

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

July 23, 2019

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; and Mr. Tyrone D. Smith. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Leroy McMillan was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 6:03 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Pastor JaHazel Dawkins of Bostick Temple Christian Center.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Milton and Mr. Frost recognized Pastor JaHazel Dawkins and Mrs. Robin Watkins as members of the James A. Shanks High School Class of 1977.

Mr. Smith recognized Pastor JaHazel Dawkins. He stated that his mother is a member of the James A. Shanks High School Class of 1977.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

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

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. June 25, 2019, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. June 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting
- c. July 9, 2019, 2:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- d. July 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)
 - a. Personnel 2018 – 2019
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - b. Personnel 2019 – 2020
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
7. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS
 - a. Amendment to Contract for 403(b) and 457(b) Plan Administration and Compliance Services
 Fund Source: General Fund
 Amount: Reduction of approximately \$3,000.00 in annual fees
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - b. Health Insurance Premiums for Insurance Year Beginning 10/01/2019
 Fund Source: All Funds
 Amount: Increase in the \$3,671,529.84 Board Cost of \$146,914.56 for Option A
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - c. Premiums for General Liability, Auto Liability and Physical Damage, Property and Workers Compensation Insurance through Florida League of Cities (Florida Municipal Insurance Trust)
 Fund Source: General Fund: 100% of General Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage and Property
 General Fund, School Food Service and Federal Projects:
 Proportionate shares based on payroll compensation of Workers Compensation
 Amount: Estimated increase of 5% or total of \$1,193,225
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - d. Letter Purchase Order for Services
 Fund Source: General Fund
 Amount: \$192,048.60
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - e. Contracted Music –Therapy with Stephany Bryant, MM,MT of Healing Hearts Music Therapy
 Fund Source: IDEA – Federal Funded
 Amount: \$25,000.00 (not to exceed)
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. Memorandum of Understanding – Elder Care Services Foster Grandparent Program and Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: IDEA – Federal Funded
Amount: \$33,300.00 For Nine Months (\$3,700.00 per month)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- i. Approval of Agreement with Lamier Technical Services

Fund Source: Federal
Amount: \$66,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- j. Approval of Agreement with PAEC for ELL Office

Fund Source: General Revenue
Amount: \$78,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- l. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between Tallahassee Community College and Gadsden County Schools 2019 – 2020

Fund Source: FEFP
Amount: Undetermined – based upon enrollment

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- m. Collegiate High School Program Agreement 2019 – 2020

Fund Source: FEFP
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Solid Waste and Cardboard Recycle Service Agreement

Fund Source: 110 Fund
Amount: \$128,779.08

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- b. Gadsden County Public School Virtual Instruction Program (GC-VIP) Guidelines and Procedures Manual

Fund Source: FEFP
Amount: Undetermined – based upon enrollment

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. 2018 – 2019 Annual Equity Update

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. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- g. Dental Equipment Lease for Havana Magnet School

Fund Source: General Revenue
Amount: \$1.00 Annual Rental Fee

Mrs. Lewis requested an update on the utilization of the dental equipment and service at the next Board meeting.

Following discussion, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #7g. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- h. Approval of Agreement with PSTB Consulting Services

Fund Source: Federal
Amount: \$50,000.00

Mrs. Judith Mandela, Teacher at Shanks and President of the GCCTA, addressed the Board and asked if the services provided by PSTB Consulting Services were required for the district. She questioned how the services were different from the responsibilities of the elementary and secondary area directors.

Mr. Milton stated that Title I, Title II and Title IX Grants mandate program evaluations. He stated that the evaluator should not be an employee of the district. He stated that the evaluations can be reviewed by the public. He stated that the PSTB consulting services is a renewal from previous years.

Following discussion, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #7h. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

*9. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

a. 2019 – 2020 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: Fiscal Impact Undetermined – based upon parent choice

Mrs. Lewis praised parent services for submitting the 2019 – 2020 Controlled Open Enrollment document. She requested that information submitted on the process for declaring school preference be placed in a brochure to help promote schools.

Following discussion, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item 9a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Hunter stated that the district was still having HVAC issues. He stated that there are still minor maintenance issues to be completed before the start of school.

In response to Mr. Scott's concern regarding the shredded tarp on the roof at Gadsden Elementary Magnet School, Mr. Hunter stated that the roof will be re-tarped before school starts.

11. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that there will be other items on the agenda for the Tentative Budget Hearing on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. He stated that approximately 89 students participated in the Summer Reading Camp. He stated that the 21st Century Summer Camp ends this Thursday, July 25th. He stated that teachers return to school on Monday, August 5th and students return on Monday, August 12th. He invited the Board members to the Beginning Teacher Academy next week at Gadsden County High School. He stated that he was thankful to have participated in the guardian training. He shared with the Board a handout referencing compensation fees not to exceed 3% for an appraiser.

12. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that the PAEC Leadership Training was awesome. He requested that Dr. Ida Walker be more vigilant to assist principals and teachers with professional development. He expressed his dismay with employees allowing their students to attend school out of the district.

Mr. Smith stated that the district should market the good things in an effort to increase student enrollment. He stated that Gadsden County High School has a dynamic football program. He stated that the district should campaign advocating the purchase of season tickets for the football games. He stated that he was thankful for all hands on deck to make Gadsden great.

Mrs. Lewis requested the Board revisit the issue regarding the name change for Gadsden Technical Institute. She stated that the district needs to ensure that students at Carter Parramore Academy are on track with their curriculum. He stated that some students may find interest in a trade. She stated that she was glad to hear that Safety Security Officers will be at all schools. She stated that she was glad Mr. Milton participated in the Guardian Training Program. She stated that Mr. Milton is a strong leader.

Mrs. Denise Pouncey Hannah addressed the Board regarding the lack of maintenance and upkeep of the district grounds and facilities. She stated that her Department of Hannah evaluated the district's grounds and facilities. She stated that the district's grounds and facilities were in need of grass cutting, tree cutting, AC repair, pressure washing, junk removal, and carpet cleaning. She stated that the district has room for growth and improvement. She stated that she will return to the next Board meeting with a correction plan for the upkeep and maintenance of the district's grounds and facilities.

Mr. Milton thanked Mrs. Hannah for addressing the Board and sharing her concerns regarding the upkeep and maintenance of the district's grounds and facilities.

13. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.