

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

October 27, 2009

4:00 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Chairman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Roger P. Milton; Mr. Eric F. Hinson. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 4:05 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Wood stated that the district had approximately \$40,389.00 savings in electricity this year. She stated that the change in electricity cost has decreased, and the change in electricity usage has also decreased. She stated that the current student enrollment as of October 14th had decreased by approximately 126 students. She stated that the student FTE count would be less based on attendance. She stated that the district was funded for 5,963 students. She shared with the Board a list showing the comparison of actual positions to the budget by fund. She stated that the district has moved toward the direction of grants to fund positions. She acknowledged Mrs. Melanie King for her outstanding efforts and responsibility with the financial draw down reports. She stated that there was a great level of reporting with grants.

Mr. Hinson stated that he was concerned about the district hiring a grant writer to seek funding to sustain positions currently funded by stabilization funds.

Mr. James stated that Mrs. Tammy Farlin was the district's grant writer. He stated that the district is currently seeking innovative ways to sustain positions currently funded by stabilization funds.

On behalf of Mr. Rocky Pace, Mrs. Wood reported that the new line of buses should start arriving in January. She stated that both the GCCTA and GESPA unions have agreed to share the cost of insurance.

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the following monthly budget status summary reports: 1) 110 – General Fund – encumbered \$2,481,608.44; 2) 300 – Capital Projects – encumbered \$982,085.05; 3) 410 – Food Service – encumbered \$460,463.90; 4) 420 – Federal Projects – encumbered \$738,527.25; and 5) 430 – Stimulus Funds – encumbered \$344,281.37.

Mr. Helms requested an update from Attorney Minnis on what the financial impact would be if the district annexed property into the City of Greensboro.

Mrs. Minnis stated that annexing property could be voluntarily. She stated that the city should provide an analysis report indicating services used when annexing property. She stated that there could be some financial impact to the district with annexing property into a city.

Following discussion, the Board instructed Mrs. Minnis to contact the Mayor of Greensboro to request additional information for annexing property into the City of Greensboro, and send recommendation to the Superintendent for Board action.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

In response to Mr. Milton's concern regarding changing the times for financial workshops, the Board agreed to discuss the issue of changing the time at the organizational meeting in November.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:20 p.m.