

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF INFORMAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2007

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in informal session duly called at 9 a.m. in the Boardroom, 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 Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of the following meetings/workshops:

- October 9 11, 2007, Informal Board Meeting

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

GENERAL
DISCUSSION

Mr. Eubank and Mrs. Williams provided the board with a brief report on their visit to Osceola County to view LEED buildings.

Mrs. Williams made the following comments:

- Status of contract for Board attorney
- 10-day Suspension Research data
- Mentors/Tutors at Rawlings Elementary School are doing a great job

Mrs. Roy made the following comments:

- Confirm if the Board's Non-Discrimination policy include sexual orientation and gender identification.
- FCAT Data analysis was thoroughly discussed
- Possibly institute a program whereby all elementary school students received free bike helmets. Possible a service club would take up this endeavor.
- Recycling—Styrofoam. Reviewed the cost information from Food Service relating to discontinuing the use of Styrofoam in cafeterias. Suggested that an additional .25 cents be added to lunch prices to offset the additional costs necessary to implement.
- Concerned with Hawthorne High School's drop-out rate

Mrs. Childs made the following comments:

- Food baskets for the needed being requested from the district's Volunteer department
- Charter Schools—suggested including in the charter contract that anytime a student enrolls in a charter school and returns to their zoned school the FTE will not go to the charter school.

- Commended Kathy Shewey for receiving the distinguished honor of being named

Mrs. Pinkoson made the following comments:

- Concern with the Love to Learn Charter school violating district enrollment procedures and suggested Scott Ward, Finance Officer, provide the Board with an update on their financial and enrollment condition.
- Veterans Day—due to concerns expressed by citizens in the community, suggested including the district's many activities/programs on the district's website.
- Supports naming the new Lofton building after Dan McKinnon.
- Supports the use of Google mail and encourages Board members to begin using the calendar that is available to post attendance at events.

Mr. Eubank made the following comments:

- Charter schools--Suggested the district run a report indicating entry and withdrawal during FTE reporting week. Felt that Love to Learn Charter was committing fraud with the withdrawal process and suggested formalizing the process. He suggested running a report with entry and withdrawal codes during the FTE period.
- Would like to have a long-range plan and schedule a follow-up in the future on insurance an update and referred to the April 10 minutes of the Insurance Workshop

Mrs. Childs reminded Board members of the Reichert House dedication at 4 p.m. today.

ADJOURNMENT

The Informal School Board meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.