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SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

November 1, 2016

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; and Mr. Steve Scott. Also present were Dr. Pink Hightower, Interim Superintendent, and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 4:31 p.m.

2. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT AND ASSISTANCE PLAN

Dr. Hightower introduced the following district team members: Dr. James Brown, Mrs. Sarah Knight, Mrs. Betty James, and Ms. Doris Hinson.

Dr. Brown stated that the District's Improvement and Assistance Plan focused on six low performing schools (Gretna Elementary School, George W. Munroe Elementary School, James A. Shanks Middle School, West Gadsden High School, East Gadsden High School, and St. John Elementary School). He shared with the Board an overview of the District's Improvement and Assistance Plan. He stated that the plan outlines in detail the assistance and interventions that the district will provide to the six low performing schools to aid in academic achievement and school improvement. He stated that the district's strategic improvement goals are to provide access to digital technology to support classroom activities, individualized instruction, and small group learning, improve teacher quality, and improve academic proficiency through a standards-based instructional program with appropriate, aligned interventions and supports targeted to meet identified student needs and readiness for college and careers. He stated that for each strategic goal, there will be associated targets (i.e. "SMART goals"), resources available to support movement toward the goals, barriers to achieving the goals, and the plan for monitoring progress toward the goal.

Team members (Mrs. Knight, Mrs. James, and Ms. Hinson) participated in the discussion of the District's Improvement and Assistance Plan.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments during the discussion of the District's Improvement and Assistance Plan.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:43 p.m.