

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

July 21, 2022

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Leroy McMillan, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; and Mrs. Karema D. Dudley. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Ms. Cathy S. Johnson and Mr. Charlie D. Frost were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 6:08 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Leroy McMillan.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in Unison.

4. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Mays stated that the district's fund balance has increased due to the influx of federal dollars. He stated that there was no increase in the millage.

Following discussion, Mr. McMillan entertained a motion for approval of agenda item #4. The motion was made by Mr. Steve Scott to approve permission to advertise for the tentative budget hearing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karema D. Dudley and carried unanimously.

5. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

6. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

Mrs. Judith Mandela, President GCCTA, addressed the Board with the concern for teachers to have conversation with the Board regarding the issue of changing life insurance to be paid at one set amount. She asked if the teacher payroll would remain as current or move to the end of the month.

Mr. McMillan stated that the issue to pay life insurance benefit for employee's salary amount or one set amount will be explored.

Mr. Mays stated that the issue for paying the life insurance benefit as one set amount has been explored as a cost factor and will be a net savings to the district.

Mrs. Mandela stated that the insurance committee would like to meet more often. She stated that most of the GCCTA members (65%) agree to the end of the month payroll. She stated that closing Carter Parramore Academy will effect jobs.

Mr. McMillan stated that according to the Department of Education the district has too many schools open.

Mr. Key stated that the issue of closing Carter Parramore Academy was brought to the Board at a special meeting in May. He stated that Carter Parramore Academy was included in the spot survey.

Mrs. Mandela stated that GCCTA should be made aware of any school closing within 10 days of the decision.

Mr. McMillan requested minutes and a copy of the spot survey from the May special meeting.

Mr. Scott stated that the spot survey did not have a timeline to close Carter Parramore Academy.

Mrs. Minnis stated that the spot survey gives authorization to close a school.

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.