

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

November 20, 2018

5:00 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; 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.

1. Call to Order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board a brief synopsis of the FEMA process. She stated that the Public Adjuster services bid must be in accordance with procurement rules and regulations. She stated that bid opening was scheduled for Monday, November 19th. She stated that the vendor's fee to be paid would not exceed 10% of the recovered funds. She stated that the services for Grant Management for FEMA submissions have been competitively bid through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments and are an approved FEMA contractor. She stated that the firm would work with the District to provide the essential documentation to FEMA to ensure the reimbursement process. She stated that Board Policy #6320 includes a section pertaining to exceptions to competitive bidding requirements that includes the provision for the emergency purchase of contractual services when the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action. She stated that the Board's approval was needed for a contract for the assessment and scope development of environmental hazards resulting from Hurricane Michael. She stated that the Board's approval was needed for a contract for environmental cleanup at various schools including but not limited to Shanks, GEMS, and Greensboro Elementary School. She stated that a proposed agreement with PAL Environmental Safety Corp for the removal and abatement of asbestos, lead, mold and other immediate environmental problems. She stated that the district's cash flow was effected by Hurricane Michael. She stated that payroll consists of approximately 80% of the general fund. She stated that the FEFP audit forecasting for the 2019 – 2020 calculations will be available in December.

Mr. Hunter welcomed new Board Member, Mr. Leroy McMillan. He stated that a private public adjuster will evaluate damages, write reports, and inspect roof barriers as a result of Hurricane Michael.

Mrs. Wood stated that taxes are being received for the district. She stated that the district's cash flow was being resolved. She stated that the district received twelve audit findings with eight for transportation. She stated that the district will appeal the audit findings. She shared with the Board information on the income and expense statements for forms ESE 145 and ESE 348.

Mr. Mays stated that budget meetings with the departments will be held to ensure that the district was moving with fidelity.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

Mr. Milton asked everyone to remember employees who are sick and to keep them and their families in prayer during the Thanksgiving time. He stated that there was a lot to be thankful for.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:40 p.m.