

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

MAX D. WALKER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
35 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.
QUINCY, FLORIDA

February 2, 2017

5:00 P.M.

The workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; and Mr. Tyrone D. Smith. Also present were Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 5:00 p.m.

2. RECONFIGURATION OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Simmons stated that the workshop was scheduled for Board members to continue the dialogue on the Superintendent's school reconfiguration proposal. He stated that the Superintendent and Board will share the school reconfiguration proposal with the community to gather their input and concerns. He stated that the next steps would entail scheduling community meetings in Chattahoochee, Greensboro, and Quincy.

Mrs. Lewis suggested the Superintendent and his administrative team present the school reconfiguration proposal to the community.

Mr. Frost stated that the communities of St. John and Gretna should be included in the community meetings.

Mr. Smith stated that community input was needed regarding the school reconfiguration proposals.

Mr. Scott stated that the community meetings should be held in every district. He stated that citizens are taxpayers. He stated that the Board is responsible for all schools.

Mr. Simmons stated that community meetings will be held to gather input regarding the school reconfiguration proposal. He stated that it takes time to plan a school reconfiguration of this magnitude.

Mr. Milton stated that all stakeholders have been invited to meetings regarding the school reconfiguration proposal. He stated that this is the start of the conversation. He stated that he and staff are ready to present the school reconfiguration proposal to the community.

The Board agreed to the following locations for the community meetings: Gretna Elementary School, St. John Elementary School, Chattahoochee Elementary School, West Gadsden High School, James A. Shanks Middle School, Stewart Street Elementary School, and East Gadsden High School.

The following individuals from the audience addressed the Board to share their concerns regarding the school reconfiguration proposal: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Jr.; Dr. Anthony Viegbesie, Mr. Ruben Uribe, Mrs. Edna Hussein, and Mrs. Frances Brown.

Mr. Simmons thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to share their concerns regarding the school reconfiguration proposal.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mrs. Lewis stated that the parent involvement meeting was a success. She stated that community members and parents attended the meeting. She stated that the focused was put on academics, attendance and attitude (Triple "A" Team).

Mr. Frost announced that Coach Bubba Johnson recently had open heart surgery. He asked everyone to keep Coach Johnson in prayer.

Mr. Smith stated that he was a former student of Dr. Viegbesie. He stated that he wanted to expedite the strategies for the community meetings.

Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted to take time and do things the right way. He stated that substitute teachers are a major issue in every state. He thanked everyone for coming to the workshop.

5. The workshop adjourned at 6:05 p.m.