

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF INFORMAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2007

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in informal session duly called at 9 a.m. in Conference Room E, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Virginia S. Childs, Chairman; Janie S. Williams, Vice-Chairman; F. Wesley Eubank, Tina Pinkoson, and Eileen Roy, members; and W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Childs.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Euban

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the minutes of the following minutes as presented:
December 7, 2006, Elected Officials Meeting
December 12, 2006, Informal School Board Meeting
December 12, 2006, Administrative Salary Workshop

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

GENERAL
DISCUSSION

Mr. Eubank made the following points:

- Wellness Committee and Nutrition--Believes school system can educate parents about their child's nutrition (broader community effort). Pursue an effort with the Health Department and American Heart Association to develop programs and make facilities available to the community
- Recess—questioned whether all elementary schools are offering it
- Longer Day vs Longer Year (schools could benefit)
- DROP—hope we only extend to outstanding principals and encourage employees to take advantage of retirement, and get their outstanding magnet programs established
- Schedule a workshop with Kathy Black to discuss cell phones and Code of Student Conduct

Chairman Childs made the following points:

- Ensure that district staff members are being trained to take over for retirees, similar to principals.
- Requested a Technology workshop
- Requested Dave Edwards make a presentation at an upcoming Board meeting on Career/Technical Programs
- Confirm that every elementary school is offering recess this year
- Schedule a Health Insurance Options workshop
- Clarify whether teachers can be SES providers (tutoring)
- Reword page regarding investments and educate employees on things to consider before picking a company
- Schedule a code of student conduct workshop with Kathy Black
- Concerned that the SBAC logo was not listed on the Success by Six

handbag

Mrs. Williams made the following points:

- Thanked the Superintendent and staff for repairing pot-holes in the Kirby parking lot
- Continue to pursue the possibility of a gender-specific (male) classroom in kindergarten and hire an energetic man, who meets the requirements, to fill the position

Mrs. Roy made the following points:

- Recess—encourage students to have recess before lunch for health benefits
- Health Fair—provide Risk Management with information on a possible health fair for employees
- Legislative Delegation—make an appointment for Board members for upcoming Day in the Legislature in March
- Project SHAPE—information regarding ADHD will be provided to Kathy Black to look in to
- Forte Piano Gallery—Investigate their Piano Loan program
- SES Tutoring Issue—clarify whether district teachers can become tutors
- Retiree Investments—concerns with authorized providers. Provide employees with information regarding adding a particular provider to the list and how they are selected
- Fitness Gram Software—A software program has been recommended by a P.E. teacher. Consider buying fitness gram software to be used by all schools in the district at a minimal cost (2 cents/student). Board members suggested district staff meet with PE teachers to review various types of software and present the Board with a recommendation

Mrs. Pinkoson made the following points:

- Cyber Bullying Policy—Discipline committee needs to review
- Presented a legislative update

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.