

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

January 24, 2012

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Chairman; Mr. Eric F. Hinson; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Roger P. Milton; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, 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. Judge B. Helms, at 4:30 p.m.

2. CROSSROAD ACADEMY REQUEST TO AMEND CHARTER

Ms. Millie Hollingsworth Gunn Forehand addressed the Board to entertain questions from the Board regarding modification of the Crossroad Academy Charter from PK-8 to Pk-12 with a maximum enrollment of 664 students, and to extend the term to 15 years, ending 2026. Crossroad Academy Charter School Campus Master Plan was shared with the Board.

During an ensuing discussion, Board members asked questions, made comments, and shared their concerns regarding Crossroad Academy Charter School transportation and food service for their students, and the modification request from Crossroad Academy Charter School.

Attorney Minnis stated that Florida Statute allows for the modification of a current charter to a term of 15 years or a 15 year charter renewal. She stated that, therefore, Crossroad Academy Charter School would be entitled to have the current term increased from a 10 year term to a 15 year term. She stated that the charter would then end in 2021 although Crossroad has asked that term to be extended to 2026. She also stated that the Florida Statute allows Crossroad Academy Charter School to expand its grade levels to 12th grade provided the increase in students is not more than 15% of the capacity identified in the charter.

Following discussion, Board members requested additional information from Crossroad Academy Charter School on their transportation and food service.

Mr. James encouraged Board members to meet with him individually to express their concerns regarding the modification request from Crossroad Academy Charter School. He stated that he will formulate a team headed by Mrs. Rosalyn Smith, Assistant Superintendent, to discuss the issues.

3. FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board the following budget status summary report: 1) General Fund – Encumbered \$6,889,426.25; 2) 300 - Capital Projects – Encumbered \$2,711,834.97; 3) 410 – Food Service – Encumbered \$797,515.59; 4) 420 – Federal Projects – Encumbered \$1,084,813.67; 5) 432 – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds – Encumbered \$92,740.56; and 6) 434 – ARRA Race To The Top – Encumbered \$200,646.72. She stated that budget amendments are forthcoming for Board approval.

4. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James asked Mr. Shepard to share with the Board an update on the old Greensboro Elementary School property.

Mr. Shepard stated that the owner of Open Word Worship Center, Mr. Robert West, has a problem with purchasing insurance for the old Greensboro Elementary School property located at 62 Lonnie Clark Road, and is requesting an insurance waiver of requirement for the physical structure of the property.

5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

None.

6. The workshop adjourned at 5:55 p.m.