

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

June 22, 2021

4:30 P.M.

The workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Leroy McMillan, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mrs. Karema D. Dudley; and Ms. Cathy S. Johnson. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, 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. Leroy McMillan, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board a review of the monthly financial report. She stated that there has been no change in the unweighted FTE. She stated that the weighted dollar amount is higher for certain ESE students. She stated that the district has weathered the pandemic. She stated that the final payment for the insurance in the amount of \$8.8M has been deposited into a separate investment account to provide assistance with cash flow. She stated that there are two substantial revenue sources. She stated that the FEFP is received twice a month with the last one being due around the 26<sup>th</sup>; and the Family Empowerment and McKay Scholarships. She stated that the district has received \$4.6M in class size. She stated that in recognition of National School Lunch week, she thanked the school lunch staff for their hard work. She stated that the food service revenue is down due to the pandemic. She stated that the current revenue consists of the following: General Revenue directly from the federal government, Federal to State = federal dollars flowing through the State into the general revenue, federal are grants, ESOL indirect cost is received, a portion of the State monies are received, capital outlay funds, and the food service flow through the State of Florida for free/reduced meals. She stated that the general fund by function consists of many payrolls, bonus for VAM scores, instructional support, 6000 function \$2.8M, Board expenditures are high because of unemployment being charged to that function but the district receives no money back, and the facilities construction is linked to maintenance. She stated that everything has been done to start the Hurricane Michael repairs, and adjustments can be made as needed. She stated that the benefits constitute about 80% of the general fund. She stated that the general fund staffing should be based on the estimated 21- 22 FTE Forecast of 3,881. She stated that the district loses about 2.8% of eligible students for FEFP each year. She discussed how the state derives at the number of teachers to be funded at each school. She stated that the district's funding has been cut \$1M compared to last year. She thanked Mr. Mays for working with her as a team.

Mr. Key and the Board thanked Mrs. Wood for her service, hard work and dedication to the district.

3. Facilities Update

Mr. Hunter stated that he will provide the Board with a summer work plan. He stated that all custodians are needed to work the month of July.

Mr. Key stated that he will give authorization for all custodians to work the month of July.

4. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

5. School Board Requests and Concerns

In response to Mr. Scott's question about a 4 or 5-day work week for employees during the summer, Mr. Key stated that employees are on a 5-day work schedule for the summer.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:19 p.m.