

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

February 28, 2023

4:30 P.M.

The workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Leroy McMillan, Chairman; Mrs. Karema D. Dudley; Mr. Steve Scott; 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. Ms. Cathy S. Johnson was absent.

1. Call To Order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 4:35 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mr. Mays shared with the Board an overview of the Annual Financial Report and Final Amendment. He stated that the Annual Financial Report for the 2021 -2022 fiscal year consisted of adjusted functions and object as a final amendment to adjust the budget from the final original estimated budget. He stated that the district's financial highlights are as follows: the district's total net position increased by \$2.2 million, or 5.4 percent; the general revenues total \$56.1 million, or 91.7 percent of all revenues in the 2021 – 22 fiscal year as compared to \$65.9 million or 94.5 percent for the 2020 – 21 fiscal year; the unassigned fund balance of the general fund representing the net current financial resources available for general appropriations by the Board, totals \$2.32 million at June 30, 2022 or 5.38 percent of the general fund expenditures as compared to an unreserved fund balance of \$7.2 million, or 16.2 percent of expenditures at June 30, 2021; during the current fiscal year, general fund expenditures exceeded revenues by \$6.4 million. This may be compared to the 2020 – 21 fiscal year's result in which the general fund expenditures exceeded revenues by \$4.7 million and the 2019 – 20 fiscal year's results in which the general fund expenditures exceeded revenues by \$5.3 million; and the total long-term debt decreased by \$3.7 million, primarily because of the decrease in the New Pension Liability. He stated that the Governmental Funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near –term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in assessing the government's near-term financing requirements. He stated that the Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or fiduciary capacity for the benefit of external parties, such as student activity funds. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide statements because the resources are not available to support the district's own programs. In its fiduciary capacity, the district is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes. The district uses agency funds to account for resources held for student activities and groups. He stated that notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. He stated that over the course of the year, the district revises its budget and brings amendments to the Board when needed. He stated

that these amendments are needed to adjust to actual revenues received and direct resources where needed. The Board approves the final amendment to the budget after year end. He stated that the district's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2022 amounts to \$58.8 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, improvements other than buildings; buildings and fixed equipment; furniture, fixtures, and equipment, motor vehicles, property under capital lease; construction in progress; and computer software. He stated that additional information on the district's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements section. He stated that at June 30, 2021, the district has total long term debt outstanding of \$1.17 million related to Bonds Payable. He stated that the report is designed to provide a general overview of the district's finances for all those with an interest in the district's finances.

Mrs. Dudley that she will follow-up with Mr. Mays regarding the district's budget information.

In response to Mrs. Mandela's question regarding whether the district's 3% fund balance was unassigned or restricted, Mr. Mays stated that the 3% fund balance was restricted and the remaining was unassigned.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

Mr. Key shared with the Board pictures taken at George W. Munroe Elementary addressing citizen concerns from the January Board meeting. He stated that he visited George Munroe and did not see any mold on the walls or growing outside the buildings. He stated that there was possible mold on the steps of a portable building not being used. He stated that there was standing water following rain the previous day. He stated that there was a pile of wood found a distance away from the school, and is questionable of it being a snake pit. He stated that the district is building a state of the art K-8 school. He stated that the district is working to get things done when they are aware of issues.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mr. Scott requested from Mr. Mays an accounting of ESSER I, II, and III funds received, spent and earmarked.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:30 p.m.