

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

February 27, 2018

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Reverend Kevin Robinson, Pastor of Union Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Milton recognized his Pastor, Reverend Kevin Robinson, of Union Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He also recognized Talquin Electric Cooperative representatives, Ms. Maicel Green, Media External Affairs Coordinator, and Ms. Alisha Houndshell, Communications Specialist. Ms. Houndshell announced that Malinda Murray, Gadsden County High School Student, would be attending the National Youth Tour in Washington, DC.

Mr. Milton recognized Ms. Sonya Lewis, Gadsden County High School Key Club Sponsor, and presented her with a check in the amount of \$300.00 for students (Malina Murray, Kendi Brown-Byrd, and Jade Franklin) to attend the Key Club Florida District's Education and Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida. He announced that Ms. Valencia Denson, Chattahoochee Elementary School Principal, was nominated for the 2017-2018 National Life Changer of the Year Award. He announced that the funeral service for educator, cheer coach and graduation coach, Tammy Sherman, was scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Gadsden County High School. He stated that professional learning and technology training was extended to Board members. He stated that the district's facebook page is up and he encouraged all schools to provide information for sharing.

Mrs. Lewis recognized Mrs. Maresha Alexander, Counselor at Gadsden County High School, for her dedication and work on the Gadsden Community reference list for schools to assist students. She also recognized Ms. Rose Raynak, Dr. Sylvia Jackson, and the Parent Services staff for assisting with the Gadsden Community reference list.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Scott entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. January 23, 2018, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. January 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - Regular School Board Meeting
- c. January 30, 2018, 12:30 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
- d. January 30, 2018, 1:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- e. January 30, 2018 - 6:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- f. January 30, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- g. February 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – School Board Workshop

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

- a. Personnel 2017 – 2018

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Financial Statements from Charter School

Fund Source: All Public Funds at Crossroad Academy Charter School

Amount: Crossroad Academy Charter School Financial Statements Attached

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Auditing Services for Internal Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$26,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Purchase Orders for School Food Service Program
Fund Source: Food Service – 4100 Fund
Amount: \$71,225.22
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - c. DESF Contract – March 1 to July 31, 2018
Fund Source: General Fund 60% / Federal Projects 40%
Amount: \$23,310.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - d. Geathers v. Gadsden County School Board
Fund Source: General Fund
Amount: 25,000.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
9. STUDENT MATTERS
- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material
Case #81-1718-0231
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - d. Student Expulsion – See back-up material
CASE #85-1718-0211
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - e. Student Expulsion – See back-up material
CASE #86-1718-0231
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - f. Student Expulsion – See back-up material
CASE #87-1718-0231
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
 - g. Extension of Student Suspension – See back-up material
CASE #91-1718-0211
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Fire & Safety Inspection – District Wide

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

11. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- a. School Field Trip Request (Out-of-State) – George W. Munroe Elementary School

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. School Field Trip Request (Out-of-State) Havana Magnet School

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. School Field Trip Request (Out-of-State) Stewart Street Elementary School

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. 2017-2018 Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Strategic Continuous Improvement Plan 2017 – 2022

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. School Improvement Plans – Elementary and Secondary Schools

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

12. CONSIDERATION, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

- a. Request to Advertise Notice of Intent (Policy Numbered 2.95+ Wellness Program)

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items preceded by an (*) asterisk were removed from the CONSENT agenda at the beginning of the meeting and acted upon during the DISCUSSION portion of the agenda.

*9. STUDENT MATTERS

- b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

CASE #82-1718-0052

The mother of student #82-1718-0052 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to defer action on student case #82-1718-0052 until a hearing could be held on Monday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

CASE #83-1718-0211

The mother of student #83-1718-0211 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to defer action on student case #83-1718-0211 until a hearing could be held on Monday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

13. FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Hunter stated that the Facilities Work Plan was 70% complete.

14. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that the FSA Testing was fast approaching. He stated that students are being prepared at school. He stated that technology preliminaries passed in preparation for FSA testing.

Mr. Rick Soskus addressed to share information on the new gun laws. In response to Mr. Soskus' concerns regarding school safety, Board members assured him that safety was a top priority for the students, and all staff. Mr. Soskus requested the Board have a representative along with himself to address the Legislative Committees in reference to school safety and guns.

Mr. Milton stated that there are currently school resource officers at all middle and high schools. He stated that the Board would need to assess whether they are financially able to place a resource officer at each school. He stated that it would need to be determined whether the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office would be able to provide the officers that are needed. He appreciated Mr. Kauffman for his hard work to the district. He congratulated Gadsden County high School and Crossroad Academy Boys' Basketball team for succeeding to the Regionals – Gadsden County High School in Pensacola and Crossroad Academy at West Gadsden Middle School.

15. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Simmons stated that the district has been proactive thus far in regards to school safety. He stated that the district is prepared and doing the best job that it can. He stated that the district already has active shooter training in place.

Mrs. Lewis thanked Mr. Bruce James for his dedication and hard work. She stated that the Board is constantly lobbying the Legislature. She stated that resources are in place for students and parents. She encouraged Mrs. Edna Forehand, Mr. Bill Stinson, and Mr. Rick Soskus to become part of the community assessment team.

Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation and gave kudos to the district's administrative team and the Board for ensuring things were in place following the Parkland shooting. He requested Mr. Hunter look into the audio system located in the hall ways at Carter Parramore Academy. He thanked Mr. Soskus for what he does for the district. He recommended adding Mr. Soskus to the district's lobbyist team.

Mr. Scott stated that the district was proactive in school safety. He thanked Mr. Bruce James for his dedication. He stated that the safety of students and employees is a priority of the Board. He encouraged everyone to participate in informing the Board of issues and concerns in order to help the Board do a better job.

Mr. Soskus requested a latch to lock and unlock the left gate at James A. Shanks Middle School. He stated that the latch does not unlock the gate. He stated that the gate at the right has a latch to lock and unlock.

Mr. Scott recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. for an attorney-client session to discuss a pending litigation matter. The attorney-client session adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to settle the case of Lockwood vs. Gadsden County School Board in the amount of \$25,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

16. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.