

SCHOOL BOARD FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

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

April 23, 2024

4:30 P.M.

This 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; Mrs. 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 4:31 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mr. Mays shared with the Board the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) 2024 – 2025 renewal property insurance rates. He stated that the net rate increase was \$95,391.00. He stated that the overall insurance cost was \$1,369,674.00. He also shared with the Board financial updates. He stated that the general fund original budget was \$44,143,588.70, revised budget was \$42,403,057.90, year to date activity was \$31,121,218.31, encumbered \$5,108,219.91, unencumbered \$6,173,619.68, and 85.44% of the general fund budget expended. He stated that the insurance recovery funds revised budget was \$2,144,123.28, year to date activity was \$561,078.41, unencumbered funds \$1,026,754.87, and 52.11% expended. He stated that the food service revised budget was \$4,597,068.00, year to date activity was \$3,664,080.94, encumbered \$650,547.91, unencumbered \$282,439.15, and 93.86% of the food service fund expended. He stated that 61.35% of the federal funds have been expended. He stated that 86.52% of the ESSER Cares funds have been expended. He stated that 59.35% of the CRRSA ESSER II funds have been expended. He stated that 31.35% of the ARP ACT ESSER III funds have been expended. He also shared with the Board the bank balances as of April 23rd.

In response to Mr. McMillan's concern regarding the budget summary information presented in previous workshops, Mr. Mays stated that this was a transparency model. He stated that the budget information will be presented to the Board in a workshop before requesting Board approval. Mr. McMillan stated that he wished to defer action on agenda item #8c – Rostan Professional Services Task Order. Mr. Scott stated that he was concerned with the scope of services with the Rostan Agreement. Mr. Mays stated that the scope of services for Rostan were not new services.

3. Facilities Update

Mr. Hudson stated that the upgrades to the maintenance building should be completed in two weeks. He stated that a plan is being scheduled to address the HVAC issues at Stewart Street Elementary School. He stated that work is being done to the athletic fields. Mr. McMillan stated that a preventative maintenance plan was needed for the schools. Mr. Hudson stated that some of the repairs have been completed that were caused by recent break-ins at several schools.

4. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

5. School Board Requests and Concerns

Ms. Johnson stated that some of the ESE students will be traveling to Orlando for the Special Olympic Events in May. She stated that donations were needed for the students.

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