

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

January 24, 2012

6:00 P.M.

This meeting 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 6:05 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Charlie Frost.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. James recognized Ms. Vicki Muse Johnson, Representative with the Big Bend Hospice Advisory Council Board. Ms. Johnson presented the Board with the Big Bend Hospice Hero Award, for their efforts with the "A Drop In The Bucket Campaign". She stated that over \$3,000 were raised during the Drop In The Bucket Campaign effort. A plaque award was presented to Principal Lisa Robinson and Stewart Street Elementary School for their efforts in supporting the Big Bend Hospice "A Drop In The Bucket" fundraiser.

Mr. Simmons recognized Big Bend Hospice for their great service throughout the community.

Mr. Hinson recognized Mr. James for celebrating a birthday today. He asked the Board members to sing happy birthday to Mr. James. He also recognized the following: City of Midway for allowing him to be the keynote speaker for their Martin Luther King Day Celebration; and the Town of Havana for having a great Martin Luther King Day Celebration with Dr. Kimball Thomas as the keynote speaker. He announced that the unveiling of the Tallahassee Community College Calendar was scheduled for Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Helms recognized Tyrone Sweet, East Gadsden High School student.

Tyrone stated that he was a Sergeant-At-Arms with the Gadsden Leadership Academy. He stated that the Gadsden Leadership Academy was in the process of making arrangements for a GALA on Friday, March 16th. He stated that he was seeking to become a correctional officer and to further his education by attending college.

### ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Helms removed from the agenda item #8d – Health Department Grant Information to allow the Health Committee to meet with the Board’s Attorney. Mr. Simmons agreed to serve on the Health Committee with Dr. Shirley Aaron and Dr. Maggie Blackburn. He entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Roger P. Milton, seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

#### 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. December 13, 2011, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. December 13, 2011, 6:00 p.m. – Regular 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 2011 - 2012

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

#### 7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Budget Amendment Number Twelve

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds  
Amount: \$-12,055.52

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Budget Amendment Number Thirteen

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds  
Amount: \$1,997,532.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Budget Amendment Number Fourteen

Fund Source: 420 (Federal) Funds  
Amount: \$3,372,352.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

d. Budget Amendment Number Fifteen  
Fund Source: 410 (School Food Service Funds)  
Amount: \$00  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

e. Budget Amendment Number Sixteen  
Fund Source: 434 (Race To The Top) Funds  
Amount: \$9,415.00  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

e. Contract Between The School Board of Gadsden County, Florida and James R. Mills  
Fund Source: Federal Programs (4221225)  
Amount: \$50,000.00  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

f. Contract Between The School Board of Gadsden County, Florida, and KMR Consultants, LLC.  
Fund Source: Federal Programs (4221225)  
Amount: \$30,768.00  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. STUDENT MATTERS

a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #26-1112-0071  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material  
Case #29-1112-0231  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

a. Fence at Greensboro Elementary School  
Fund Source: Capital Outlay  
Amount: \$7,368.00  
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.

### \*7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

#### f. Internal Funds Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Simmons stated that he wished to have further discussion on the internal funds audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #7f. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

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

### \*8. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

#### a. Contracted Services

Fund Source: General Fund  
Amount: \$9,000.00

In response to Mr. Hinson's request whether K-12 Florida, LLC was a vendor or Florida Virtual School, Dr. Sylvia Jackson responded, no K-12 Florida, LLC was a virtual school program.

Following discussion, Mr. Eric F. Hinson made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger P. Milton and carried unanimously.

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

#### b. Contracted Services

Fund Source: General Fund  
Amount: \$1,800.00

Mr. Helms asked if the Florida Learns STEM Scholars Contract could be paid from another account.

Mrs. Wood stated for correction that the Florida Learns STEM Scholar Contract was a PAEC grant, and the contractor will pay the district.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #8b with the above noted correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric F. Hinson and carried unanimously.

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

c. Contracts for SES Providers

Fund Source: Federal Projects  
Amount: \$43,095.00

In response to Mr. Simmons concern whether all SES Providers were in compliance with the state, Mrs. Wood stated yes, all SES Providers are in compliance.

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

Board members agreed to schedule a Board Retreat on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at The Golf Club of Quincy beginning with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed with the meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Helms stated that golf lessons will be provided by Silver Fox following the retreat. He asked Board members to share with the Superintendent their concerns and issues for discussion at the retreat. He announced that Florida School Boards Association 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Day In The Legislature was scheduled to begin on tomorrow (January 25<sup>th</sup>). He reminded everyone to vote on election day, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

11. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James recommended approval to grant an insurance wavier to state that the School Board has no liability on the physical structure property located at 62 Lonnie Clark Road in Greensboro, Florida. He stated that the owner of Open Word Worship Center requested a waiver of requirement for insurance on the physical structure of the property located at 62 Lonnie Clark Road in Greensboro, Florida.

In response to Mr. Simmons question about the liability insurance, Attorney Minnis stated that the insurance waiver is on the physical structure of the property, and Mr. Shepard stated that the contract with Open Word Worship Center only requires fire insurance.

Following discussion, Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to grant an insurance waiver to the owner of Open Word Worship Center for the requirement of insurance on the physical structure of the property located at 62 Lonnie Clark Road in Greensboro, Florida. The School Board has no liability on the physical structure of the property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried with Mr. Milton, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Frost and Mr. Helms voting "aye." Mr. Hinson voted "nay."

12. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Frost requested the Superintendent have principals call Law Enforcement if irate parents are on their campus for the safety of everyone. He stated that Carter Parramore Academy needs to be used for what it was approved for. He stated that the principal should not have the choice of not accepting students. He stated that students who attend Carter Parramore Academy should be allowed to return to their home school when their course work is completed.

Mr. Milton stated that he wants to ensure that Crossroad Academy knows about the extension requirements. He requested information on the food service and transportation contract with Crossroad Academy Charter School.

Mr. Simmons stated that the School Board is a business of competition with charter, home and private schools. He stated that there has to be a fair playing field. He expressed his sentiments regarding Crossroad Academy Charter School providing their own transportation and food service for their students.

Mr. Hinson stated that the district needs to ensure that older schools are inspected for the safety of the students. He stated that the district needs to make sure that what happened at Havana Elementary School does not happen at the other schools.

Mr. Henry Rollins, Jr. presented Mr. Frost with a DVD entitled "Mission In Possible". He also presented Mr. Helms with a DVD entitled "The Sound Of Music". He stated that great things are going on in the district.

Mr. James stated that the Commissioner called and shared the district school ranking. He stated that Gadsden ranked #62 with an increase of 5 spots. He stated that the district has the highest poverty ratio in the State. He recognized Mrs. Betty James, his wife of 40 years.

13. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.