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$277,006.27. She stated that the budget planning committee has met for the second time and is going very well.

Mr. James recognized the Health & Wellness Service and Training Center Steering Committee for Havana Middle School.

Dr. Shirley Aaron introduced the following Health & Wellness Service and Training Center Steering Committee members: Major Willie Jackson (Principal - Havana Middle School); Dr. Maggie Blackburn (FSU College of Medicine); Ms. Gail Bellamy (FSU College of Medicine); Mr. Xan Nowakowski (FSU College of Medicine); Mr. Howard McKinnon (Havana Town Manager); Ms. Olive Collins (Havana Town Council); Ms. Cindy Lewis (FSU College of Nursing); Ms. Saleh Rahman (FAMU Public Health); and Ms. Yvonne Nelson-Langley (FAMU Office of the Provost).

Major Willie Jackson stated that the district and the Gadsden County Health Department are partnering with the ICAN program and the Florida State University College of Medicine to establish and operate a school-based community health center at Havana Middle School. He stated that the Health & Wellness Service and Training Center will provide much needed health care services first to Havana public school students and

staff and eventually to residents of the greater Havana community and Gadsden County as a whole. He stated that the center will also serve as a training site for new medical care providers, including doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and physician extenders. He stated that an integrative medical team composed of a variety of health care professionals will use an innovative training and service delivery model that attempts to address the full spectrum of health care issues confronting under and unserved people in the Havana area.

Dr. Maggie Blackburn stated that the Health and Wellness Service and Training Center project will build upon the FSU/Gadsden County partnership that has provided school-based health care for the past three years at James A. Shanks Middle School and George Munroe Elementary School. She stated that the initial project to develop the community-based clinic at Havana Middle School will involve four principal components: 1) renovating the space to facilitate installation of medical equipment; 2) developing the service delivery framework necessary to facilitate the integrative team health care model of service and training; 3) setting up the clinic; and 4) staffing the clinic. She stated that the goal in all four cases is to create a financially sustainable model of care that draws on community involvement, both from Gadsden County residents and from Florida State University. She stated that institutions of higher education, such as Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College have expressed interest in participating in the clinic effort. She stated that the proposed Health and Wellness Service and Training Center can play a key role in charting a brighter future for the students currently enrolled at Havana Elementary and Middle Schools, and eventually bringing these same advantages to the greater Havana community. She stated that this means a much healthier life style and a much better chance to achieve academically as well as otherwise for the under and unserved people in the Havana area.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments throughout the presentation for a Health and Wellness Service and Training Center at Havana Middle School.

Mr. Milton thanked the committee for their presentation and stated that more time was needed for dialogue.

Mr. James asked Dr. Kimblin Nesmith to share with the Board and update on the Gadsden Leadership Law Enforcement Academy.

Dr. Nesmith stated that he and Ms. Debra Rackley, Principal of Gadsden Technical Institute, attended the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Conference. He presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$1,300.00 from a student fundraiser to assist with scholarships. He shared with the Board the following Facts: 1) Class of 2010 – 2011 – as of December 13, 2010, there were a total of 34 cadets enrolled in the Gadsden Leadership Academy (27 cadets from East Gadsden and 7 cadets from West Gadsden); on October 11, 2010 22 cadets passed the Criminal Justice Basic Ability Test (CJBAT). He stated that for the first time in the history of the Gadsden Academy, every student who was accepted passed the entrance test (100%). (7 cadets attend West Gadsden and 13 cadets attend East Gadsden); as of December 13, 2010 the Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy has 12 cadets enrolled in the Public Safety Telecommunications

Dispatch (911 Emergency Services) Program (all 12 cadets are from East Gadsden); as of December 9, 2010 20 cadets passed their Legal Studies 1 examination; 2) Class of 2009 – 2010 – on July 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., 11 cadets received their Traditional Correctional Basic Recruit Training Certificate and required State Officer Certification Examination voucher from the Tallahassee Community College Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy Florida Public Safety Institute during graduation; on July 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. 31 cadets received their Gadsden County School District's Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy certificates (Traditional Correctional Basic Recruit Training; Public Safety Telecommunications Dispatch; and Armed and Unarmed Private Security Officer Training) during graduation held at East Gadsden High School (17 cadets graduated from the Corrections' Program – 13 cadets from East Gadsden and 4 from West Gadsden; 11 cadets graduated from the Public Safety Telecommunications Dispatch Program – 10 cadets from East Gadsden and 1 cadet from West Gadsden, 3 cadets graduated from the Armed and Unarmed Private Security Officer Program, 2 cadets from East Gadsden and 1 cadet from West Gadsden); 3) on June 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. 12 cadets graduated and received certificates from the Tallahassee Community College Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy Florida Public Safety Institute; and 4) in July, 2010 seven (7) cadets from the 2010 class passed the State Officers Certification Examination (SOCE), marking a milestone where 100% passage occurred by first-time test-takers.

The Superintendent and Board commended Dr. Nesmith for his dedication and hard work to the Gadsden Leadership Law Enforcement Academy.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that the budget committee meetings are going well and there is a projected budget shortfall for next year. He stated that a workshop was needed in mid January for Board members to receive an update from the budget committee.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:55 p.m.