

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

August 23, 2016

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Reverend Roosevelt Rodgers, Pastor of Old Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

The Board and Superintendent recognized the following retirees for the 2015 – 2016 school year: Ira Herring, Robin Jenkins, Warkeen Jordan, Diane Keaton, Deborah Kelly, Matheola McGriff-Gibson, Elizabeth Oaks, Frederick Randolph, Carolyn Smith, Mary Watson, Diane White, Bernice Cummings, Carolyn Gilbert, Joe Rittman, Annette Youman, Vernita Edwards, Avonnette Henry, Terry Hutley, Suzanne Spivey, Suzanne Vickers, Shirlye Levenson, Lela McCoy, Eddie Williams, Barbara Barrett, Angela Sapp, Cathy Austin, Anne Bush, Robert Shepard, Myra Grant, Melissa Barksdale, Cynthia Kent Toussaint, Rosa Miller, Diana Engling, Lee Evans, Linda Fleming, Audrey Lewis, Doris Black, Eugenia Combs, Shirley Commodore, Cynthia Hagins, and Denise Hannah. Each of the retirees received a certificate, fruit basket and book. The Board and Superintendent also recognized Ms. Leticia Brady for volunteering at George W. Munroe Elementary School.

Mr. Frost recognized Mr. Andy Gay and the Transportation staff for their hard work and dedication to the district.

Mr. Scott recognized Dr. Hightower, Ms. West and the Human Resource Staff for their hard work and dedication to the district. He commended all employees for ratifying the union contracts.

## ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Milton entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

### 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. July 26, 2016, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. July 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – Tentative Budget Hearing
- c. July 26, 2016, Immediately Following Tentative Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. - Regular School Board Meeting
- d. August 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

### 7. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Security Contract

Fund Source: 110

Amount: See Contract Document

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Edgenuity, Inc.

Fund Source: General Revenue

Amount: \$73,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Federal Programs Purchase Orders

Fund Source: Federal

Amount: \$117,974.95

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Agreement Between The School Board of Gadsden County Public Schools and ProCare Therapy, Inc.

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars

Amount: \$58.00 - \$62.00 (per hour for actual hours worked)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Contracted Music Therapy with Hakeem Leonard, MT-BC of Healing Hearts

Fund Source: IDEA

Amounts: \$22,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. Contractual Agreement Between SBGC and PAEC

Fund Source: General Revenue  
Amount: \$72,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- g. 2016-17 Postsecondary Student Fee Survey

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- h. Dual Enrollment & Career Pathways Articulation Agreement Between Florida A&M University and Gadsden County Schools 2016 – 2017

Fund Source: FEFP  
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## 8. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- a. Student Progression Plan 2016 – 2017

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.

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

- a. Personnel 2016 – 2017

Mr. Simmons requested that employee Thomas Murhead be removed from the out-field area to the instructional area on the personnel agenda.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #6a with the noted correction to remove employee Thomas Murhead from the out-field area to the instructional area on the personnel agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## 9. FACILITIES UPDATE

None.

10. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James stated that there was a possibility that Stewart Street Elementary School and James A. Shanks Middle School would receive school grades in the coming week. He thanked Mr. Bruce James, Safety Investigations Coordinator, for his hard work and dedication to the district.

11. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

The Board thanked Mr. Hunter for his hard work and initiative to work with other contractors to assist with repairing air conditioning units for all schools.

Mr. Simmons thanked Mr. Mays and Mr. Kauffman for their hard work. He encouraged them to continue their dedication to the district. He stated that the district needs to continue to market the great things that are going on in the district. He requested the Board consider having quarterly forums in member district areas.

The Board scheduled a workshop on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to review and discuss the transportation handbook.

Mrs. Cynthia Davis Holloway addressed the Board to remind them that the 2008 and 2009 retirees were not recognized. She stated that all retirees should be recognized for their dedication to the district.

Mrs. Maria Pouncey addressed the Board in regards to the Gates Foundation. She stated that members of the Gates Foundation were scheduled to visit West Gadsden High School on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. She stated that the members of the Gates Foundation were visiting small rural schools to see what their needs were.

Ms. Sherrie Taylor introduced Ms. Carolyn Frances as the new visiting teacher for PreK to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Ms. Frances stated that September has been deemed as National Attendance Month. She requested the Board's permission to move forward with a proclamation for National Attendance Month.

Mr. Frost requested a student attendance report by each school.

12. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.