

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

April 23, 2024

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Karema D. Dudley, Chairwoman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, Ms. Cathy S. Johnson, Mr. Steve Scott, and Mr. Charlie D. Frost. Also present were Mr. Elijah Key, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Dudley turned the meeting over to Mr. McMillan.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 6:06 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Charlie D. Frost.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

None.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

6. REVIEW OF MINUTES

a. March 26, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Financial Workshop

b. March 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda #'s 6a & 6b. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karema D. Dudley and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. PERSONNEL MATTERS (resignations, retirements, recommendations, leaves of absence, terminations of services, volunteers, and job descriptions)

a. Personnel 2023 – 2024

Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #'s 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 8c & 9a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Personnel 2024 – 2025

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. BUDGET/FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

a. Budget Summary Resolution Number 23-24-02

Fund Source: All Funds

Amount: Refer to the Financial Report

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Budget Summary Resolution Number 23-24-03

Fund Source: All Funds

Amount: Refer to the Financial Report

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

c. Rostan Professional Services Task Order

Fund Source: FEMA

Amount: \$300,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

a. Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. STUDENT MATTERS

a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #112-2324-0211

Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #'s 10a, 10c & 10d. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #113-2324-0211

The parent of student #113-2324-0211 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to defer action on agenda item #10b until a hearing was held. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karema D. Dudley and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #114-2324-0231

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #115-2324-0211

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #117-2324-0231

The parent of student #117-2324-0231 addressed the Board to request a hearing.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to defer action on agenda item #10e until a hearing was held. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karema D. Dudley and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

11. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

- a. Adopted Instructional Materials/Textbooks for 2024 – 2025

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Gadsden County High School Football Team Out-of-State Trip (Tifton, GA)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Gadsden County High School Football Team Out-of-State Trip (Chattanooga, TN)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Gadsden County High School Football Team Out-of-State Trip (Douglas, GA)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Gadsden County School Football Team Out-of-State Trip (Donaldsonville, GA)

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #'s 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d & 11e. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karema D. Dudley and carried unanimously.

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 moved to the DISCUSSION portion of the agenda.

*9. AGREEMENTS/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- b. Tallahassee Community College & Gadsden County Schools Career Pathways Articulation Agreement 2024 – 2025

Fund Source: FEFP

Amount: Undetermined – Based Upon Student Enrollment

In response to Ms. Johnson's request for a brief overview of the Tallahassee Community College & Gadsden County Schools Career Pathways Articulation Agreement, Dr. Sylvia Jackson stated that the articulation agreement is a method of granting college-level course credit for learning skills that are accomplished as part of secondary school instruction. She stated that the secondary school and Tallahassee Community College (TCC) would maintain the integrity of its separate programs and enter into this agreement as cooperating educational institutions. She stated that TCC would work with the high school to establish Career Pathways to serve Career and Technical Education (CTE) students. She stated that the agreements will be developed during the year, and this agreement will be amended as agreements are completed. She stated that students are dual enrolled and receive college credit.

Following discussion, Ms. Cathy S. Johnson made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda #9b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Florida A&M University and Gadsden County Schools Articulation Agreement 2024 – 2026

Fund Source: FEFP

Amount: Undetermined – Based Upon Student Enrollment

In response to Ms. Johnson's request for a brief overview of the Florida a & M. University & Gadsden County Schools Articulation Agreement, Dr. Sylvia Jackson stated that the University and the School Board agree to provide articulated accelerated learning mechanisms through dual enrollment for eligible students. She stated that the students would shorten the time necessary to complete the requirement for obtaining a college/university degree. She stated that the students would broaden the scope of curricular options, or increase the depth of study available for a particular subject. She stated that the university offer courses and programs, which will enhance accelerated learning opportunities for qualified students in Gadsden County high schools.

Following discussion, Ms. Cathy S. Johnson made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda #9c. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

12. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Key recommended that Carr Riggs & Ingram (CRI) CPAs and Advisors Contract Agreement be added to the agenda. Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to amend the agenda to add the CRI Contract Agreement to the agenda as item #12a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

Ms. Johnson stated that she was concerned about the time limits for starting and completing the audit. Mr. McMillan stated that the audit would start when the Board approves the contract. Mrs. Minnis stated that CRI would have to begin the audit to get a better idea of the completion date and the estimated cost.

Mr. McMillan stated that he was concerned about the procedure to inspect the district budgets, revenues and expenditure reports for fiscal year 2019 to the present. Mrs. Minnis stated that the Board could give approval of the contract with the change date to the fiscal year 2019 to the present. Mr. Key stated that the funding source would be the general fund.

Following discussion, Mr. Steve Scott made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #12a with the fiscal year date change of 2019 to the present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

Mr. Key stated that Gadsden Elementary Magnet School is a School of Excellence. He stated that the City of Quincy Commissioners has the pool property on their Board agenda. He stated that students participated in STEM Day at Tallahassee Community College. He stated that some of the dual enrolled students graduated with their AA degree from Tallahassee Community College and Florida A&M University. He stated that the week (April 22nd – 26th) was Bus Driver Appreciation Week. He stated that the district was still waiting on a response from DOE regarding the stipend for employees. He stated that the start times for middle and high school has to change by 2026. He stated that no high school can start before 8:30 a.m. and no middle school can start before 8:00 a.m. He stated that he would share more information with the Board as it becomes available.

13. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

In response to Ms. Johnson's concern regarding summer school, Mr. Key stated that all schools have submitted plans for summer school. Mrs. Farlin stated that there would be a 3rd grade Reading Summer Camp, kindergarten camp, and ESE Extended school year. Mr. Key stated that there would be a work program for students at Gadsden Technical College.

Ms. Johnson stated that some of the ESE students would participate in the Special Olympic Events in Orlando, Florida on May 17 – 18. She stated that donations were needed for the ESE students.

Mr. Frost congratulated his granddaughter on receiving her AA degree through the Dual Enrollment Program at Tallahassee Community College.

14. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.