

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 1, 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. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2006, as presented.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Chairman Eubank requested the addition of Item G.2., Early Head Start Grant.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the August 1, 2006, meeting agenda, as amended.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Childs commended Public Information Officer Jackie Johnson and her staff on the recent Parent Guide publication and the successful Back-to-School Fair. She also commented on an exciting Middle School Retreat.

CITIZEN INPUT A citizen provided a reading list of sources, which he stated would provide information for a structured and corrected black history curriculum.

CONSENT AGENDA Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-8.

Mr. Eubank responded to a question from Mrs. Roy on Item 8, Amendment to Renewal of Property & Casualty Program with the Florida School Boards' Insurance Trust, stating that this bill was a previously discussed Citizens Insurance cost.

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

ADOPTION OF POLICY
8.34, SCHOOL WELLNESS Under the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Section 204 Law 108-265, each local education agency participating in the National School Lunch Program must establish a Board-approved local school wellness policy. To meet this requirement, the Superintendent

FIRST READING

established a districtwide Wellness Advisory Committee to develop proposed guidelines on wellness, physical activity, and nutrition.

Deputy Superintendent Sandy Hollinger conducted a PowerPoint presentation that provided highlights of the proposed Wellness policy. A replacement page three with two minor corrections was provided to Board members.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule a Public Hearing for August 15, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., to consider proposed Policy 8.34, School Wellness.

Mrs. Pinkoson expressed concern about ala carte purchases. She suggested the possibility of establishing an online program through which parents could prepay and select/view what their children purchase.

Mrs. Roy noted that, in keeping with guidelines from the American Beverage Association, the year will begin with no sodas in vending machines.

Mr. Eubank stated that instead of prohibiting diet soda, it is the underlying objectionable ingredient that should be targeted. He also felt that banning caffeinated beverages may have the unintended consequence of eliminating items containing only a marginal amount of caffeine. He believes a better idea would be to specify a limit.

In response to a question from Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Hollinger stated that an approach of education and positive encouragement toward healthy eating will be used with students, rather than monitoring their food or beverage consumption.

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

EARLY HEAD START

Mrs. Hollinger reported that the Atlanta Regional Office informed the district that the Early Head Start Grant was not fundable because the district is unable to serve the same number of students as in the past, due to program mandates and budget constraints. The grant will be picked up by CDI, a private agency that will continue to offer services to three-year-olds and will utilize the Early Head Start buildings at Wiles Elementary.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to relinquish the Early Head Start Grant and allow CDI to operate the program for three-year-olds in the Early Head Start buildings at Wiles Elementary.

Mrs. Roy stated that the federal government is not providing sufficient

funds to support these programs, thus resulting in privatization, which is a trend that is detrimental to public education.

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

PUBLIC HEARING –

The regular Board meeting was recessed and a Public Hearing convened.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, conducted a brief presentation to explain, review and discuss rolled-back millage rates and budget items.

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, ACEA President, questioned areas of the budget, including raise percentages, and asked for explanation.

Karen McCann, BHS Guidance Counselor, ACEA Representative and FEA Board member, stated that, according to comparisons with other counties, the percent of raise increase this year should be more than is being offered, and employees are expecting more.

a. Adoption of the Tentative Millage for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution 06-01, Tentative Millage for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year, as presented.

b. Adoption of the Tentative Budget for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution 06-02, Tentative Budget for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year, as presented.

At a question from Mrs. Childs, it was clarified that the relocatable classroom cost is for moving and renovations. With the number of relocatables reduced, the cost will be less next year.

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular Board meeting was reconvened.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS

At Superintendent Boyd's request, an administrative salary workshop was scheduled for 9 a.m. on August 29, in Conference Room E.

ADJOURNMENT

At a motion from Mrs. Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.