

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

November 22, 2011

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 4:35 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Bonnie Wood shared with the Board the following power-point presentation outlining the status of school food service, program cost report, and highlights of the recent Finance Officers Conference. She stated that the school food service fund has established a record of sustainability, staff has proven to adjust to changing conditions, and their salary schedule is the lowest in the district. She stated that there is justification to have a 5% salary increase for school food service workers. She stated that the 2010 – 2011 Program Cost Report was required by Florida State Laws, separate chapter in FLDOE “Red Book”; and was utilized to measure “Return on Investment”. She stated that the 2010 – 2011 Program Cost Report revealed a total FTE of 5,836.31. She stated that the 2010 – 2011 Program Cost Report – District Expenditure Requirements were as follows: Program 101 – Description Basic K-3 – Requirement 90% - Gadsden 111%; Program 102 – Description Basic 4 – 8 – Requirement 80% - Gadsden 121%; Program 103 – Description Basic 9 – 12 – Requirement 80% - Gadsden 125%; Program 130 – Description ESOL – Requirement 80% - Gadsden 107%; Program 300 – Description Vocational – Requirement 80% - Gadsden 219%. She stated that the 2010 – 2011 Program Cost Report Expenditure Requirement (Specific to ESE Programs) – Program 111 – Description K-3 with ESE – Requirement 90% - Gadsden 129%; Program 112 – Description Grade4-8 with ESE – Requirement 90% - Gadsden 154%; Program 113 – Description Grade 9-12 with ESE – Requirement 90% - Gadsden 179%; Program 254 – Description ESE Level 4 – Requirement 90% - Gadsden 84%; Program 255 – Description ESE Level 5 – Requirement 90% - Gadsden 97%; Gadsden Aggregate = 145%. She stated that the Program Cost Report Cost as a Percentage Revenue (CAPOR) for West Gadsden High School was FTE \$7,313. She stated that the highlights from the Finance Officers Conference were as follows: Report from DOE: a) Prorating FEFP due to more students than project; b) Revenue forecast was more optimistic than

actual collections; c) School recognition funds – will not be distributed until January – February; d) Auditor General – Statewide districts had average 11.89% unreserved General Fund balance as of June 30, 2010; e) Economist Tim Quinlan of Wells-Fargo – Florida lagging nation in economic recovery; f) Salary schedules under SB 736 – must have several different schedules; g) ESE Maintenance of Effort requirements emphasized despite revenue reductions; h) Monitoring of charter schools to receive more scrutiny; and i) Pay Cards – Capital City Bank partnering with vendor to improve services.

Mr. Tony Britt, President of Gadsden Educational Staff Professional Association, commented on the issue of the school food service workers salary increase. He stated that the school food service workers are the lowest paid in the state. He encouraged Board members to consider the salary increase for the school food service workers.

Mr. Rocky Pace, Chief Negotiator, cautioned the Board about discussing the issue of a salary increase for the school food service workers before presentation to the bargaining team. He stated that the Board only needed to give authorization for him and Mrs. Wood to begin working on settlement packages.

Mrs. Wood stated that the purpose for discussing the school food service salary increase was to share with the Board background information. She stated that there has been a steady increase in revenue for school food service.

Mr. James commended the school food service team for being out of the red and currently operating in the black. He stated that the school food service team has sustainability.

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) General Fund – Encumbered \$8,805,562.02; 2) 300 – Capital Projects – Encumbered \$2,877,347.76; 3) 410 – Food Service – Encumbered \$1,110,897.62; 4) 420 – Federal Projects – Encumbered - \$1,152,485.92; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$125,668.36; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$209,331.40.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:33 p.m.