

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

November 21, 2017

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; 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 workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood shared the following information with the Board: Summary of FTE Counts Recalibrated – Unweighted; and Florida Education Finance Program (FEF)). She stated that pursuant to FEF Legislative Changes HB 7069, the following allocations are to be recalculated after each FTE student enrollment survey: ESE Guaranteed Allocation and Supplemental Academic Instruction Allocation; The Federally Connected Student Supplement will be recalculated in the fourth FEF calculation; Eliminates the cap on the total bonus a teacher can earn from IB, AICE, AP and CAPE bonus programs, and districts are no longer required to submit a Digital Classroom Plan. She stated that a 180 day term or hourly equivalent is required by Section 1011.60(2), F.S. The hourly requirements are specified in Rule 6A-1.045111, FAC. 720 hours of Instructional Time for Prekindergarten through grade 3 students (180 days x 4 hours per day). 900 hours of Instructional Time for grades 4 through 12 students (180 days x 5 hours per day). Information on the 2017 – 2018 Program Cost Factors & Base Funding; Florida Price Level Index and DCD (District Cost Differential); Base Funding Calculation; and School Transportation Funding were also shared with the Board.

3. Discussion Item

a. Budget Amendment No. 1

Mr. Mays stated that Budget Amendment No. 1 will align with the final District Local Capital Improvement Tax proceeds to the final calculation of the assessment. He stated that the reduction of -\$313,528.63 will match the district's Local Capital Improvement Tax proceeds in accordance with the Truth In Millage advertisement. He stated that a discrepancy existed between the initial estimate and the final budget.

Mrs. Wood stated that the employee's 2<sup>nd</sup> paycheck will be from Skyward next week. She stated that the finance department was continuing to work to get the year to date information to print on pay stubs.

In response to Mr. Smith's concern regarding employee W2 information, Mrs. Wood stated that employee W2 information will be from TERMS and the months of October, November and December will be from Skyward.

Mr. Milton thanked Mrs. Wood and the finance department for their dedication and hard work.

Mrs. Wood thanked Ms. Darlean Youmans for her tireless work with the district. She stated that she could not express enough gratitude toward Ms. Youmans profound work.

Ms. Rose Raynak shared with the Board an explanation of the amendment to the PAEC English Language Learners (ELL) Award. She stated that the summary of the contract should be \$142,000 and not \$140,000. She stated that the original contract for staffing was \$72,000 and this amendment was for \$70,000, which equals \$142,000.

In response to Mr. Simmons' concern regarding the lawsuit from Florida Education Association (FEA) regarding the monies for the "Best and Brightest" teacher bonus program, Mrs. Minnis stated that Attorney Gwen Adkins with Coppins, Monroe Law Firm will represent the Board.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:23 p.m.