

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

June 10, 2019

9:30 A.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Leroy McMillan; and Mr. Tyrone D. Smith. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, 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. Steve Scott, at 9:32 a.m.

2. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

a. Board Approval for Tax Anticipation Note

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: Line of Credit up to \$4,000,000.00

Mr. Milton stated that pursuant to Section 1011.13 Florida Statutes, Board approval is requested for a line of credit to be established with Capital City Bank in the event that cash flow is needed during the month of June, 2019. He stated that delays in receiving Hurricane Michael insurance recovery dollars and FEMA reimbursements are causing cash flow issues for fiscal-year-end closing. He stated that terms of the line of credit include 3.75% tax exempt, fixed rate, normal closing fees and the origination fee which are waived, and December 31, 2019, maturity date.

In response to Mr. Scott's concern about how much of the anticipation loan will be used, Mr. Mays stated that he was uncertain of how much of the anticipation loan would be used.

In response to Mr. McMillan's concern about the repayment of the loan, Mr. Milton stated that reimbursements from some of the monies have already been spent.

Following discussion, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leroy McMillan and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

- a. International Teacher Placement Agreement Between TPG Cultural Exchange Services, LLC and The School District of Gadsden County

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$10,500.00 per Teacher

Mr. Milton stated that the Teacher Exchange Program will assist with bringing certified teachers to the district. He stated that the teacher pay will be in accordance with the district's schedule.

Following discussion, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #3a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. DISTRICT'S FACILITIES PLAN

Mr. Milton shared with the Board regarding the district's facilities plan. He stated that discussion was needed to discuss the future of the district's facilities.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments during a lengthy discussion regarding the future of the district and its facilities. It was the consensus of the Board to have one centralized high school in the district.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. for a short break, and reconvened the meeting at 11:10 am.

5. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that summer activities are going on in the district. He stated that Gadsden County High School is being painted. He stated that administration is aware of the new school start times. He stated that Board members will be provided with the new school start times. He stated that the Sheriff's Department has been awarded a grant for the Guardian Program. He stated that the active shooter training will take place July 8th to 25th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and graduation on July 26th at 11:00 a.m. He stated that the district will advertise for a principal at Havana Magnet School.

In response to Mr. McMillan's concern whether the resource officers will be same with the Guardian Program, Mr. Milton stated that the Guardian Program will have School Safety Officers.

Mr. McMillan stated that he was concerned about the use of security officers to control student discipline at schools. He stated that a possibility would be to use more individuals as school safety officers through the Guardian Program.

6. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Smith stated that it is difficult dealing with different personalities, character and those who lack certification and professionalism. He stated that it is hard to teach character. He stated that the workshop was very enlightening.

Mr. McMillan stated that he was concerned about being prepared to make decisions on facilities when the district has not received any reimbursements from FEMA or insurance monies. He stated that the discussion on facilities will be ongoing.

Mr. Frost stated that he wants to ensure that the best is done for all students. He stated that parents needed to be aware of the new school start times.

Mrs. Lewis requested an advertisement for the new school start times.

Mr. Scott thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also thanked the individuals who attended the site visits for the vacant properties. He stated that he was concerned about surveying the Gretna Elementary School property. He stated that the Gretna Elementary property needed to be surveyed. He asked about the release of school grades.

Mr. Milton stated that school grades will be released in early July.

7. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.