

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

February 21, 2022

5:00 P.M.

The workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. Call To Order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Architect Presentation – DAG Architect Group (Destin Architect Group)

Mr. Hunter introduced Mr. Jack Baker with Destin Architect Group. He stated that Mr. Baker and the staff of Destin Architect Group would be presenting to the Board information on the architectural design of the New K-8 School.

Mr. Baker introduced the following staff members: Mr. Roger Godwin, Mr. Tom Miller, Mr. Don Cox, Mr. Donald Gray, Ms. Elena Bradbury, Ms. Erika Hagan, Mr. Ken Greene, and Mr. Stuart Wiggins. He stated that DAG has been in business for 40 years and has 30 licensed professionals. He stated that over the past 7 years DAG has designed 8 brand new school campuses, four of those schools have been K-8 schools and have been promised two more in the next two years (2024). He stated that the DAG team listen to their clients and design to their wishes while providing sage and experienced advice along the way. He stated that DAG has the staff to manage the project. He stated that DAG is familiar with special facilities funding and approval projects, as they recently have gone through the process with Marianna and Grand Ridge K-8 projects. He stated that DAG has a great working relationship with DOE Special Facilities.

The DAG Team shared the following designs and information on the new K-8 school: site concepts, site analysis, and site phases.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments during Destin Architect Group's presentation of the architectural design for the new K-8 school. They thanked the Destin Architect Group for their presentation.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

Mr. Key announced that the PAEC Leadership Conference is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Destin. He stated that today (February 21<sup>st</sup>) was the kick off for the United Way Donations Campaign. He stated that the Crossroads Boys Basketball Team are in the playoff and will travel to St. Augustine, Florida.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mr. McMillan asked the Board to think about what was presented during the architectural presentations. He stated that a special meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for Board members to select an architect for the new K-8 school.

5. The workshop adjourned at 6:23 p.m.