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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY APPLICATION
WORKSHOP
November 13, 2007

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in work group session duly called at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Virginia S. Childs, chairman; Janie S. Williams, vice-chairman, and 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 and make comments concerning the application for Gainesville Arts and Technology Academy.

After review by district staff members and the Board, it was determined that the application for Gainesville Arts and Technology Academy should be amended to address several concerns. The Board advised Allan Muller who joined the workshop via conference call to address the Board's concerns and re-submit application for consideration during the Tuesday, November 20th regular Board session. Some of the Boards concerns included the applicant's revised budget, idea for charter school was not "locally-grown", no community input, no student code of conduct, collective bargaining for all school employees, background checks for all employees, selective procedures for board of directors, inadequate and unrealistic curriculum, projected ESE population, no remedial reading program mentioned in curriculum, and ESOL not included in school concept.

No other workshops were scheduled at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.