

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

May 23, 2017

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Steve Scott; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; 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. Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Rev. Dr. Sterling George, Pastor of Rockyville Missionary Baptist Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Sylvia Jackson introduced the following Skills USA Technology Power Equipment winners; Rodriquez Ward, East Gadsden High School Student, 1st Place Regional and 2nd Place State; and William Alexander, Jr. – Adult Division – 1st Place Regional and 1st Place State. The Superintendent and Board presented each student with an award. Mr. David McPhaul, Power Equipment Technologies Instructor, was recognized in his absence.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Simmons added the following item to the agenda: #8f – Howard vs Gadsden County School Board. He pulled from the agenda item #8b – Insurance Committee Recommendation – American Fidelity Assurance Company. He entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. April 25, 2017, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. April 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting
- c. May 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Personnel 2016 - 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Ashmore and Ashmore Finding of Money due to the District

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Insurance Committee Recommendation – Standard Insurance Company

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Insurance Committee Recommendation – American Fidelity Assurance Company

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Pulled from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Memorandum of Understanding Between Liberty Community Health Care, Inc., and Gadsden County Schools

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Letter Purchase Order for Services Pursuant to Agreement No. DESF-030928-PAEC

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Contractual Agreement Between SBGC and PAEC

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. Howard vs. Gadsden County School Board Settlement Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #89-1617-0211

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #91-1617-0091

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #99-1617-0051

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- a. LP Gas Contract for FY 2017 – 2018 (Suburban Propane)

Fund Source: 110
Amount: \$45,000.00 (Facilities - \$25,000.00 – Food Service - \$20,000.00)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Grounds Maintenance – Athletic Fields at East Gadsden High School & West Gadsden High School (Bid No. 1617-07)

Fund Source: 110

Amount: \$1,965.00 per month – EGHS
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ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Pest and Weed Control for Athletic Fields – East Gadsden High School & West Gadsden High School

Fund Source: 110

Amount: \$17,491.50

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Florida Safe Schools Assessment Certification (FSSA) 2016 – 2017

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

11. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- a. School Field Trip Requests (Out-of-State) – James A. Shanks Middle School

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

- c. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #97-1617-0051

Mr. Milton stated that the mother of student #97-1617-0051 requested a hearing.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to defer action on agenda item #9c until a hearing could be held on Tuesday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Milton requested the Board schedule a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

12. FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Hunter stated that bathroom upgrades for James A. Shanks Middle School, Greensboro Elementary School, and West Gadsden Middle School will be completed this summer.

Mr. Simmons requested the Superintendent share with the Board renovation plans for the schools.

Mr. Frost requested the Superintendent look into upgrading the bathrooms at George W. Munroe Elementary School.

Mr. Hunter stated that the district is moving forward toward completing the application process for Special Facilities Funding.

Mr. Simmons requested Mr. Scott represent the Board as an alternate to attend the Professional Services Advisory Committee (PSAC) meeting. He stated that the next PSAC meeting is scheduled for June 1st at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Frost recognized Mr. Tony Britt and Mr. Isaac McCall for their hard work with the district. He stated that Mr. Britt and Mr. McCall recently cleaned the ceiling vents in the district office.

13. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton shared the following information with the Board: 1) HOPE Academy Student Progress Reports; 2) Galloway Academy Charter School request to amend their charter; and 3) Committee recommendations for rebranding East Gadsden High School (Name, Mascot and Color).

Mr. Scott cautioned the Board with spending on rebranding schools.

Mr. Milton stated that the district will review and study the data on the 3rd Grade Reading scores. He stated that a reading plan will be put into place for the 2017 – 2018 school year. He stated that he will be attending a meeting with the Commissioner in Orlando to discuss Senate Bill 1769.

14. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost expressed his concerns regarding the change of colors for East Gadsden High School. He stated that changing colors will require spending a lot of money. He stated that he wanted to have two colors for rebranding the school. He cautioned the Board with spending a lot of money on rebranding.

Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Frost for reinforcing what he previously said regarding spending a lot of money to rebrand East Gadsden High school. He stated that the money can be put to better use, such as academics.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board for attending high school graduations. He stated that reconfiguration has done something to alter the public and businesses holistically. He stated that the district needs Gadsden County to rally behind them. He solicited sponsorship from businesses and the communities support to assist with upgrading the bathrooms. He praised the Superintendent for doing a great job.

Mr. Simmons stated that his colleagues made him feel really good. He thanked the Board for making him feel good. He stated that the Board need the community support. He stated that everyone need to work together as a team.

Mr. Frost made a request for the Board to support all the district sports in each school.

Mr. Chavien Lockwood shared with the Board a presentation outlining his proposed colors and mascot for the new combined high school. He stated that he will give the Board the best prices for printing. He stated that an endowment fund could be set up to give back to the community and schools.

15. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.