

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

September 2, 2014

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Ms. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board, was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 6:00 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

a. Revision 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct

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Mr. Milton congratulated Mr. Simmons on his re-election to the School Board, and Mr. Frost for his accomplishment in a run off. He requested Mrs. Smith share with the Board an overview of changes to the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct.

Mrs. Smith shared with the Board an overview of changes to the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct. She stated that the district's goal was to move from paper base to technology (electronic version). She stated that the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct changes were located in red on the following pages: a) District Attendance Goals – pages 5 - 6; b) Intervention Strategies and Incentives – page 10; c) School Based Truancy Intervention – page 11; d) New law - House Bill 7029 (imitation firearm law) – pages 39 – 41; e) Language from Collective Bargaining Teacher Protection – page 43 section 8; f) Glossary – pages 52, 53, 55; and g) Request for Printed Copy of the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct – page 58.

Mrs. Sharon Thomas stated that student attendance is a statewide initiative. She shared with the Board an overview of the district's attendance goals. She stated that each student should attend school at least 95% of the time as based on the average daily attendance. She stated that each child can miss no more than: two days per nine week grading period, four days per semester and eight total days per school year.

During the overview of changes to the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct, the Board agreed to make the following revision to remove the wording "imitation firearm" from page 52.

Mr. John Thomas shared with the Board the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct on the district's website. He stated that the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct was a PDF word protected file and parent friendly.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments during the overview of changes with the 2014 – 2015 Code of Student Conduct.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2a with the noted correction to remove the wording "imitation firearm" from page 52.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. **EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

None.

4. **SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS**

None.

5. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.