

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

June 23, 2015

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, Chairwoman; Mr. Isaac Simmons; Mr. Roger P. Milton; and Mr. Steve Scott. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; and Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Charlie D. Frost was absent.

1. Call to order

The workshop was called to order by the Chairwoman, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, at 4:37 p.m.

2. Financial Data Report

Mrs. Ferree stated that the food service managers provide menus with a reduction in sodium content. She stated that the district has been asked to share the food service menus on a national level. She stated that the Adults with Disabilities Program will not be funded by the State. She stated that the FEFP numbers are over inflated. She stated that she received refreshed training on the TRIM at a School Board Accounting Conference. She stated that the final budget will be presented in September. She stated that the Budget Director and Assistant Comptroller positions had been filled and the two new individuals will report on July 1st. She stated that the total estimated revenue for the district was \$43,709,633.06.

3. Discussion Items

- a. List of contractors and notification to Board regarding vendors with total payments greater than \$15,000 and other payment issues. None Noted.

b. Miscellaneous finance department items:

i. Galloway Charter School Projected Enrollment for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

Mrs. Ferree stated that the Board of Directors of Galloway Charter School and Executive Director have agreed to increase the number of enrollment by 18 new students per the charter projection in the contract for the 2015 – 2016 school year. She stated that the projected students for enrollment for the 2015 – 2016 school year will be 126 students.

ii. New GASB Pension Standards effect on governmental-wide financial statements net position.

Mrs. Ferree stated that the New GASB Pension Standards are putting large new liabilities on government balance sheets. She stated that the effect of change is not known at this time, pending the result of actuarial reports.

iii. Annual PAEC survey results from inquiry of staff.

Mrs. Ferree stated that the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium requests each year that Member District School Boards evaluate the results of services provided through the PAEC. She stated that a form has been developed to facilitate a smooth evaluation process. She stated that each section of the form addresses parts of the District Participation Agreement and includes a rating area for each type of service reviewed.

iv. 2015 assess value of non-exempt property.

Mrs. Ferree stated that the June 1st estimate of the assessed value of the non-exempt property (taxable value) for the School Board for 2015 is \$1,484,542,597.

v. MOE installment repayment request with FDOE.

Mrs. Ferree stated that in preparation to close out the district fiscal year as well as perform all other tasks required by State Statute for the TRIM notifications and budgetary requirements. She stated that for the 2014 – 2015 as well as the 2015 – 2016 fiscal years; the district has filed a fiscal recovery plan which has been accepted by the Commissioner of Education. She stated that the district has requested FDOE allow the district to utilize a repayment plan in order to not take a significant financial hit in any one fiscal period. She stated that she proposed that FDOE allow the district to restore the amount of the finding \$224,650 over a four (4) year period, restoring \$56,162.50 each year until the entire finding amount has been restored.

vi. Track changes to salary changes and changes when collective bargaining contact is ratified by GCCTA.

Mrs. Ferree stated that the Current Salary Schedule 2014 – 2015 represents salary for all employees not eligible for the salary adjustment of \$1,900. She stated that the Bachelor’s Degree Salary with \$1,900 added represents employees who were eligible for the salary adjustment. She stated that the Advanced Degree supplement has been placed on the Supplemental Schedule Appendix B.

vii. Budget approach for tentative to meet TRIM deadlines due to Legislative late special session.

c. Other – Agenda Items:

- i. Agenda item – General Fund Budget Amendment No. One
- ii. Agenda item – Payroll Schedule for the 2015 – 16 fiscal year.
- iii. Agenda item – Salary Schedule for the 2015 – 16 fiscal year.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

Mrs. Lewis requested the district look at columns 3 and 4 on the Administrative/Administrative Support Salary schedule to establish maximum salaries.

Mr. Milton expressed his concern regarding the district’s financial status and the hiring of the Budget Director and Assistant Comptroller at the same time.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:25 p.m.