

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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

July 20, 2016

10:00 A.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Steve Scott; and Mr. Charlie D. Frost. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 10:03 a.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed the special meeting at 10:04 a.m., convened in executive session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss collective bargaining issues; and adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The special meeting reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

3. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Following discussion of a summary for the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2016 – 2017, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to give permission to advertise for the tentative budget hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that some schools are struggling with testing and school grades. He stated that school grades have been issued, and James A. Shanks Middle School and Stewart Street Elementary School did not receive a school grade. He stated that he would inform the Board when James A. Shanks Middle School and Stewart Street Elementary School receive a school grade. He stated that he was pleased with the district's letter grade of "C". He shared with the Board a history of the district's school grades. He praised Coach Corey Fuller for an inspiring video with positive messages.

## 5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

In response to Mr. Scott's concern regarding the number of teaching positions currently vacant, Mr. James stated that teacher shortage was a state wide issue.

Mr. Simmons thanked the finance staff for information shared in the budget committee meeting. He stated that he was pleased with the work energy and efforts from Mr. Kauffman and Mr. Mays.

Mr. Milton stated that he met with Florida State University Presidential Scholars in regards to working with students at West Gadsden High School. He stated that a proposal with Florida State University was currently being reviewed.

In response to Mr. Simmons' concern regarding a plan of action to prepare teachers for the FSA, Mr. James stated that he wants to ensure teachers understand the FSA standards.

6. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.