

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

October 23, 2018

4:30 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; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. 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 and Mr. Tyrone D. Smith were absent.

1. Call to Order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 4:34 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board a summary of the FTE Counts Recalibrated – Unweighted Compared to the 2018 – 2019 Actual Enrollment Counts by school. She stated that in an email received from Mr. W. Dale Summerford, Tax Collector Gadsden County referencing the effects that Hurricane Michael has had on the citizens of Gadsden county, and the concerns with citizens being misplaced, unable to receive mail or their mail boxes being destroyed, he will be mailing the 2018 property tax bills a little later than usual. She stated that the bills will be mailed November 9th or 10th which means the 4% discount period for early payment will be extended until December 10th. She stated that the district will be sending escrow files out electronically to the mortgage companies next week, since mortgage companies already have the funds on hand and usually pay in November. She stated that the total amount of taxes for bills requested by mortgage companies this year was approximately \$5 million. She stated that the usual 4 or 5 disbursements to the district will be made the first 30 days beginning sometime around mid-November.

Mr. Milton stated that the American Red Cross has a thirty (30) day Use of Facilities Agreement with the District for Gretna Elementary School. He stated that he will be attending a meeting Friday, November 2nd in Blountstown with FEMA.

Mrs. Wood stated that there may be a delay in funding reimbursements from FEMA. She stated that the district has been keeping detailed records of employee's individual timesheets. She stated that the Department of Agriculture has contacted the district regarding needs. She stated that Washington County School District does not have internet access at this time, so one of PAEC staff was currently housed in the district. She stated that the district has been notified of receiving the Annual School Recognition monies in the amount of \$302,718.00. She stated that the disbursement of the School Recognition monies will be done according to statute. She stated that the finance department is working diligently to prepare for payroll next week.

In response to Mr. Simmons' concern regarding the impact tourism would have on the district as a result of Hurricane Michael, Mrs. Wood stated that there should be very little impact on tourism. She stated that the majority of the migration was from Bay County. She stated that it was estimated that 3,000 trees were down between Gretna and Chattahoochee. She stated that school districts are beginning to reopen for students.

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern about the direction for staff reimbursement from FEMA, Mr. Milton stated that the principals/directors will instruct staff to have individual time sheets and time and effort logs submitted for FEMA reimbursement.

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding a waiver for testing, Mr. Milton stated that the district will prepare a letter requesting a waiver or extension for testing. He stated that the student FTE window has been adjusted.

Mr. Mays stated that the district was not projecting a fiscal impact on tourism due to Hurricane Michael because the district is not located in the southern part of the state.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:07 p.m.