

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

September 22, 2015

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, Chairwoman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; and Mr. Steve Scott. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Ms. Elizabeth Barron, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Roger P. Milton was absent.

1. Call to order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairwoman, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, at 4:40 p.m.

2. Financial Data Report

3. Discussion Items

- a. List of contractors and notification to Board regarding vendors with total payments greater than \$15,000 and other payment issues.

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding the appropriateness of an elected official becoming an employee of the district, Dr. Hightower responded, yes, elected officials could be employed by the district as long as the appropriate guidelines and Board policies are followed.

Mrs. Ferree stated that the teacher debit cards will soon be disbursed.

b. Miscellaneous finance department items:

- i. DOR desk audit – dye diesel
- ii. Annual Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Fund Audit
- iii. FEFP annual FTE audit
- iv. Resumption of regular state audit
- v. Still waiting FRS information to finalize AFR
- vi. One regular Board agenda item – Charter School Financial report

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

In response to Mr. Simmons' concern regarding a cash flow problem at the end of the year, Mrs. Ferree stated that she will work on an analysis to free up cash flow issues.

Mr. Simmons stated that a survey of interest would benefit the district and teachers.

Mr. Frost stated that he was concerned that \$10,000 was not enough for both the boys and girls sporting events.

Mr. James stated that \$10,000 was seed monies given to schools to start their sporting events.

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding clarification on why fees collected at GTI do not return to GTI, Mrs. Ferree stated that according to state statute, the funds are district monies and should be reported back to the district for budgeting purposes.

Dr. Hightower stated that teachers at GTI are paid out of the general fund budget.

For clarification, Mrs. Lewis stated that monies that come to the district must flow through the district, and all state appropriated monies must flow through the district.

Mrs. Ferree stated that all schools have internal accounts, and that all fees collected must transfer back to the district.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:20 p.m.