

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
June 6, 2006

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in regular session duly called at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: F. Wesley Eubank, chairman; Virginia S. Childs, vice-chairman; Tina Pinkoson, Eileen F. Roy, and Janie S. Williams, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eubank, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES      Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2006, as presented.

The question was called.                      Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA      Chairman Eubank announced the following deletions to the agenda:

- H.6.c., Transportation Bus Use Agreement with UF
- H. 7., Inventory Droppage report, 1/12/06 – 5/8/06
- H.11., Funding Proposal for Early Intervention Services – Head Start Program
- H.13. and H.14 will be discussed.

Motion by Mrs. Childs                      Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to adopt the June 6, 2006, meeting agenda, as amended.

The question was called.                      Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RECOGNITION --                      The Board recognized:

- Participants in *The Turning Hour Project*, a literary approach to preventing adolescent suicide
- Science Fair Winners
- Florida Credit Union – Servin-Ellis Scholarships

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Childs:

- Commented on inspiring graduation ceremonies; she met a grad who had come before her in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with a severe disciplinary infraction, but who has turned his life around and been accepted to UF.

Mrs. Pinkoson:

- On behalf of her family, she thanked staff and teachers for the wonderful educational opportunities that have been afforded her son, who graduated this year.

Mrs. Roy:

- Commended principals and teachers on inspiring and well-done graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Eubank:

- Expressed condolences to the family of Jason Scout Rodel, 1990 Buchholz graduate and current Facilities Department employee, who recently passed away.

CITIZEN INPUT

A substitute teacher addressed the Board to question why she has not been hired full-time. Mr. Eubank suggested she speak with Assistant Superintendent Joan Longstreth and personally view her employee file.

A citizen requested that the School Board support a random, no-notice school security program.

PRESENTATION –  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AND UNIVERSITY OF  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
OF PEDIATRICS  
INITIATIVE

Dr. Tom Belcuore, UF Department of Pediatrics, presented information and answered Board member questions on a proposed program to administer a mist-inhalant to protect students against influenza. With Board approval, Dr. Belcuore will contact the pharmaceutical company. The Board consensus was to bring the matter back as an Action Item at the June 20 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Eubank stated that Item H.6.c., Transportation Bus Use Agreement with UF, was also being deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1-19, with deletion of Items H.6., c., Bus Agreement; H.7., Inventory Droppage report; and H.11., Funding Proposal for Head Start Early Intervention Services.

The Reading First Continuation Grant (H.13.) and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (H.14.) were briefly discussed. In response to Board member questions, it was noted by Dr. Donna Omer, Project Development Director, that schools that presently appear to be more needy did not qualify three years ago, when the grant was written.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BID AWARD FOR  
PROJECT SBAC A0504 –

WESTWOOD MIDDLE  
SCHOOL CLASSROOM  
RENOVATIONS,  
BUILDING 1

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the low-base bid of \$1,137,000 and additive alternates 1 and 2 in the amount of \$161,000 and award a contract for construction totaling \$1,298,000 to J. A. Standridge Construction, Inc., Melrose, Florida. Completion of this project shall be within one hundred eighty (180) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BID AWARD FOR  
PROJECT SBAC A0338 –

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Approved June 20, 2006

RAWLINGS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MULTIPURPOSE  
BUILDING

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the low-base bid of \$3,006,000 and additive alternate #1 in the amount of \$95,000 and award a contract for construction totaling \$3,101,000 to J. A. Standridge Construction, Inc., Melrose, Florida. Completion shall be within three hundred forty-one (341) consecutive calendar days from the date indicted in the "Notice to Proceed."

Mrs. Roy commented that \$95,000 for a covered court seems very expensive, despite it being the low bid. Mr. Gable agreed, but cited continual rising costs in general, and the fact that it is a large building designed to meet the wind loads and state requirements.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

REVISIONS TO THE  
CODE OF STUDENT  
CONDUCT 2006-07  
AND TO POLICY 5.21,  
STUDENT  
ATTENDANCE --  
FIRST READING

Mrs. Kathy Black, Executive Director, ESE/Student Support Services, reviewed proposed changes to the Code of Student Conduct.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 2006, to consider revisions to the Code of Student Conduct and to Policy 5.21, Student Attendance.

Board members suggested possible changes to the following areas of the Code of Student Conduct: 1) Student Attendance – make-up work; 2) Alcohol and Drugs – mandatory expulsion; and 3) Cell Phones.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

SCHEDULE POLICY  
WORKSHOPS

A Policy Workshop was scheduled for August 3, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

An uncle of a Buchholz graduate commended the Board, administration and teachers for the great educational opportunities in this district.

A citizen who commented on the student cell phone policy was invited by Mr. Eubank to attend the June 20, 2006, Public Hearing.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

There were no Board member or Superintendent requests.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.