

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF INFORMAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 12, 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.

Chairman Childs noted that the School Board will continue to hold one informal board meeting per month (second Tuesday of each month). She stated that in order ensure that the meetings are productive, she requested Board members make sure that the issues/topics presented need to be discussed with the Board, or decide if the issues/topics should be taken up with the Superintendent prior to discussing with the Board.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Eubank

Moved to approve the following minutes:

March 22, 2007, Technology workshop; March 27, 2007, Policy workshop; April 10, 2007, Code of Student Conduct workshop; April 10, 2007, Health Insurance workshop; April 11, 2007, Wellness committee; and May 8, 2007, Informal Board meeting.

The question was called on the minutes as presented.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

DES CONTRACT

Mr. Eubank provided the Board with information regarding the DES contract and voiced his concerns.

Following lengthy discussion, the Board reached the following consensus:

- Unused sick and vacation leave should not be paid at the time the contract ends for the year.
- If the contract is extended, sick and vacation leave does not carry over.
- Reduce the number of paid sick and vacation days that are included in the contract to begin with.
- Contract will be annual—will expire and be renewed annually
- Delete Attachment B, Pricing of Hourly Contractors
- Establish and clarify criteria for appointments through DES

Superintendent Boyd encouraged the Board to approve the DES Contract at the upcoming School Board meeting, with the above modifications implemented, which will allow the district to keep qualified and experienced employee in the schools.

Chairman Childs voiced her concern with current employees needing to be cross-trained to take over the upcoming vacancies of key positions in the district.

GENERAL
DISCUSSION

Mrs. Williams attended the recent African American workshop held at A. Quinn Jones, and noted that she was very impressed with the presentation and thanked staff.

Mrs. Pinkoson expressed concern with the need to review the dress code, including requiring students to tuck in their shirts so that weapons cannot be concealed in clothing.

Chairman Childs voiced her support for a mandatory uniform policy for the Horizon Center and also suggested the possibility of including the A. Quinn Jones Center.

Mrs. Roy expressed continuing concern with the behavior at graduation ceremonies and suggested the possibility of developing district guidelines for audience participation.

Several suggestions were made such as: improving security, provide students with a certain number of tickets, a smaller venue, etc.

Mrs. Roy noted that the Alachua City Commission has recently approved 1,000 new homes near Turkey Creek. It was stated in the local newspaper that the school system has promised an additional elementary school in the High Springs area. She voiced concern that the article in the newspaper indicated that the school system had provided this information, which is incorrect.

Mrs. Williams left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Mr. Eubank requested the School Board cancel the December 4, 2007, School Board meeting due to the FSBA meeting and only hold the one regular School Board meeting December 18, 2007.

The Board briefly discussed the proposed tax restructuring that is currently being discussed in the legislature.

ADJOURNMENT

The Informal School Board meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.