

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

September 23, 2014

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Ms. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; 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. Roger P. Milton, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. James recognized Mr. Curtis Richardson as the newly elected Leon County Commissioner.

Mr. Frost applauded the schools for good customer service on their Grandparent's Day.

Mr. James recognized Ms. Lewis for celebrating a birthday.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Milton requested the Board add to the agenda an out-of-state fieldtrip request to Moultrie, Georgia on October 16th for Gadsden Technical Institute. He entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Judge B. Helms, seconded by Ms. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. August 19, 2014, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. August 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting
- c. September 2, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
- d. September 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – Final Budget Hearing

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

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

- a. Personnel 2014 – 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

7. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a. Approval of Accounts Receivable Payment Plan and In-Kind Contribution

Fund Source: General Fund

Amount: \$6,024.25 received over time and \$6,024.25 provided as in-kind and written off accounts receivable balance

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. 2014 – 15 Purchase Orders

Fund Source: General Fund \$410,726.36 for SRO

Federal Food Service \$114,400 for weekly food delivery  
Amount: Listed in fund source above

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Federal Programs Purchase Orders

Fund Source: Federal

Amount: \$58,249.05

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Contracted Music Therapy with Hakeem Leonard, MT-BC of Healing Hearts

Fund Source: IDEA

Amount: \$22,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. FSU Multi-Disciplinary Services 2014 -2015 School Year

Fund Source: IDEA Dollars

Amount: \$25,000.00 est.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- g. Vision Services for Exceptional Students  
Fund Source: FEFP Dollars  
Amount: \$14,500.00 (est.)  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- h. Gadsden County SSTRIDE Program Support and Expansion  
Fund Source: FEFP  
Amount: \$49,852.68  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- i. Agreement Between the Gadsden County School District and Tallahassee Community College  
Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- j. Gadsden County School Board Head Start 2014 – 2015 Refunding Application and Program Improvement Plan  
Fund Source: Head Start  
Amount \$2,585.789.00  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

8. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion - See back-up material  
Case #01-1415-0211  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

9. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

- b. Millwork Package for New Havana Middle School Classroom Wing  
Fund Source: 379  
Amount: \$102,999.02  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- c. Furniture Package for Havana Middle School New Classrooms  
Fund Source: 379  
Amount: \$224,992.71  
ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- d. Replace HVAC Units – Havana Middle School Gymnasium

Fund Source: 340  
Amount: \$36,271.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- e. Boiler Replacement at St. John Elementary School, Building One (1)

Fund Source: 340  
Amount: 17,284.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- f. 5-Year Work Plan

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- g. Request to Delete and Dispose from Capital Assets – Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (07/01/13 – 06/30/14)

Fund Source: All Funds  
Amount: \$488,489.91

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. AGREEMENTS/PROJECT/GRANT APPLICATIONS

- e. Agreement Between The School Board of Gadsden County Public Schools and ProCare Therapy, Inc.

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars  
Amount: \$58.00 - \$62.00 (per hour for actual hours worked)

In response to Mr. Helms' concern regarding the total amount for the number of persons, Ms. Sharon Thomas stated that the Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy Assistant, and the Speech/Language Pathologist provide needed services in positions not filled by the school district. She stated that the total work time is 37 hours per week.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #7e. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

k. Gadsden Charter Academy Application

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to defer action on agenda item #7k. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bryan Mooneyhan addressed the Board to officially request to extend the deadline for evaluation and decision on the charter application. He stated that the purpose of the extension was to allow time for the Application Review Committee to meet with Gadsden Charter Academy prior to issuing a final recommendation. He requested that the Application Review Committee meet with Gadsden Charter Academy before October 10th.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to approve the request for extension for Gadsden Charter Academy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended denial.

\*9. SCHOOL FACILITY/PROPERTY

a. Contingency Change – Havana Middle School Addition

Fund Source: 379  
Amount: \$48,227.00

Following discussion, Ms. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to deny the cost saving measures with the contingency change for the Havana Middle School Addition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

\*10. EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

a. Gadsden County Controlled Open Enrollment Plan

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

In response to Mr. Helms' request for clarification on the Gadsden County Controlled Open Enrollment Plan, Ms. Sherrie Taylor stated that the Gadsden County Controlled Open Enrollment Plan give parents the option to choose a school outside their normal zoned neighborhood school. She stated that information about school choice and special programs is provided annually to the community through parent communication links, listservs, school mail-outs and back pack disseminations, individual program promotional materials, open houses at school sites, school visits, and through the District's Parent Resource Center.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #10a. The motion was seconded by Ms. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

b. 2014 – 2015 District Parental Involvement Plan

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Ms. Lewis shared with the Board corrected copies of the 2014 - 15 District Parental Involvement Plan.

Following discussion, Ms. Audrey D. Lewis made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #10b with the corrections to the 2014 - 15 District Parental Involvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

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

c. 2014 – 2015 District Assessment Schedule

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Simmons requested an overview of the 2014 – 2015 District Assessment Schedule.

Ms. Caroline McKinnon stated that assessments are all year. She stated that the end of course (EOC) assessments are for the middle and high school students. She shared with the Board monthly schedules for assessments. She stated that the assessments are computer-based tests, and Florida Standards Assessments.

Mr. James suggested the Board schedule a workshop to further discuss testing.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #10c. The motion was seconded by Ms. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

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

d. District Digital Classroom Plan

Fund Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

Mr. Helms requested a spelling correction on page #3 – the word “Gadsen” be corrected to “Gadsden”.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #10d. The motion was seconded by Ms. Audrey D. Lewis and carried unanimously.

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

e. PreK – 12 Adopted Courses

Fund Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

In response to Mr. Simmons' concern regarding courses being offered for all grade levels, Mrs. Smith stated that the program of structure was according to legislation.

Following discussion, Mr. Isaac Simmons made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve agenda item #10e. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie D. Frost and carried unanimously.

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

11. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James invited the Board to the PTA Workshop at Havana Middle School on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he attended the Superintendent's meeting in Tampa, and much discussion was held on school grades, and the possibility of schools receiving a baseline grade.

12. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Curtis Richardson thanked everyone for giving their accolades to the STEM Program on a recent television broadcast. He also thanked the Board for allowing students to be part of the STEM Program.

Mr. Simmons appreciated the Superintendent and staff for a great job. He stated that Gadsden County is a good school district.

Ms. Lewis invited the Board to a pep rally on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at East Gadsden High School. She stated that the students will receive information on teen dating violence. She stated that the pep rally was hosted by the Midway Police Department and the Victim Advocate Services Department.

Mr. Milton announced that Dr. Jim Murdaugh and the Tallahassee Community Board of Trustees approved \$500,000 for rebuilding the TCC Quincy House. He stated that the new location for the TCC Quincy House will be Pat Thomas Parkway, and the projected completion date October 2015.

13. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.