

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

January 25, 2022

6:00 P.M.

The meeting 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Reverend Jessica Rivers-Muse, Pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Quincy.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Key congratulated the district's School-Related Employee of the Year, Ms. Rosa Villegas – James A. Shanks Middle School; and the district's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Sonja Wilson-Lewis – West Gadsden Middle School. He thanked Ms. Vicki Muse Johnson for her dedicated work; and Pastor Rivers-Muse for the prayer. He recognized the athletic students who will be signing to their college on National Signing Day. He stated that students are doing well academically and athletically.

Major (Ret.) Willie Jackson, Principal of Carter Parramore Academy, shared with the Board an update on Carter Parramore/Gadsden Central Academy. He stated that the mission of Carter Parramore /Gadsden Central Academy is to provide a learning environment that is conducive for learning and developing students for college and/or careers. He stated that the schools' vision is to Customize Processes for Advancement through Guidance, Compassion, and Academics. He stated that the two schools (CPA and GCA) have one administration, and is the critical care unit of Gadsden County Schools. He stated that each student is expected to be respectful, follow rules, focus and put forth an effort. He stated that the student's dream can be restored with 18 Credit Option, Post High School Focus (America's Promise) – College or Trade School, Workforce, Military, or Institutionalize; Career Exploration Program; Anti-Crime Mentoring Program, and Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities. He stated that students are capable of being remediated and graduating with their cohort who have had two unsuccessful academic years at the traditional high school. He stated that CPA/GCA need staff members (counseling, mentoring, and coaching) who understand the art of motivating and inspiring challenged students to succeed. He stated

that the Career Exploration Program prepare students for tomorrow. He stated that Career Exploration is discovering and learning more about occupations you are attracted to; researching careers, jobs, college majors, and graduate programs; taking assessments to learn about your interests, personality and attitudes; identifying your values, what is important to you about the work you want to do; determining the skills and education you need to begin your career; trying out possible careers through Volunteering, Internships, Apprenticeships, Job Shadowing, and Career Camps; and building your self-confidence by making a plan, figuring out where to start, and taking action. He invited the Superintendent and Board to Career Exploration Day on Friday, January 28th.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Key added to the agenda item # 8e – Supplemental Justification for Master Service Agreement between the Gadsden County School District and Rostan Solutions, LLC.

Mr. McMillan entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. December 14, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. December 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve agenda item #5a & b. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cathy S. Johnson and carried unanimously.

8. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Purchase Order Request for Ford Crestview

Fund Source: 1100E 8100 6520 9020 10005 00000 00000
Amount: \$51,909.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Purchase Order Request for Brooks Building Solutions (Chiller)

Fund Source: ESSE4 Project
Amount: \$181,173.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Purchase Order Request for Brooks Building Solutions (HVAC Controls)

Fund Source: ESSE4 Project
Amount: \$109,597.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Purchase Order Request for Clemons, Rutherford and Associates, Inc.

Fund Source: ESSE4 Project
Amount: \$123,026.50

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Supplemental Justification for Master Service Agreement Between Gadsden County School District and Rostan Solutions, LLC

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items preceded by an asterisk (*) were removed from the CONSENT agenda at the beginning of the meeting and acted upon during the DISCUSSION portion of the agenda.

- *6. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

- a. Personnel 2021 – 2022

Mr. Key stated that employee Isaac Livingston has requested a hearing. He recommended Mr. Livingston be removed from the personnel termination list and be suspended without pay until a hearing is held.

Mr. Scott made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to remove employee Isaac Livingston from the personnel termination list and be suspended without pay until a hearing is held. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Dr. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- *7. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Request Approval of CIC Contract on a Year-to-Year Basis Until 2024

Fund Source: Climate Transformation Grant
Amount: \$70,000.00

Mr. McMillan requested that the typo on page #7 section FY 2024 (Project year 5) #2 be corrected in the amount \$25,650 instead of \$25,150.

Following discussion, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve agenda item #7a (pending hard copy with correction) with page #7 section FY 2024 (Project year 5) #2 be corrected in the amount \$25,650. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- 9. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Key reminded everyone that we are still in the midst of COVID-19. He encouraged everyone to have meetings via zoom or use a large room for social distancing. He stated that students are preparing to test.

- 10. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

- 11. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.