

## SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

May 27, 2022

5:00 P.M.

The meeting 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 5:05 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Charlie D. Frost.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. McMillan entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

4. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

a. Personnel 2022 – 2023

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

5. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

a. Purchase of School Buses

Fund Source: Capital Outlay  
 Amount: \$455,516.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

a. Gadsden County High School Football Team Out-of-State Field Trip

Fund Source: N/A  
 Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items preceded by an asterisk (\*) were removed from the CONSENT agenda at the beginning of the meeting and acted upon during the DISCUSSION portion of the agenda.

### \*7. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

#### a. NEW K-8 SCHOOL

Mr. Hunter stated that Phase 1 was to design and address the review committee's concerns.

Representatives from DAG Architects shared with the Board a power-point presentation of the schematic design plans and spot survey for the new K-8 school. The schematic design plans included site plans, building plans, exterior renderings, and a life safety letter for the Board's approval. The spot survey included the five-year survey 5.1 regarding the new Gadsden K-8 School. It was noted that there were no changes to the current survey but will need a future spot survey to add additional site cost to the project. The five-year spot survey 5.2 referenced Greensboro Elementary, West Gadsden Pk-8, Gadsden County High School and the old Gadsden Elementary Magnet School. The work required subsequent to the Department of Education Spot Survey revisions approval. Any excess capacity not taken care of in the 5.2 Spot Survey will need a clear explanation and plan of action as to how those spaces may be re-purposed, demolished, sold or leased out et al.

Mr. McMillan stated that the committee deferred the project until next year, but trying to be in the March 2023 legislative session. He stated that this was the reason for the special meeting to approve plans and the 5.2 survey in order to meet the deadlines for March 2023.

Mr. Key stated when you talk about all the schools in Gadsden County there are too many student stations, and the district is trying to reduce the number of student stations. He stated that the Department of Education has stated that the district is in need of a new school but the number of student stations must be reduced.

During the power-point presentation by DAG, Board members and the Superintendent asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments.

Following discussion, Ms. Cathy S. Johnson made a motion to approve the Phase 2 Plans and Spot Survey for the New K-8 School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

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

### 8. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Key invited Board members to attend the progression ceremonies for the schools. He stated that Governor DeSantis along with Congressman Al Lawson will visit Havana Magnet School on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that Gadsden County High School Commencement was scheduled for Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### 9. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mrs. Dudley requested that the Board reschedule the student expulsion hearings to an earlier time because James A. Shanks Middle School's 8th Grade Progression Ceremony was scheduled on the same day beginning at 5:30 p.m. She recognized Mr. Lucky for his hard work with the students during the history fair. She stated that the History Fair at James A. Shanks Middle School was really good and the students were well prepared.

10. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.