

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF HORIZON CENTER WORKSHOP  
June 5, 2007

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in workshop session duly called at 3 p.m. in the Kirby-Smith Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Virginia S. Childs, chairman; Janie S. Williams, vice-chairman; members F. Wesley Eubank, Tina Pinkoson, and Eileen Roy, W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., superintendent; and staff members.

The purpose of the workshop was for the Board to discuss the mission of alternative education and discuss the needs and goals of the Horizon Center.

Sandy Hollinger, deputy superintendent for Curriculum, Charles Hall, director of Title I/ Dropout Prevention; Mike Monaghan, Principal, Horizon Center, and Jerry Douglas, Supervisor I Student Services, identified some of the daily challenges Horizon Center must face and conquer as they meet the needs of "at risk" students enrolled in alternative education. Topics of discussion included an overview of the student referral process, best practices in alternative education, and behavior modification.

Comments made by the Board after reviewing all data submitted by district staff included, recognition of a job well-done--50 students successfully completing program and returning to home school during the 2007/2008 school year, suggestions included focus on exit counseling for students completing program and the Board reiterated that the main goal for the Horizon Center program should be to moderate students behavior and to focus on mainstreaming all students.

No other workshops were scheduled at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.