

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

February 22, 2022

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, Ms. Cathy S. Johnson, Mrs. Karema D. Dudley; and Mr. Charlie D. Frost. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, 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. Leroy McMillan, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mr. Mays shared with the Board information regarding the 3rd FEFP Calculation for 2021 – 2022. He stated that the district's net state FEFP was \$24,330,424; the district's adjustment for McKay Scholarships was a negative \$227,004; the district's adjustment for Family Empowerment Scholarships was a negative \$2,729,964; the district's prior year adjustments for scholarship deductions was a negative \$11,461; and the district's adjusted net State FEFP was \$21,361,995.

Mr. Scott stated that any loss of funding effects all students.

Mr. McMillan stated that financial updates need to show the remaining balance, need the balance of what's in the bank.

Mr. Key stated that the budget manager's position is being advertised. He stated that Mr. Mays is the Finance Director and the Budget Manager. He stated that the district is still closing out the prior fiscal year.

Mr. McMillan commended Mr. Mays for doing a good job. He stated that the Board needs to know with surety that the district is fiscally sound. He stated that the district need to use the systems that are already in place to help staff do their jobs. He stated that everyone has to take ownership.

Mr. Key stated that the district is doing its best to recruit and retain people. He stated that every student matters and customer service to parents is very important. He stated that we all have a job to do. He stated that taking care of customers is very important and really matters. He stated that Mr. Mays is responsible for all financial reports. He stated that a lot of responsibility has fallen on Mr. Mays.

Mr. Mays stated that processes are being put in place. He stated that he will provide the Broad a financial data report with bottom line figures.

3. Facilities Update

Mr. McMillan encourage Board members to address the City of Quincy regarding the purchase of the property by the pool area on King Street. He stated that he will be meeting with the City of Manger to discuss the issue.

Mrs. Dudley stated that the pool area is an eye soar for the new school building.

Mr. McMillan encouraged everyone to meet with their city representative.

4. Educational Items by the Superintendent

Mr. Key stated that a guardian need to attend baseball practices at Corry Field until the lighting and restroom facilities at Gadsden County High School are repaired. He stated that the lights need to be changed at West Gadsden Middle School. He stated that a funding source is needed to address some of the facility issues.

In response to Mr. Scott's concern regarding whether a Guardian / Resource Officer was needed for after school activities, Mr. Key stated yes, the issue is when moving to another site. He stated that it would be cost effective to use an officer from the City of Quincy or the Sheriff's Department.

5. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mr. Frost stated that he was concerned about how student incident coding is being reported to DOE. He stated that student incident reports are sometimes written different than the way the incident happened.

Mr. Key stated that he will ensure that all student offenses are written and coded correctly. He stated that all referrals are reported to DOE. He stated that the incidents must match the punishment and written correctly.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:16 p.m.