

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

June 25, 2019

4:30 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Leroy McMillan; 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. Steve Scott was absent.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, at 4:35 p.m.

Attorney Minnis requested a closed-door session to discuss a pending litigation matter.

Following Mrs. Minnis' request for a closed-door session, the Board recessed the meeting at 4:36 p.m. The closed-door session adjourned at 4:55 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

2. Financial Information

3. Discussion Items

a. Cash Flow Projections for General Fund to December 2019

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board and update on the cash flow projections for the general fund to December 2019. She stated that the total projected expenditures for June 2019 to December 2019 was \$27,474,578.53; and the ending balance carried forward was \$3,846,581.69. She stated that the district experienced substantial cost as a result of Hurricane Michael.

b. Feedback about the District's Food Service Program

Mrs. Wood stated that FEMA reimbursements have been documented.

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding the Board's responsibility for FEMA reimbursements, Mr. Milton stated that there are weekly meetings with FEMA representatives. He stated that the district has been requested to submit reimbursements through the county.

In response to Mr. Frost's question regarding the Red Cross, Mr. Milton stated that the use of shelters is a partnership to assist with transportation for individuals to get to and from shelters. He stated that reimbursed items must be submitted to FEMA. He stated that the district has to work with the county.

Mrs. Wood stated that the district has an option to formalize a contract with the county to submit recommendations in a timely manner.

Mr. Smith stated that he was concerned about the maintenance and upkeep of the facilities after storms.

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board information on Student FTE counts recalibrated – unweighted. She stated that the student information was a comparison by school. She stated that two staff persons from finance attended the Florida School Finance Conference. She stated that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is not responsible for conducting food safety inspections of school cafeterias, the health and safety of children who receive meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a top priority. She stated that with the assistance of the Florida Department of Health, the department created a state summary and district summaries of school health inspections report findings to share with districts. She stated that the food service program received congratulations from The Florida Impact to end hunger and for accomplishing success with the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), as well as for being a role model for other districts through the state. She stated that the CEP program is a non-pricing meal service option that removes the burden of collecting household applications to determine eligibility, and eliminates the incurrence of unpaid meal debt, and allows access to meals for all students without stigma. She stated that the food service program received thanks from the Department of Agriculture for adding additional sites for summer feeding programs.

Mr. Milton congratulated the food service program and encouraged them to move closer toward providing dinner to students who attend after-school programs. He thanked Mrs. Wood and the food service staff.

Mr. Mays stated that the Florida School Finance Officer’s Conference was great. He stated that a lot of Legislative Bills passed. He stated that when it comes to budgeting there will be more engagement with the departments and their use of Skyward. He stated that budget amendments are forthcoming for the Board. He stated that the district is focusing more on determining whether to support and supplant.

Mrs. Wood stated that the correct amount for the district’s contract with the Health Department should be \$100,000 from the general fund.

4. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

5. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mr. McMillan stated that he was concerned about the district not receiving payments in a timely manner from its insurance carrier and FEMA as a result of Hurricane Michael. He requested Attorney Minnis review the contract with the Public Adjuster. He stated that the district needed to be more responsible spending monies especially in the area of travel. He stated that the district needed to find ways to give pay increases to employees.

Mrs. Lewis commended Mr. McMillan for speaking on the issue of receiving payments from the insurance carrier and FEMA as a result of Hurricane Michael. She appreciated the Superintendent for his dedicated work. She reminded the Board to be conscious of cost saving measures.

6. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.