

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

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

September 10, 2013

5:00 P.M.

This workshop was open to the public and electronically recorded.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 5:05 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT'S BUDGET

Mrs. Wood shared with the Board an overview of the district's budget. She stated that the Annual Financial Report #348 & current year budget status summary was used as a source for the actual expenditures by fiscal year. She stated that the balance contained teacher salary allocations, McKay Scholarships, Virtual Education, Dual Enrollment, Summer School, Terminal Pay, and DROP Payments. She shared with the Board the actual expenditures by fiscal year for each function.

Mr. Simmons requested each Board member draft recommendations regarding the budget's financial shortfall.

Mr. James stated that he will review the district's budget and submit recommendations to the Board regarding a hiring freeze, and other cost saving measures.

During the overview of the district's budget, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns, and made comments.

3. ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

In response to Mr. Frost's concern about whether funds had been allocated to schools for athletics, Mrs. Wood stated that a meeting was being scheduled with the principals and athletic directors.

Ms. Lewis thanked Mr. James for responding to her concerns regarding the budget. She stated that the Title I Parent Meetings were going well. She requested that contracts be submitted to the Board in a timely manner for review.

Mr. Helms stated that teachers could be transferred to other positions if needed. He stated that he wanted all classes to be at student capacity. He announced that East Gadsden High School Football Team was scheduled to play Godby High School on Thursday (September 12th).

In response to Mr. Milton's concern regarding the cost report for removing mold and mildew at one of the schools, Mr. Shepard stated that the cost report was completed. Mr. Milton stated that the workshop was very informative.

5. The workshop adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The Board convened in executive session at 6:45 p.m.; and adjourned at 7:55 p.m.