

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

May 21, 2013

4:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

a. Contract for Consultant to Assist with E-rate

Fund Source: Fund 110

Amount: 5% of E-rate funding disbursed not to exceed \$15,000 per funding year

Mrs. Wood stated that Board approval was requested for a revised contract with K12 Consultants to assist in the submittal and receipt of E-rate funds. She stated that as of May 16, 2013, the district has not received any E-rate funds during this fiscal year. She stated that the K12 Consultants involvement will include areas of Telecommunications, Internal Connections, Internet Access, intranet, interface with local exchange companies, new exchange providers, information services, leased lines, internal connections, electronic mail, transmission of information as part of a gateway to an information service, and others. She stated that this includes consulting on associated maintenance. She stated that internet access may include advice and assistance in terms of the implementation of a robust and cost effective network and related maintenance.

Mr. Simmons stated that he was concerned that the attorney needed to review the Contract for Consultant to Assist with E-rate.

Mr. Helms stated that the Contract for Consultant to Assist with E-rate could be approved on a temporary basis until the attorney reviews the contract to ensure it meets all specifications.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the revised contract for consultant to assist with E-rate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger P. Milton and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Financing for Purchasing 10 Buses

Fund Source: Fund 220

Amount: \$1,108,935.00

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board an explanation of financing for purchasing 10 buses. She stated that financing from SunTrust Bank Equipment Finance would require five annual payments in the amount of \$221,787.00 with an interest rate of 1.70%, totaling \$1,108,935.00.

Following discussion, Ms. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger P. Milton and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Purchase Orders for Purchasing 10 Buses

Fund Source: Fund 379 Capital Improvements

Amount: \$1,072,467.00

Mrs. Wood stated that the State of Florida bid #2013-01 was used for the purchasing of 10 new buses.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2c. The motion was seconded by Ms. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Owens v. Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: General

Amount: \$25,000.00

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2d.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Helms stated that he was concerned that parts of the Owens Agreement would affect the district in the future.

Following discussion, Ms. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2d. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger P. Milton and carried with Mr. Simmons, Mr. Milton, Mr. Frost, and Ms. Lewis voting "aye". Mr. Helms voted "nay".

Mr. James stated that he believe that resolution of this matter was in the best interest of the district and the public.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. **ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. James stated that he was waiting for test scores to arrive within the next week. He reminded the Board that this was graduation week for high schools.

Mrs. Smith shared information with the Board regarding the Pupil Progression Plan and graduation requirements. She reminded the Board that a student can participate in all graduation activities with a Certificate of Completion.

4. **SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS**

None.

5. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.