

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

November 21, 2017

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman; Mr. Tyrone D. Smith; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis; 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Steve Scott, at 6:01 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Edward Sailor of Celebration Christian Center.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Simmons for his mentorship.

Mr. Milton congratulated Mr. Scott as being the new Chairman and Mr. Smith as being the new Vice Chairman.

Mr. Simmons stated that it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Scott as Vice Chairman. He recognized Mr. Smith for his leadership in bringing the "Thought for the Day" at the Florida School Boards Association Conference in Tampa. He recognized Ms. Maicel Green, Public Relations for Talquin Electric, who has an interest in establishing a partnership with the district.

Ms. Green stated that she works with Talquin Electric and the Leon Works Program. She stated that the Leon Works Program recruits 500 students who are interested in receiving a certification program. She extended an opportunity to the Board to partner with Talquin Electric to establish a Gadsden Works program for the students.

Mr. Simmons requested Mr. Milton meet with Ms. Green to further discuss the opportunity to establish a partnership with Talquin Electric for the students.

Dr. Hightower and Dr. Jackson recognized Ms. Green as an Olympic Gold Medalist.

Mr. Milton thanked Pastor Sailor for the prayer and welcomed him back to other School Board meetings.

### ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Scott made a motion to entertain the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

#### 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. October 24, 2017, 2:00 p.m. - School Board Workshop
- b. October 24, 2017, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- c. October 24, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting
- d. October 30, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – Student Hearing
- e. October 30, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – Student Hearing
- f. October 30, 2017, 12:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- g. October 30, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- h. October 30, 2017, 2:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
- i. November 8, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting  
(Executive Session)
- j. November 8, 2017 – 6:00 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 2017 – 2018

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

#### 7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Budget Amendment No. 2

Fund Source: Capital Improvements Fund  
Amount: -\$313,528.63

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

a. Capital City Consultants

Fund Source: Federal  
Amount: \$30,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Inter-District Transportation Agreement

Fund Source: Federal Programs  
Amount: \$0.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Dental Equipment Lease for Havana Magnet School

Fund Source: General Revenue  
Amount: \$1.00 annual rental fee

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. STUDENT MATTERS

a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #46-1718-0051

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

CASE #47-1718-0231

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

a. Request to Delete Vehicles from Capital Assets

Fund Source: Applicable Funds  
Amount: \$68,252.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

11. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

a. Approval of School Advisory Council (SAC) Rosters

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.

### \*8. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

#### b. English Language Learners (ELL) Award

Fund Source: Federal

Amount: \$70,000.00

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to make a correction to amend the ELL Award contract from \$140,000 to \$142,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Bill Stinson addressed the Board in regards to School Advisory Council Rosters. He thanked the Board for deferring action on the SAC Rosters at the last meeting. He stated that some schools did not have sizeable teachers and parents on their SAC rosters. He stated that the Board needed to take note of how SAC is functioning. He stated that the schools should have organized SAC committee meetings. He stated that there needed to be significant meaningful involvement from the community. He requested the Board examine the SIP Plans and SAC Rosters.

Mrs. Lewis thanked Mr. Stinson for his comments. She stated that she met with Mr. Stinson and Ms. Taylor to review the SAC rosters. She stated that SAC members are the driving force. She stated that she appreciates the Superintendent for his efforts in ensuring that the SAC rosters were correct.

Mr. Smith suggested the possibility of recruiting parents and community members at games and other school events to serve on SAC committees.

Mr. Scott stated that it is unknown to the members as to what their roles are when serving on SAC committees.

### 12. FACILITIES UPDATE

None.

### 13. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that the Board needed to begin having dialogue on external partners and charters following the holidays. He stated that January 31<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to have a contract with an external operator or charter for the high school.

In response to Mrs. Lewis' concern regarding the length of time for charters, Mr. Milton responded three to five years.

### 14. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Scott reminded the Board of the upcoming meetings on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: School Board Workshop – 4:30 p.m.; and Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

### 15. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.