

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

September 22, 2020

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. Leroy McMillan; Mr. Steve Scott; and Mr. Roger P. Milton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board, were present via telephone conference. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. Call To Order

The workshop was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 4:34 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mr. Wood stated that the Commissioner of Education had a webinar last week to brief finance officers on how funding will work. She stated that the second calculation will be used for the October count, but the February count will be actual. She stated that the finance department will need to be included in FTE emails to prepare for the actual impact in February. She stated that the second calculation was down by \$500,000 plus \$778,000 mandate for teacher salary increase. She stated that all projects will be affected by the teacher raise. She stated that finance is working closely with HR to run personnel lists. She stated that any requests that cannot sustain themselves will be reviewed carefully. She stated that the revenue must be align with the expenditures. She stated that the new expenditure rates for benefits will go into effect October 1st (Capital Health Plan). She stated that the first 428 project will be to replace buildings instead of repair. She stated that there are six other projects pending. She stated that the district is moving forward to repair permanently or replace buildings. She stated that the financial audit is underway with special emphasis on Restart, SERVE, and other Hurricane Michael projects. She stated that the Florida League of Cities is no longer the district's vendor for insurance. She stated that the Board is awaiting Board action on the new insurance carrier. She stated that there will be new procedures for reporting accidents. She stated that food service will be the first fund to feel the impact of funding cuts. She stated that there will be a dramatic reduction in the number of meals being served. She shared with the Board a brief summary of the district's statement of revenues and expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. She stated that there are \$40,051,129.84 total revenues, and a total of \$46,653,560.53 in expenditures, over expenditures \$6,602,430.69. She stated that the insurance payments resulting from Hurricane Michael received totaled \$12,562,611.69. She stated that there are currently 23 open projects that have been appraised but no payments. She shared with the Board information on the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust summary of pricing from October 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021. She stated that FSBIT advances the May 1st effective date for all member property contributions and avoiding budget year problems. She stated that FSBIT has a six month installment plan as well as annual premiums. She stated that Florida Municipal Insurance Trust insurance was not renewing with the district.

In response to Mr. Milton's request for a special meeting on Thursday, September 24th for Board members to further discuss and act on the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust, the Board agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24th.

Mrs. Wood stated that negotiations are continuing with GCCTA regarding teacher salaries. She stated that a report is due to DOE on October 1st regarding teacher salary increase.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:37 p.m.