

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

October 30, 2017

2:00 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; 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. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 2:00 p.m.

2. INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS (Hurricane Irma)

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. CARTER PARRAMORE CASTALDI REPORT

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mr. Hunter shared with the Board the Castaldi Report for Carter Parramore Academy. He stated that the Board's approval of the Castaldi Report for Carter Parramore Academy was needed as part of the process for "Special Facilities" Construction funds.

During the discussion of the Castaldi Report for Carter Parramore Academy, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that he received an email from the Learning Science Institute, a potential external operator. He invited the Board to a webinar on Tuesday, November 1st at 3:00 p.m. He stated that the contract with an external operator or charter for Gadsden County High School is due January 31, 2018. He stated that a contingency plan must be in place by January 31st. He stated that emphasis has been put on supporting the schools and providing resources. He stated that it is crucial to move the school from the “D” and “F” status. He stated that he will have a workshop to share with the Board an update on the status of the schools.

5 SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Smith requested an update on the School Turnaround Plan. He commended Principal Delshauana Jackson at Havana Magnet School on how she manages and evaluates her school and staff.

Mr. Milton stated that he would contact representatives at the Rensselaerville Institute to come and share with the Board an update on the schools.

Dr. Sylvia Jackson stated that based on the site visits at Gadsden County High School, student data is being viewed and adjustments are being made for improvement.

In response to Mrs. Lewis’ concern about student attendance, attitude and academics, Mrs. Tammy Farlin stated that information has been shared with the principals. She stated that attendance, academics and discipline are part of Performance Matters.

6. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.