

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

January 28, 2020

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, Chairwoman; Mr. Leroy McMillan; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Steve Scott; and Mr. Tyrone D. Smith. Also present were Mr. Roger P. Milton, 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 Chairwoman, Mrs. Audrey D. Lewis, at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Mark Moore of Calvary Baptist Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

4. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Milton recognized the following individuals: Mr. David Dietz with the Division of Forestry- presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$6,663.95 for its shared distribution of the Lake Talquin State Forest receipts for fiscal year 2018-19 in accordance with Section 589, Florida Statutes; Mrs. Carolyn Sanders with the Florida School Boards Association – presentation of plaque award to Mr. Tyrone Smith for Certified Board Membership; Ms. Misty Cash with Random Acts – shared information on the Class Act Award; Mrs. Vicki Muse Johnson who introduced the School Related Employee of the Year winner for each school – Mrs. Felecia James, Carter Parramore Academy/Gadsden Central; Mrs. Vira Wynn, Chattahoochee Elementary School; Mrs. Nikka Henry-Clemons, Crossroad Academy Charter School; Mrs. Makenzie Lamb, Gadsden County High School; Mrs. Jerry Roberts, Gadsden Elementary Magnet School; Mrs. Cynthia Kenon, George W. Munroe Elementary School; Mrs. Tamika Thurman, Greensboro Elementary School; Mrs. Edna Bryant, Havana Magnet School; Mr. Eduardo Centeno, James A. Shanks Middle School; Mrs. Geraldine Rush, Stewart Street Elementary School; Mrs. Maggie Bradwell-Conyers, West Gadsden Middle School; Mr. Terry Harris, Maintenance Department; and Mrs. Lucy Woods, Transportation Department. Mrs. Johnson also recognized the Teacher of the Year winner for each school – Mrs. Patricia Robinson, Carter Parramore /Gadsden Central; Mrs. Mellany Wiggins, Chattahoochee Elementary School; Mrs. Pearlean James, Crossroad Academy Charter School; Mrs. Linda Thomas, Gadsden County High School; Mrs. Jari Lewis, Gadsden Elementary Magnet School; Mrs. Sarah Graham, George W. Munroe Elementary School; Mrs. Sallie Murphy, Greensboro Elementary School; Mrs. Cathy Holmes, Havana Magnet School; Mrs. Catina Simmons-Russ, James A. Shanks Middle School; Mrs. Sheila Dickey, Stewart Street Elementary School; and Ms. Cecelia Madry, West Gadsden Middle School.

Each of the School Related Employee winners and the Teacher of the Year winners received a certificate of appreciation. Mrs. Johnson recognized last year winners, Mrs. Marilyn Bascom – School Related Employee of the Year, and Mrs. Cassandra McMillan – Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Smith thanked Mrs. Sanders and the Florida School Boards Association for their support. He also thanked his wife, mother, other family members, and church members for their support.

### ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mrs. Lewis entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Charlie D. Frost, seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

#### 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. December 17, 2019, 4:30 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- b. December 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting
- c. January 7, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – Student Hearing
- d. January 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Student 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 2019 – 2020

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

#### 7. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Internal Funds Audit for Period Ending 06/30/19

Fund Source: Internal Funds  
Amount: \$199,334.58 ending balance 06/30/19

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

#### 8. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT/PROJECT APPLICATIONS

- a. Extension of Erate Contracts

Fund Source: USAC 85%  
District 15%  
Amount: \$540,800.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- b. Contracted Services between Accountable Healthcare Staffing, Inc. and Gadsden County School Board

Fund Source: FEFP Dollars  
Amount: \$57,960.00

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

- c. Contracted Services between Advanced Medical Personnel Services, Inc. and Gadsden County School Board  
 Fund Source: FEFP Dollars  
 Amount: \$155,000.00  
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- d. Education Partnership Agreement: Panhandle Area Educational Professional Development Center and The Gadsden County School Board – ESE Endorsement – Gifted  
 Fund Source: N/A  
 Amount: N/A  
 ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.
- e. Education Partnership Agreement: Panhandle Area Educational Professional Development Center and The Gadsden County School Board – ESE Endorsement – Autism  
 Fund Source: N/A  
 Amount: N/A  
 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.

\*9. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Student Expulsion – See back-up material

Case #41-1920-0211

Mr. McMillan stated that he was concerned about the length of expulsion time for student #41-1920-0211.

Following discussion, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to defer action on agenda item #9a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Scott and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

10. CONSIDERATION, PROPOSAL, AND/OR ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

- a. Approval of School Board Policies

Fund Source: N/A  
 Amount: N/A

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

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

## 11. FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Hunter stated that the blue tarps on the roofs of many of the schools will be coming down soon. He stated that the walk way at Carter Parramore Academy will be soon be repaired. He stated that Stewart Street Elementary School will have repairs over the summer. He stated that the Automated Building Systems (ABS) will be updated.

In response to Mr. Frost's concern regarding the unpleasant odor at the entrance of Gadsden County High School, Mr. Hunter stated that he is working on a solution to resolve the problem.

## 12. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Milton stated that the district is preparing and planning for summer activities. He stated that there will be no activities during the summer on the campus of Stewart Street Elementary School. He stated that the district is reviewing and updating procedures and policies. He stated that the Principal Leadership Team meeting will be Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated that an email was received from Governor DeSantis regarding the Florida Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) which will replace common core. He requested an executive session following the meeting to discuss collective bargaining issues.

Mr. Jakari Wilcoxson addressed the Board with concerns regarding the district's plan to increase graduation rates, and improve school grades. He stated that although he appreciates the service of the Board, he felt shameful to say he didn't want his child to attend school in Gadsden County.

Mrs. Lewis thanked Mr. Wilcoxson for sharing his concerns with the Board. She stated that the district is adopting new curriculum in the VPK Program. She stated that professional development is expanding in PreK. She stated that the district is improving its literacy program for all students.

Mr. Frost stated that educational changes are continuous. He stated that the district is doing the very best with what it has to educate students.

Mr. Milton requested Mr. Wilcoxson meet with Dr. Sylvia Jackson to further discuss his concerns. He stated that Gadsden County is making strides.

## 13. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Wilcoxson for sharing his concerns with the Board. He encouraged Mr. Wilcoxson to continue his involvement in his child's education. He stated that parents are the first teacher for students. He encouraged the Board to pursue the Certified Board Membership Program and consider being a Master Board.

Mrs. Lewis stated that she requested several months ago for each school to send in their SAC agendas, minutes and sign in sheets. She stated that she was concerned about communication in the district. She stated that she was thankful for the invitation to the Superintendent's EEMT meetings. She stated that she want to see more communication between departments. She stated that she believe in parent and community involvement. She invited the Board to join in the district's literacy initiative to give to gift of a book to a child. She stated that a student's attendance, attitude and academic is very important in their education.

Mr. Frost requested Mr. Milton remind administrators about the dress code for students. He applauded Mrs. Vicki Johnson for her professionalism in coordinating the School Related Employee of the Year and Teacher of Year recognitions.

## 14. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The Board convened in executive session to discuss collective bargaining issues at 7:42 p.m.; and adjourned at 8:06 p.m.