

SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT

GADSDEN ARTS CENTER
13 N. MADISON STREET
QUINCY, FLORIDA

June 17, 2025

9:00 A.M.

The meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Leroy McMillan, Chairman, Ms. Cathy S. Johnson, Ms. Stacey S. Hannigon, 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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Leroy McMillan, at 9:15 a.m.

2. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Ms. Stacey S. Hannigon.

3. Tour of Gadsden Arts Facility

Ms. Grace Robinson, Executive Director of the Gadsden Arts Center, shared with the Board a virtual tour of the Arts Center. Board members received information on the business aspects of the center and the contributions the center has made to the community.

Items for Discussion

4. Code of Student Conduct 2025 – 2026

Mr. Key shared with the Board a revised copy of the code of student conduct for the 2025 – 2026 school year. He stated that there is a no hoodie policy inside the buildings. He stated that Level 1 are for minor offenses, Level 2 – intermediate offenses, Level 3 major offenses, and Level 4 zero tolerance. He stated that write ups are going to happen. He stated that the district is pushing for a no cell phone policy to be enforced. Ms. Johnson stated that she wanted to know if there was a process for the students signing the forms. She stated that she wanted to stand by what the policy is on no hoodies. She stated that student's need to be held accountable. Mr. Scott stated that report cards are being printed but students are not taking them home to parents. He stated that he learned that when students at Greensboro Elementary School were sent to the office, they did not come back again. Mr. Frost stated that he wanted the policies to be enforced. Mr. McMillan stated that something has to be done with student discipline. He stated that the student code of conduct policy needs enforcing.

During the discussion of the code of student conduct, Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments. The Board agreed to schedule a workshop to further discuss the code of student conduct.

5. New K-8 School Update

Mr. Key shared with the Board updates on the new K-8 school. Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments during the discussion.

6. Items by the Superintendent

None.

7. School Board Requests and Concerns

None.

8. The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.