

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

December 18, 2012

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Roger P. Milton; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Ms. Audrey D. Lewis. Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board, were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 4:35 p.m.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Smith shared with the Board a power-point presentation outlining information regarding Transfinder. She stated that Transfinder has 24 years of national experience. She stated that Transfinder has served 1,500 school districts in the United States (47 States and Canada). She stated that Mr. Dan Roberts is the Director of Transfinder, and directs a team of industry professionals to provide route building and efficiency studies for Transfinder customers. She stated that Transfinder has map accuracy which locates students by address point accuracy effects everything; walk zone boundaries, school boundaries, and walk-to-stop policies reduce complaints. She stated that Transfinder has strategic partnership with Bing Maps, and combine your routing map with a powerful satellite image of the area. She stated that mapping out eligibility zones include the following: district policies are defined in Routefinder Pro, Routefinder Pro relies on well-defined, adhered-to policies for eligibility, walk zones are easy to create with the tools in Routefinder Pro, eligibility is manual and customizable. She stated that with Transfinder efficiency matters, there are safe stop locations, safe stop verification, determines bus run coverage areas, validates student attendance, visualize rural routes, determines rural route coverage areas, and eliminates rural route overlap. She stated that Transfinder provides district-wide communication, web-based field trip requests, e-mail notification process, field trip approval tracking, calendar based field trip tracking, and electronic field trip process.

Throughout the power-point presentation, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments regarding Transfinder.

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) 110 – General Fund – Encumbered \$6,173,629.11; 2) 300 – Capital Projects – Encumbered \$98,997.44; 3) 410 – School Food Service – Encumbered \$1,189,257.07; 4) 420 – Federal – Encumbered \$1,149,397.14; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$51,888.07; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$206,434.31. She stated that an appeal for class size has been submitted. She stated that adjustments were made in all of the schools except for George W. Munroe Elementary Schools.

Ms. Lewis stated that the schools should be spending according to federal projects.

Mrs. Wood announced that the first Annual Food Tasting Contest was scheduled for tomorrow (December 19th) at 2:00 p.m. at Carter Parramore Academy. She stated that spaghetti and peach cobbler would be served.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:40 p.m.