

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

March 27, 2018

4:30 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mr. Tyrone D. Smith; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. 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 shared with the Board a summary of the student FTE counts as recalibrated – unweighted. She stated that the actual student FTE count for 2016 – 2017 was 5,293.54, the 2017-18 with survey 3 in February was 4,968.00. She stated that the difference was a negative 325.54, -6.1% change. She stated that the projections for 2018 -2019 was 4,884.18. She stated that the difference was (83.82) with a -1.69% change.

a. Florida Education Finance Program – Final Conference Report for House Bill 5001 – Funding for 2018- 2019

Mrs. Wood stated that the safe schools allocation for Gadsden County School District was \$467,481, mental health allocation was \$207,528, Supplemental Academic Instruction allocation was \$1,415,451, ESE Guaranteed allocation was \$1,613,405; Reading Instruction allocation was \$310,834; Virtua Education Contribution allocation was \$3,788; Instructional Materials allocation was \$387,501; and Student Transportation allocation was \$1,507,308.

Mr. Milton stated that the district's allocations for 2018 – 2019 are less than the previous year. He stated that the district's allocations are \$1.3 million less.

b. Purchase Order Notification per Board Policy

c. Financial and Federal Single Audit for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Mrs. Wood stated that the summary report of the Financial and Federal Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 noted that the Material Weakness Finding No. 2017 – 2018 revealed that the district did not always document appropriate monitoring of charter schools. She stated that in addition, one of the district’s two charter schools terminated in July 2017 and did not provide an audit report of its 2016 – 2017 fiscal year financial statements to the district for consideration in the audit of the district financial statements. She stated that in the Significant Deficiencies Finding No. 2017-002 the district’s financial reporting procedures for pension expenses and related liabilities and capital assets need improvement, and Finding No. 2017-003 the district’s accountability over school internal funds need to be enhanced. She stated that the summary report on federal awards audit noted that the Title I, Twenty-First Century, and Head Start programs were audited as major federal programs. She stated that the results of the audit indicated that the district materially complied with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal awards.

3. Other Financial Information

Mr. Mays shared with the Board an update on the district’s budget. He stated that he recently attended a conference to gain further knowledge on Skyward. He stated that training will be provided for staff regarding school internal accounts. He stated that the district was moving toward the accounting mode. He stated that the district’s fund balance was still above 3%. He stated that the prior year costs will be included when the budget process begins for the 2018 -2019 year.

4. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

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