

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MAX D. WALKER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
35 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.
QUINCY, FLORIDA 32351

July 30, 2019

6:00 P.M.

This tentative budget hearing 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; Mr. Ian White, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Tentative Budget and Millage Rate

- a. Approval of Resolution Number 19-01 for the Tentative Millage Rates for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year

Fund Source: General Fund and Capital Project

Amount: Refer to millage rates and amounts stated in the Resolution

Following Mr. Mays reading of Resolution Number 19-01, he stated that the total millage rate to be levied is less than the roll-back rate computed pursuant to Section 200.065(1) F.S. by 4.17 percent. He stated that the Gadsden County School Board adopted each tentative millage rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 on July 30, 2019 by separate vote prior to adopting the tentative budget.

The Board unanimously voted to approve Resolution Number 19-01 for the Tentative Millage Rates for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year following Mr. Scott's motion.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Approval of Resolution Number 19-02 for the 2019 -2020 Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2019 – 2020

Fund Source: All Funds Budget

Amount: Refer to tentative budget

Following Mr. Mays reading of Resolution Number 19-02, he stated that the budget of the Gadsden County School Board including the millage rates as set forth therein, is hereby adopted by the School Board of Gadsden County as a tentative budget for the categories indicated for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

The Board unanimously voted to approve Resolution Number 19-02 for the 2019 2020 Tentative Budget for the fiscal year following Mr. Scott's motion.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Scott entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith, seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- a. Board Review Requested for Financial Statements from Charter School

Fund Source: All Public Funds at Crossroad Academy Charter School

Amount: Crossroad Academy Charter School Financial Statements Attached

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

4. AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

- a. Letter Purchase Order for Services

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$23,122.65

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Panhandle Area Educational Consortium Contract

Fund Source: General Revenue

Amount: TBD as students enroll

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Cooperative Agreement for Inter-County Transfer of Exceptional Students Between Leon County School Board and Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: State FTE Funds

Amount: (determined by formula)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Agreement between The School Board of Gadsden County Public Schools and Soliant Health, Inc.

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars

Amount: \$58.00 - \$62.00 per hour

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. Gadsden County School District's Mental Health Allocation Plan
Fund Source: Safe School Mental Health Assistance Allocation
Amount: \$192,753.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- g. Crossroad Academy Charter School's Mental Health Allocation Plan
Fund Source: Safe School Mental Health Assistance Allocation
Amount: \$21,753.00
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- h. Contract between GCSD and K12 Florida (FuelEd)
Fund Source: General Revenue
Amount: TBD as students enroll
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- i. Purchase of Four Buses
Fund Source: Capital Improvements Fund 3790 and General Fund 1100
Amount: \$433,532.00
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.

*4. AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

- c. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) The Gadsden County Classroom Teachers Association and The Gadsden County School District

Fund Source: N/A
Amount: N/A

Mrs. Judith Mandela, President of GCCTA, stated that the MOU was presented in draft form. She stated that she was concerned about putting standards in the MOU that are unattainable. She stated that the MOU should have standards that are attainable for teachers. She stated that she was advocating for the retention and recruitment of teachers.

Following discussion, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to approve agenda item # 4c. The Board voted unanimously to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #4c.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

j. Appraisal Agreement Between Keys Claims Consultants, LLC and The School Board of Gadsden County

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

In response to Mr. McMillan's concern about the amount to be paid to the appraiser, Mr. Milton stated that hiring an appraiser was the next step to help settle the Hurricane Michael insurance claim. He stated that the appraiser will assess the value of the properties. He stated that the fees have been adjusted with Keys Claims Consultants.

In response to Mr. McMillan's concern regarding the term of the agreement, Mr. Ian White stated that there is no term limit in the agreement. He stated that the agreement can be terminated for non-performance.

Following discussion, Mr. Tyrone D. Smith made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #4j. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

k. Turnaround School Supplemental Services Allocation (TSSSA)

Fund Source: General Revenue

Amount: \$1,077,312.00

Mrs. Lewis stated that the TSSSA Grant was written very well. She stated that she was concerned about submitting the document to the Department of Education in draft form.

Ms. Rose Raynak, Director of Federal Program, stated that the TSSSA Grant was due to the Department of Education by August 1st. She stated that the final document was due September 1st. She stated that there are seven features including the budget that must be addressed in the TSSSA grant.

Mrs. Natalie Roberts addressed the Board to encourage teachers to participate in more professional development programs. She stated that there are many programs and resources available for teachers. She stated that there are great teachers in Gadsden County.

Following a lengthy discussion on teacher retention and recruitment, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item # 4k. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

*5. CONSIDERATION, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

a. Approval of Job Descriptions

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding the position of graduation coach for the high school, Mr. Milton stated that the previous graduation coach was part of the Gear-Up Grant. He stated that the graduation coach will work with students at Gadsden County High School and Carter Parramore Academy.

Following discussion, Mr. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #5a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrone D. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

6. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton shared with the Board information on a subpoena duces tecum regarding a Statewide Grand Jury Investigation relating to the safety and security of school buildings. He also shared with the Board the district's Active Shooter Emergency Procedures. He stated the graduation for the Guardians was scheduled on Friday, August 2nd at 4:30 p.m. at the Florida Public Safety Institute. He stated that the City of Quincy Parks and Recreation are working with middle and high school students. He requested the Board's support regarding the City of Quincy Parks and Recreation's initiative to use the district's bus transportation for out-of-state games.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to allow the City of Quincy Parks and Recreation department to use the district's bus transportation for out-of-state games.

7. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost stated that he will assist with cutting grass for the district. He stated that the Board is passionate about what they are doing for the district.

Mr. McMillan thanked Mrs. Roberts again for sharing information with the Board.

Mr. Smith stated that the meeting was very informative. He thanked Mrs. Roberts for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Lewis stated that the meeting was very informative. She thanked Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for their service to the students in the Havana community. She invited everyone to the Havana Magnet School Book Bag Giveaway on Saturday, August 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She stated that the new leadership at Havana Magnet School will be embraced and the event will also bring recognition to Mr. Henry McGill in honor of his service to the students at Havana Magnet School and the Havana community. She stated that "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies was scheduled on Saturday, August 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.