

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

September 18, 2012

4:00 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Judge B. Helms, Chairman; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Roger P. Milton; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others. Mr. Eric F. Hinson and Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board, were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Judge B. Helms, at 4:05 p.m.

2. HONEYWELL ENERGY COST AVOIDANCE REPORT

Mr. Shepard shared with the Board updated information on the Honeywell Projects. He introduced Mr. Bueno Prades, Account Executive with Honeywell, and Mr. Paul Mullican.

Mr. Prades shared with the Board the following power-point presentation outlining an update on the energy program. He stated that Gadsden Technical Institute received the award for increased participation and energy consciousness. He stated that the Honeywell contract was signed in October 2008, and improvements were completed March 2010. He stated that the value of improvements totaled \$3,998,000, ongoing service and energy awareness \$122,640 for year one. He stated that cost avoidance/savings included energy (1st year) \$29,730, operational \$164,888, total (1st year) \$458,618; total over 10 year term \$5,470,428. He stated that energy performance contracting, facility improvements and guaranteed savings were all apart of the program overview. He stated that the infrastructure included HVAC, boilers, Lighting/LED, Solar PV, controls, water conservation, and maintenance management. He stated that energy awareness included training, energy education, energy champions, motivation, recognition, and multi-year program. He stated that service/M&V included controls maintenance, quarterly updates, and an annual report. He stated that Honeywell did do work in the following areas: Administration HVAC, East Gadsden High School HVAC, Lighting, West Gadsden High School HVAC, Lighting, Havana Middle School HVAC

– Controls, Havana Elementary HVAC, Chattahoochee Elementary School HVAC, Greensboro Elementary HVAC, Controls, George W. Munroe Elementary, Gadsden Technical Institute HVAC, and James A. Shanks Middle School HVAC Controls. He stated that the savings were the current spending minus previous spending which included no variables taken into account (such as weather, utility rates, additional equipment or additional runtime. He stated that the difference between the actual cost and what the cost would have been was the cost avoidance. He stated that variables such as runtime, rates, weather, etc., were accounted for. He stated that the total cost avoidance was \$1,195,498, contracted guarantee \$916,907 (includes energy awareness component), extra cost avoidance \$278,591, and the total benefit from energy awareness was \$527,429. He stated that the challenges increased in building activities, learning curve, new leadership at some locations, new operations personnel, IT systems changes, and lightning storms. He stated that the past year successes included the following: reduced energy and operational costs – beyond guarantees, increased participation & awareness consciousness, staff and students learn new energy saving habits – used in schools and the community; identified billing and usage anomalies – resulting in additional money savings; Gadsden County Schools Energy Consciousness and Environmental Concern was show cased; recognition & awards for schools and individuals; and team work, interaction and cooperation. He stated in summary that Honeywell delivers a successful program by improvement in classroom comfort, improved operator efficiency, improved equipment reliability, learning for staff, faculty and students, significant energy savings and cost avoidance, reduced impact on environment & carbon footprint, continued reduction in energy consumption, and teamwork makes it happen.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments during the Honeywell power-point presentation. Board members thanked Mr. Prades for sharing the Honeywell Energy Program update. Board members requested the Honey Contract and Cost Avoidance Report be agenda for the September 25th Board Meeting.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Helms stated that the district staff was continuing to work on updating Board policies. He requested Board members see Mrs. Rosalyn Smith with changes to the Board policies. He stated that the Board members had an open invitation to the County Commission meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Milton suggested the district provide the newly elected Board member (Ms. Audrey Lewis) with a copy of the revisions to the Board policies.

5. The workshop adjourned at 5:28 p.m.