

SCHOOL BOARD FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

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

February 27, 2024

4:30 P.M.

The workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Karema D. Dudley, Chairwoman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, Ms. Cathy S. Johnson, Mr. Steve Scott, and Mr. Charlie D. Frost. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board, Ms. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. Call To Order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairwoman, Mrs. Karema D. Dudley, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mr. Mays shared with the Board financial updates. He stated that the general fund original budget was \$44,143,588.70, revised budget was \$42,052,777.90, year to date activity was \$26,870,476.86, encumbered \$8,650,236.79, unencumbered \$6,532,064.25, and 84.47% of the general fund budget expended. He stated that the insurance recovery funds revised budget was \$1,144,123.28, year to date activity was \$188,834.75, unencumbered funds \$955,288.53, and 16.50% expended. He stated that the food service revised budget was \$4,597,068.00, year to date activity was \$2,761,494.12, encumbered \$1,000,334.30, unencumbered \$835,239.58, and 81.83% of the food service fund expended. He stated that 54.85% of the federal funds have been expended. He stated that 84.95% of the ESSER Cares funds have been expended. He stated that 57.78% of the CRRSA ESSER II funds have been expended. He stated that 3.74% of the ARP ACT ESSER III funds have been expended. He also shared with the Board the bank balances as of February 27th. In response to Mr. Frost's concern regarding how much interest is made on the accounts, Mr. Mays stated that he would provide information for the investment account. Mrs. Dudley requested that previous account balances be provided along with the current account balances. Ms. Johnson inquired about the lockers for the fieldhouse at the high school. Mr. Mays stated that the preamble work need to be done before the lockers could be installed at the fieldhouse. Mrs. Dudley asked about bonuses/raises for non-instructional staff. Mr. Key stated that there have been discussions with both unions. He asked the Board to go into executive session following the regular board meeting to discuss collective bargaining issues.

3. Facilities Update

Mr. Hudson stated that there were no current facilities updates. Ms. Johnson inquired about whether any of the schools had any backlogs. Mr. Hudson stated that there is a plethora of things always going on. He stated that issues would be addressed as soon as can be.

Mr. Frost stated that parents were concerned regarding the condition of the softball field at Gadsden County High School. Mr. Hudson stated that the vendor was responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the softball field. He stated that the softball field holds water. He stated that the district is contracting with Leon County regarding the different types of preparation for the softball field.

Mrs. Dudley asked for an update on the HVAC system at Stewart Street Elementary School. Mr. Hudson stated that a plan is being scheduled to address the HVAC issues. Ms. Johnson stated that she attended Gadsden County High School and Crossroad Academy Charter School basketball game. She stated that the security and lighting was not good. She stated that people parked everywhere for the game. She stated that she was concerned about the students, staff and parents' safety. She stated that assistance was needed with parking for the high school basketball games. Mr. Key stated that parking has been addressed.

4. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

5. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:08 p.m.