

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

July 28, 2015

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. Call to order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairwoman, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, at 4:35 p.m.

2. Financial Data Report

3. Discussion Items

a. List of contractors and notification to Board regarding vendors with total payments greater than \$15,000 and other payment issues.

b. Other – Agenda Items:

Mr. Andy Gay, Director of Transportation, shared with the Board an overview of the GPS Monitoring Services with First Communication, Inc. He stated that there are sixty-five (65) separate units mounted on school buses that are monitored at a rate of \$306.00 per unit. He stated that GPS monitoring is an accountability tool. He stated that according to federal guidelines, each school bus driver must have an annual medical physical.

i. Agenda items – for the millage rates and the tentative budget adoptions, we will need to read the agenda items for Resolution Numbers 15-01 and 15-02 in sequential order in order to comply with statutory requirements and DOR TRIM instructions. These will be read aloud at the 6:00 Board meeting.

Mrs. Ferree introduced Mr. Thomas Kauffman as the new Assistant Comptroller. She stated that the Operating Required Local Effort Millage rate for the fiscal year 2015 -2016 was 4.813. She stated that this millage was set by the Florida Department of Education as of last Thursday, July 16, 2015 late in the afternoon. She stated that this rate will not change during the remaining FEFP disbursement process. She stated that the basic discretionary operating millage was .7480 and was set by Florida Statute and has remained the same. She stated that the basic discretionary local capital improvement

millage was 1.5000 and was also set by Florida Statute and has remained the same. She stated that there was discussion during the Legislative Session to share a piece of this millage with the Charter schools but it died during session. She stated that no changes are anticipated to the millage rates that would require additional advertisement for TRIM. She stated that these millage rates can be reaffirmed by resolution at the September 8, 2015 final budget meeting. She stated that the Florida Department of Education was able to get the RLE and the 2nd calculation of the FEFP on July 16, 2015 with the tax assessor's certified property value to be used with the actual revenues to be received rather than a projection by Florida Department of Education for the final conference, which had the county's property values over projected by \$100,000,000 dollars. She stated that the tentative budget reflects the certified property value. She stated that historically the total TRIM Millage has continued to decline each of the past several years.

- ii. Agenda item – extension of the TSA Consulting Group
 - iii. Agenda item – PAEC Gateway Finance and Payroll Contract – also we are anticipating a data migration in February or March of 2016.
 - iv. Agenda item – Small School District Council Consortium agreement and fees.
 - v. Agenda item – Approval of Food Service purchase orders.
4. School Board Requests and Concerns
- None.
5. The workshop adjourned at 5:45 p.m.