

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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

October 5, 2010

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 6:06 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Omitted.

3. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. James and the Board presented Mr. Roland H. Gaines, FAMU Vice President of Student Affairs with a plaque for his loyal and dedicated service, and support provided to the students of the Gadsden County School District.

Mr. Hinson stated that Mr. Gaines has awarded approximately \$300,000.00 in scholarship awards to students in Gadsden County. He recognized New Jerusalem Church in Havana for inviting the Class of 1992 to their church service.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

CASE #04-1011-0071

Ms. Natasha Baker addressed the Board to request a hearing for student #04-1011-0071.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to defer action on agenda item #4a until a hearing was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. CONSIDER, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

- a. Discussion and Request to Advertise the Board's Intent to Amend School Board Rule Numbered 2.25 (Position Descriptions)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #5a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

7. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Helms stated that he had received a call in reference to the school buses arriving to school late. He stated that he will discuss the issue with the Superintendent.

Mr. Hinson stated that he had received calls from parents at Gadsden Elementary School regarding their students riding smaller buses.

Mr. Simmons stated that because of fuel efficiency, shorter routes and transporting few students, the smaller buses are used to transport.

Mr. Hinson stated that the teachers and parents of Havana are concerned about not having all teachers certified in their areas, and being short of teachers. He stated that he was not aware of the issues at Havana Elementary School.

In response to Mr. Hinson's concerned about whether or not Havana Elementary School was fully staff, Dr. Pink Hightower stated yes, Havana Elementary School was fully staffed, as well as Havana Middle School and East Gadsden High School.

Dr. Hightower stated that he and staff were still meeting and working to ensure that class size was met. He stated that some substitutes are being used while working through the process until a position could be filled.

Mr. Milton invited the Board to Tallahassee Community College Meet and Greet candidates for the new President. He stated that the events will take place at the TCC Quincy House beginning Thursday - October 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday - October 12<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday - October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mr. James informed the Board that the .25 mills critical operating needs referendum campaign had started. He stated that the Board may want to have input in regards to the campaign for the referendum.

Mr. Helms stated that a flowing message was needed to expound on “this is not a tax increase” by voting “yes” for the .25 mills critical operating needs referendum.

Mr. Simmons stated that it is incumbent upon the Board members to campaign for the .25 mills critical operating needs referendum.

8. Mr. Simmons recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in order for the Board to convene in executive session to discuss a pending litigation matter.

The Board convened in executive session at 6:35 p.m., and adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The Board reconvened the special meeting at 6:56 p.m., and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.