

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

August 27, 2018

10:00 A.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; and others. Mrs. Charlie D. Frost and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board, were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 10:03 a.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF 2018 – 2019 BUDGET

Mr. Mays shared with the Board an overview of the current and prior year budget. He stated that the budget for the prior year was \$43,941,575.38. He stated that the expenditures for the prior year were \$43,926,651.85. He stated that data from the prior year was used to get estimates for the current budget. He stated that estimated revenues for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 totaled \$42,093,144.04. He stated that transfers in from debt service funds totaled \$1,500,000.00. He stated that total transfers in were \$1,500,000.00. He stated that other financing sources totaled \$1,500,000.00. He stated that the total estimated revenues, other financing sources and fund balance was \$43,593,144.04. He stated that the total appropriations were \$41,651,051.66. He stated that the debt service funds were \$201,366.62, and the total transfers out were \$201,366.62. He stated that the other financing uses totaled \$201,366.62. He stated that the estimated unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$1,740,725.76. He stated that the ending fund balance totaled \$1,740,725.76. He stated that the appropriations, other financing uses and fund balance totaled \$43,593,144.04.

During the discussion of the district's budget, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments.

Mr. Smith requested a workshop to discuss the transportation budget.

Mr. Simmons stated that it is always good and wise for the Board to have a working relationship with the Superintendent, and the Superintendent should have a working relationship with the Board.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton thanked Mrs. Wood and staff for watching the district's budget closely. He stated that former Superintendent Dr. Robert Bryant invited him to Mt. Calvary Primitive Baptist Church. He stated that he invited Mrs. Tammy Farlin and Ms. Vicki Johnson to join him. He stated that Mt. Calvary Primitive Baptist Church and Deacons pledged their support to the district. He stated that the first couple of weeks of school was going well. He stated that student FTE counts are still being reviewed. He stated that instructional staff are visiting schools. He stated that the principals are energized. He encouraged everyone to support the principals. He stated that diagnostic testing was taking place.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding teachers receiving reimbursement for their planning period for teaching an extra class, Mr. Milton stated that common planning periods are at the high school. He stated that the high school need science and math teachers. He stated that he was working to fill vacant teaching positions.

Mrs. Lewis stated that she was concerned about having student class schedules ready at the start of school. She stated that meetings could be held during the summer months to help with the schools.

Mr. Milton stated that team work was very important.

Mr. Smith stated that he was concerned about the non-instructional staff that did not receive the 3% pay increase. He stated that he wanted all staff to receive the 3% pay increase. He stated that he was advocating to identify entities that will help with the Gadsden Education Foundation.

Mr. Milton requested the Board identify persons to become part of the Gadsden Education Foundation.

Mr. Simmons stated that the district needed to look at ways to attract STEM teachers. He requested Mr. Smith take the lead in exploring resources to attract STEM teachers.

Mr. Milton suggested the Board speak with their legislative representative.

Mr. Scott suggested contacting math and science retirees to come back and teach. He stated that he was concerned about housing for teachers. He stated that the community need to embrace teachers.

5. The workshop adjourned at 12:15 p.m.