

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

May 25, 2010

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Roger P. Milton; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Mr. Eric F. Hinson. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost arrived at 5:35 p.m. during the discussion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FCAT Reading Scores.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 4:05 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mr. Rocky Pace shared with the Board an update on the Global Positioning Systems (GPS). He stated that 34 districts responded to a state survey regarding the use of GPS. He proposed the Board schedule demos from Zonar and Verizon to share with them the multiple uses of a GPS. He stated that the company Zonar was available on June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> for a presentation to the Board.

Mr. James stated that the GPS monitors speed and location of a driver. He stated that the GPS was a management tool to improve fuel efficiency, management and safety.

Mr. Milton stated that he was concerned about if there was a need for a GPS, and the life expectancy and maintenance of a GPS. He stated that he was concerned whether or not the new buses could come with a GPS, or order as a package.

Mr. Pace stated that the GPS are compatible with the new buses. He stated that they are sustainable, and could be ordered for the new buses. He requested the Board approve a budget amendment to upgrade the video cameras on all buses from Home Land Security. He stated that each bus would have three cameras.

Following discussion, the Board scheduled a workshop for Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to hear presentations from Zonar and Verizon regarding GPS systems.

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the following information: 1) 110 – General Fund – Encumbered \$2,564,343.36; 2) 300 – Capital Projects Fund – Encumbered \$758,827.84; 3) 410 – Food Service Fund – Encumbered \$129,727.82; 4) 420 – Contracted Projected Funds - \$769,594.49; 5) 431 – State Fiscal Stabilization Funds – Encumbered \$975.00; 6) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$105,651.62; and 7) 433 – Other ARRA Stimulus Grants – Encumbered \$16,135.09. She stated that the proceedings are moving forward with collective bargaining to give eligible employees a step increase.

Mr. Milton stated that he wished to have quarterly workshops to discuss federal projects.

Mr. Simmons stated that the Board needed to schedule a workshop to discuss the district’s budget before the beginning of the next school year.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Shaia Beckwith-James shared with the Board a graph outlining the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FCAT Reading and Math Scores. She stated that the Reading scores are showing improvements. She stated that the Math scores are the strongest for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. She stated that Gadsden Elementary Magnet School, Crossroad Academy, and Stewart Street Elementary School have the strongest 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading scores.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:55 p.m.