

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

August 29, 2017

4:30 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; 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. Isaac Simmons, at 4:32 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Simmons 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.

2. PERSONNEL

- a. Employee #020-16-9030 Extension of Suspension

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Permission to Write Off Uncollectable NSF Checks in Internal Funds

Fund Source: Internal Funds
Amount: -\$996.97

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Permission to Write Off Uncollectable Accounts Receivable

Fund Source: 110 General Fund
Amount: \$63,829.43

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

- a. Amendment/Renewal of FL DOE/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Contract

Fund Source: FEFP Dollar
Amount: \$33,306.41 (Not to exceed)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Interlocal Road Maintenance Agreement Between Gadsden County and the School Board of Gadsden County

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Request for Sale of Portable Building

Fund Source: Capital Improvement Funds
Amount: \$2,500.00

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.

*5. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- b. Request to Auction off Portables

Fund Source: Capital Improvement Funds
Amount: Based on Highest Bid

Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted to ensure that there was no demand or need at any of the other school facilities before the auction.

Mr. Bruce James stated that the request for portables had been sent to principals. He stated that one of the portables may be used for storage of records. He stated that no other request or recommendation had been made at this time for use of the portables.

Mr. Milton stated that St. John Elementary School should have two portables listed for auction instead one. He stated that a request was made by Human Resources for use of one of the portables at St. John Elementary School for records storage.

Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted to ensure that advertising for the auction of the portables was made available to all local papers to include the faith-based organizations.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Tammy McGriff-Farlin stated that the School Turnaround Plan Meeting for George Munroe Elementary School was successful. She stated that the district has applied for TOPS monies and is currently waiting for a response.

Mr. Milton stated that several districts are coming together in a lawsuit regarding HB7069. He stated that three districts from PAEC have agreed to participate in the lawsuit.

Mrs. McGriff-Farlin stated that the School Turnaround Plan for George Munroe Elementary School may have to be presented to the State Board. She stated that the Superintendent will receive an invitation from the State Board to present the School Turnaround Plan.

Mr. Scott requested a copy of the School Turnaround Plan for George Munroe Elementary School.

7. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that he wanted to ensure that meetings are held to discuss issues that will move students ahead.

Mr. Milton stated that agenda item #4a – Amendment/Renewal of FL DOE/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Contract was approved by the Board to help students gain job skills.

Mr. Smith stated that he would be in favor of joining the lawsuit regarding HB7069 through PAEC along with applying for the TOPS monies. He stated that he visited Gadsden County High School and received a warm welcome by the staff. He stated that he visited classrooms and students where he saw people working. He stated that Gadsden County High School is a normal high school. He stated that the faith-based organizations are a big help to the schools.

Mrs. Lewis stated that she had some concerns regarding the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Contract. She stated that she will speak with the ESE Director. She stated that DOE cut funding due to the lack of students participating in the program. She stated that she visited Gadsden County High School and met with one of the transfer students from Alaska. She stated that she is proud of the Jaguars. She stated that she appreciates the technology department for live streaming games, and other school events.

Mr. Scott requested a workshop to discuss the student code of conduct handbook. He stated that the Board need to take a more proactive approach toward handling student discipline issues.

Mr. Smith stated that the Board needs to consider what can be done to holding parents accountable for their student's actions.

8. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.