

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

January 22, 2013

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Roger P. Milton; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Ms. Audrey D. Lewis. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 4:32 p.m.

2. TRANSFINDER CONTRACT AND LICENSE AGREEMENT

Mr. Joe Lewis, Transportation Director, shared with the Board an overview of the Transfinder Contract and License Agreement. He stated that Transfinder was a hand held GPS unit. He stated that the Transfinder GPS unit assists with the RouteBuilder Implementation Service. He stated that the purchase of Option "A" of Routefinder Pro Transportation Management System total cost would be \$6,745.00 and includes the following: two user software license routing and scheduling system; Transfinder will convert a compatible GIS map(s) provided by the licensee, or will provide a commercially available map for Gadsden County, FL; MS SQL Server or MS ACCESS Database Connectivity; powerful tools for Route overlap analysis, Stop Sequence Optimization, and Policy Analytics; eligibility assessment & Walk Zone definition; export routes to Google Earth for drivers & administrators; drivers certification functionality, and field trip resource tracking, cost calculator, billing, invoicing & reporting. He stated that the purchase of Option "B" would be \$12,745.00 and includes the following: two user software license routing and scheduling system; Transfinder will convert a compatible GIS map(s) provided by the licensee, or will provide a commercially available map for Gadsden County, FL; MS SQL Server or MS ACCESS Database Connectivity; Power tools for Route overlap analysis, Stop Sequence Optimization, and Policy Analytics; Eligibility Assessment & Walk Zone definition; export routes to Google Earth for drivers & administrators; driver certification functionality; and field trip resource tracking, cost calculator, billing, invoicing & reporting.

In response to Mr. Milton's concern whether the transportation department has staff to monitor Transfinder, Mr. Joe Lewis responded no. He stated that currently there are no funds to hire someone to implement the software.

Board members stated that they could not support the Transfinder Contract and License Agreement at this time because the projected savings for the district could not be identified, and the district does not have funds to hire an individual to monitor Transfinder. They stated that it was not cost effective for the district to purchase Transfinder.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments during the discussion of the Transfinder Contract and License Agreement.

Ms. Smith stated that there may be a possibility for the district to purchase Transfinder in the future.

Board members thanked Mr. Lewis for his time and noted that it was the consensus of the Board to not move forward with the purchase of Transfinder.

3. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board information on the unweighted student FTE report, Student FTE and staffing, and the 2012-13 FEFP Third calculation. Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) 110 – General Fund – Encumbered \$4,972,675.05; 2) 300 – Capital Projects – Encumbered \$36,086.32; 3) 410 – School Food Service – Encumbered \$1,055,233.26; 4) 420 – Federal – Encumbered \$1,445,165.41; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$42,872.36; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$269,012.96.

4. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that a workshop needed to be scheduled for Board members to discuss budget issues.

5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:35 p.m.