

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

July 30, 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 4:30 p.m.

2. NEW K-8 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Jack Baker shared with the Board an update of the New K-8 School Schematic Design Plans. He stated that the K-8 school would have approximately 1,574 student stations which include the following: PreK-3 Classrooms – 26 each with 468 student stations; Prek-3 Skills Lab – 3 each with 0 student stations; Elementary Art Classrooms – 2 each with 0 student stations; Elementary Music Classrooms – 2 each with 0 student stations; 4-6 Classrooms – 17 each with 374 student stations; 6-8 Classrooms – 16 each with 352 student stations; 6-8 Classrooms (2 resource rooms) – 2 each with 0 student stations; 4-8 Art – 1 each with 30 student stations; 4-8 Science Labs – 2 each with 44 student stations; 4-8 Science Demonstration Labs – 2 each with 44 student stations; 6-9 Agricultural Lab – 1 each with 22 student stations; 6-9 AG Related Classroom – 1 each with 0 student stations; 6-9 AG Greenhouse – 1 each with 0 student stations; 6-9 Consumer Science Lab – 1 – each with 22 student stations; 6-9 Consumer Science Related CR – 1 each with 0 student stations; 6-9 Technical Orientation Lab – 1 each with 22 student stations; 6-9 Tech Orientation Resource Room – 1 each with 0 student stations; 6-9 Tech Orientation Stem Lab – 1 each with 0 student stations; 6-9 Business Orientation Lab – 1 each with 22 student stations; 6-12 Band Classroom – 1 each with 50 student stations; K-12 Suspension Classroom – 1 each with 20 student stations; K-12 Resource Rooms – 7 each with 0 student stations; K-12 Full Time ESE Classroom – 8 each with 80 student stations; K-12 PT/OT ESE Classroom – 1 each with 0 student stations; K-12 ESE Vocational – 2 each with 24 student stations; and K-12 ESE Resource Rooms – 4 each with 0 student stations.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments during the power-point presentation regarding the schematic design plans for the new K-8 School. Mrs. Denise Hannah participated in the discussion part of the New K-8 School plans. She stated that she was concerned about the movement of the ESE students in case of an emergency such as a fire. Ms. Johnson stated that she was concerned about who was the owner's representative. She stated that the Board needed someone to represent them throughout the new K-8 School Project to make sure everything is done correctly and, the school is built as the Board wishes. Mr. Scott stated that the construction manager and the architect would make sure everything is done correctly on the new school project. Mrs. Dudley stated that DAG is the owner's representative.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Johnson stated that she, Mrs. Dudley and Mr. McMillan attended Gadsden Technical College LPN Graduation. She stated that nurses are needed every day. She congratulated the students for completion of the LPN program.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:48 p.m.