

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

April 23, 2019

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, Mr. Charlie D. Frost, Mr. Leroy McMillan, and Mr. Tyrone D. Smith. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, 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 Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 4:30 p.m.

2. Financial Information

Mrs. Wood introduced Mr. Tommy Horton, Vice-President for Rostan Solutions. Mr. Horton thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide a status report on the Gadsden County School Board FEMA application. He stated that the damage caused by Hurricane Michael is being quantified by school site and building for applications for financial assistance from FEMA. He stated that on Monday, April 22, 2019 an announcement was made that Hurricane Michael was upgraded from a Category 4 to Category 5. He stated that probably would not significantly impact the district's application. He stated that the District has submitted its damage inventory and is now working through defining the specific details. He stated that site inspections for each of the buildings will be performed by FEMA inspectors in the near future. He stated that the district's request for expedited funding has been submitted to the FEMA Project Manager. He stated that the expedited request include invoices that have been paid as well as amounts that are due. He stated that no checks have been issued as of to date. He stated that the FEMA application process is lengthy, but it has the potential for assisting the district in restoring and/or replacing some school buildings.

Mrs. Wood stated that the district has been surviving for six months since Hurricane Michael. She stated that the last two months of the fiscal year are approaching. She stated that the district is continuing to work with the insurance adjusters and FEMA. She shared with the Board a Capital Health Plan Group Experience Report for October 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. She stated that there was a possibility of a 5 to 8% insurance rate increase beginning October. She stated that the district is continuing to work on edits to the employee benefits

handbook. She stated that employee benefits and salaries are 80% of the general fund. She shared with the Board purchase orders of \$7,500 and up for the period of July 1, 2018 to April 22, 2019. She stated that there have been a number of personnel changes in the schools. She stated that there are three schools with new office managers. She stated that Mr. Milton received a response letter from Ms. Suzanne Pridgeon, Deputy Commissioner – Finance and Operations, regarding the use of proceeds from the sale of Havana Elementary School. She stated that the proceeds from the sale of Havana Elementary School must be deposited into a depository account and can only be expended for capital outlay purposes.

3. Educational Items by the Superintendent

None.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mr. Frost stated that he appreciate Mr. Milton and Mrs. Wood for their dedication and hard work.

Mrs. Lewis stated that she appreciate Mrs. Wood for providing information on the purchase orders.

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