

## SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

August 6, 2014

4:00 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 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 4:06 p.m.

2. AGREEMENTS/CONTACTS

- a. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement Between Tallahassee Community College and Gadsden County Schools 2014 – 2015

Fund Source: FEFP

Amount: N/A

The Board thanked Dr. Sylvia Jackson for her attendance.

In response to Mr. Simmons' concern whether the district had budgeted for the dual enrollment program, Mrs. Ferree stated that there was no budget yet, but the amount was the same as last year.

Mr. Milton requested staff look at ways to offer incentives to teachers who teach college courses for our dual enrolled students.

Mrs. Shaia Simmons shared with the Board her experience as a dual enrolled student.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Career Pathways Articulation Agreement Between Tallahassee Community College and Gadsden County Schools 2014 – 2015

Fund Source: FEFP

Amount: N/A

Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Memorandum of Agreement Between Gadsden County Schools and Gadsden County Health Department 2014 – 2015

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$100,100.00

In response to Mr. Helm's concern about Carter Parramore Academy not receiving services from the Gadsden County Health Department, Mrs. Smith stated that Carter Parramore Academy does not have a frequency, but received shared services with Stewart Street Elementary School.

Ms. Lewis reminded the Board that the district has a partnership with the Neighborhood Health Clinic in Havana.

In response to Mr. Frost's concern regarding the need for more marketing, Mr. James stated that there will be some promotional advertisements for the district. He stated that marketing is very competitive.

Mr. Simmons stated that the City of Chattahoochee agreed to have a partnership with Chattahoochee Elementary School.

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

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Agreement Between the School Board of Gadsden County, FL., Capital Health Plan, Inc., World Class Schools of Leon County, Inc., and Titus Sports Academy, L.L.C.

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #2d. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

### 3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that the Legislature allocated ½ million dollars for the AMIKids, Inc. Program. He stated that a vote was needed from the Board regarding the AMIKids, Inc. Program.

Mr. Milton requested the Board schedule a workshop to further discuss the AMIKids, Inc. Program.

Mr. Simmons stated for the record that he could not support the AMIKids, Inc. Program because he did not think that it was a good sound investment for the district.

The Board scheduled a workshop on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the AMIKids, Inc. Program.

Mr. James stated that Mr. Rick Soskus has requested to share with the Board a concept for "No Ds".

Mr. Milton encouraged each Board member to meet individually with Mr. Soskus to discuss his "No Ds" concept.

### 4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that he wanted staff at the transportation department to be informed of protocol. He stated that customer service training was needed for all staff.

Ms. Lewis expressed her sentiments for customer-focused and friendly schools.

Mr. Helms stated that customer service training is very important. He requested the Board reconsider a new contract for Catapult Learning, LLC. He made the following announcements: 1) Back To School Rally on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at East Gadsden High School; and 2) Book Bag Giveaway, Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the following locations: Chattahoochee Elementary, Greensboro Elementary, Havana Elementary, and James A. Shanks Middle School.

Minnis stated that the Board needed to recess the regular meeting in order to have an attorney-client session to seek advice on pending litigation matters.

Mr. Milton recessed the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m. for an attorney-client session. He stated that the following individuals were in attendance: Attorney Gwen Adkins, Attorney Deborah Minnis, Mr. Roger P. Milton, Ms. Audrey D. Lewis, Mr. Charlie D. Frost, Mr. Judge B. Helms, Mr. Isaac Simmons, and Mr. Reginald C. James.

The attorney-client session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.; and the regular meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

Mrs. Smith stated that an advertising date was needed for the Board to discuss and act on a policy change, due to the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting being moved to August 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Board scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and act on a policy change.

5. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.