

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

February 24, 2015

6:00 P.M.

This meeting 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; Mr. Roger P. Milton; 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 Chairwoman, Mrs. Audrey Lewis, at 6:05 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Rev. Charles Flowers, Pastor Fountain Head A.M.E. Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

The Superintendent recognized Mr. Daniel Stanly and Mr. David Finley with the Division of Forestry. Mr. Stanly presented a check in the amount of \$6,893.49 to the district for their share of proceeds from the distribution of the Lake Talquin State Forest receipts. Mr. Stanly shared with the Board information on the 2015 Florida Forestry Teachers Tour. Board members thanked Mr. Stanly for the presentation.

The Superintendent and Board recognized the district's Science Fair Winners: Elementary School Division – Ja'Mayla Stanley, Stewart Street Elementary School, Sanai Brown, Havana Elementary School, Maurice Parmer, Jr., Stewart Street Elementary School, and Ajari Mercer, George W. Munroe Elementary School. Middle School Division: Joel West, Gadsden Elementary Magnet School, Erica Cellejas, Gadsden Elementary Magnet School, Amari Shellmon, Havana Middle School, and Tyson Laws, Gadsden Elementary Magnet School. High School Division: Gabriela Rincon, East Gadsden High School, Tanaysia Higdon, East Gadsden High School, Mykah Lindsey, East Gadsden High School, and Khalik Robinson, East Gadsden high School. Each of the students received an award.

Mr. Scott thanked Governor Scott for the suspension of the Grade 11 Florida Standards Assessment for English Language Arts test. He thanked Mrs. Smith for implementing some of the Board's concerns from the retreat. He thanked the staff at West Gadsden High School for their involvement in minimizing an altercation at the school.

Mrs. Lewis recognized the Havana Middle School Magnet Committee for their hard work. She stated that the parents, community members, and staff attended a recent meeting. She thanked Mrs. Smith for her leadership.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mrs. Lewis entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Roger P. Milton, seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. January 27, 2015, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. January 27, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting
- c. February 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – School Board Retreat

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Personnel 2014 – 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. 2015 – 2016 Calendars

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Budget Amendment Number One

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: Overall reduction to function/object expenditures of \$200,724.08

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Budget Amendment Number Two

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Fund

Amount: \$533,899.88

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Career and Technical Education Learn Key Purchases

Fund Source: 2013/14 FEFP CTE Incentive Award (\$53,747.42)

Amount: \$30,235.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. STUDENT MATTERS

- b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #42-1415-0231

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #46-1415-0231

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. Surplus Property

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Annual Certification of Facilities Data

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Florida School Boards Association Annual Dues 2015 - 2016

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$14,160.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

12. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- a. School Field Trip Requests (Out-of-State)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P)

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

a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #41- 1415-0231

The parent of student #41-1415-0231 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to defer action on agenda item #9a until a hearing was held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

13. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James thanked Mrs. Lewis for her compassion and concern for the district. He stated that the Governor suspended the Grade 11 Florida Standards Assessment for English Language Arts test. He stated that 3rd and 4th Grade Writing Test will begin next week. He stated that legislative meetings are being held regarding testing. He stated that the 8th through 11th grades test will be computer-based. He stated that advertisements will be made to remind parents about the upcoming tests.

14. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that he was concerned about student altercations. He stated that he wanted to make sure that district policies and procedures are enforced.

Mr. Scott stated that parents need to be made aware of the consequences for student altercations.

Mr. Shepard stated that he needed the Board's direction on whether to seek special facility funding. He stated that the contract for the Havana Elementary School Property had been signed. He stated that the buyer has 90 days to opt out of the contract. He stated that two modular buildings for George W. Munroe Elementary School and Havana Middle School were ready for ordering through the HRSA Grant. He stated that bidding will take place for the remodeling of the James A. Shanks Middle School Clinic. He stated that an RFP was done for the Energy Conservation Management Service, and only one packet was received. He stated that a proposal will be brought back for the Board's review.

15. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The Board convened in an executive session at 7:00 p.m., and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.