

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2007

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: Virginia S. Childs, Chairman; Janie S. Williams, Vice-Chairman; F. Wesley Eubank, Tina Pinkoson, and Eileen F. Roy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and James F. Lang, Attorney for the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Childs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of December 5, 2006, as presented.

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

ADOPTION Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson
OF AGENDA

Moved to adopt the January 16, 2007, meeting agenda.

The following changes were made:

- Item D.1., Recognition of Retirees was deleted.
- Consent Agenda Item G.16., Agreement with Alachua County Commission on behalf of Healthy Kids, was removed and will be considered at a later date.
- Consent Agenda Item G.10., Contract with DES of Florida – employee’s position title (Interim Supervisor in ESE Services) was added.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RECOGNITION
COMMISSIONER’S
“SHOOT FOR THE
STARS” READING
CHALLENGE

Middle schools were recognized for meeting the Commissioner of Education’s *Shoot for the Stars* reading challenge. They were: Lincoln, Mebane, Fort Clarke, Westwood, High Springs Community, Kanapaha, and Oak View, as well as Charter Schools: Alachua Learning Center, Micanopy, and Hoggetowne.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Childs:

- announced the names of young men who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. A congratulatory letter has been sent to them from the Board and Superintendent.
- reported that 31 Alachua County teachers received National Board Certification this year, a record number for the District. The teachers will be honored at a February reception.

- Announced an upcoming Career Academy Forum for eighth-graders.
- Rotary Clubs of Alachua County continued a tradition of donating dictionaries to every third-grade student in the District.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen presented photos of area youth violence and addressed the Board regarding a connection to Black History education. Mrs. Childs commented that several programs are in process to deal with related issues.

A teacher encouraged the Board to reconsider the student cell phone policy. The Chairman referred the matter to the Executive Director of ESE/Student Support Services.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda as described in Items 1-20, with the exception of Item 16, which was deleted. Items 9 and 20 were pulled for separate discussion.

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

Mrs. Roy commended Buchholz High School Academy of Entrepreneurship teachers Diane Lauramore and Donna Martin on being asked to mentor other schools in replicating the Entrepreneurship program, for which they will be awarded \$50,000 in DOE grant money. She also commended Director of Technical Education Dave Edwards.

Mrs. Roy asked for a schedule of School Concurrency meetings.

PROCLAMATION –

Mrs. Childs read the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK JANUARY 21-27, 2007

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the Proclamation designating the week of January 21 – 27, 2007, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.

Assistant Superintendent Joan Longstreth was asked to inform the Board whether the District will have an attendee at the North Central Florida regional Planning Council’s upcoming awareness level training class and whether information will be shared with principals.

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

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT/ TRIM CALENDAR

Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the Truth in Millage compliance procedure.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the 2007-2008 Tentative TRIM Calendar, establishing July 24, 2007, 3 p.m., as a Special Board meeting for approval of the tentative budget for advertising; July 31,

2007, 6:30 p.m., for the public hearing and adoption of the Tentative Budget and Millage; and September 4, 2007, 6:30 p.m., for the public hearing and adoption of the Final Budget and Millage.

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to amend the motion to include changing the August 7, 2007, regular business meeting to July 31, 2007, the same date as the Special Board meeting.

The question was called on the motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

2006 – 2007 AMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE
SALARY SCHEDULE

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the 2006-2007 amended Administrative Salary Schedule as presented.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO
PROCEED WITH THE
PROCESS FOR A
POSSIBLE REFUNDING
OF SERIES 2001 AND 2004
CERTIFICATES OF
PARTICIPATION

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to adopt the Superintendent’s recommendation to proceed with the Process for a possible Refunding of Series 2001 and 2004 Certificates of Participation.

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

BOND COUNSEL
SERVICE AGREEMENT
FOR POSSIBLE
CERTIFICATES OF
PARTICIPATION
REFUNDING

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the Bond Counsel Service Agreement for the possible Certificates of Participation Refunding with Livermore, Freeman, and McWilliams, P.A.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendment No. 3 – General Fund and Budget Amendment No. 4 – Special Revenues include changes for the period of October 1, 2006, through November 30, 2006, and Budget Amendment No. 5 – Capital Projects include changes for the period of September 6, 2006, through November 30, 2006.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve Budget Amendment Nos. 3, 4, and 5 as presented

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

BID AWARD FOR
PROJECT SBAC S0507—
SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL
FIRE ALARM
REPLACEMENT

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$515,000 and award a contract for construction to J. A. Standridge Construction, Inc., Newberry, Florida. This project shall be Substantially Complete on or before August 13, 2007, as indicated in the “Notice to Proceed.”

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH
ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

The Interlocal Agreement is a part of a City Commission, County Commission, and School Board partnership to support the Academy of Business Ownership at Lofton High School. The School Board’s responsibility is to provide and support the Academy of Business Ownership. The County Commission is responsible for support and implementation of a mentoring program for these students to begin in the 2007-2008 school year.

Deputy Superintendent Sandra Hollinger reviewed the background of the agreement. She reported that City Commissioner Rodney Long recently informed District staff that he intends to begin an Entrepreneurship Charter School within the next two years.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented.

In reply to a question, Mrs. Hollinger stated that the District is not building infrastructure for a future Charter School, but rather will continue to support the Magnet program at Lofton. Concerns were expressed about whether Commissioner Long is aware of the full extent of Charter School requirements.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RESOLUTION NO. 06-09—
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN SECTION 212.12, F.S.,
CLASSROOM
TECHNOLOGY
PURCHASES AND
TRAINING

Sales and use tax filers are entitled to a collection allowance of 2.5 percent of the first \$1,200 amount of tax due (a maximum of \$30) as compensation. The 2006 amendment to Section 212.12, F.S., provides that sales and use tax dealers entitled to a collection allowance may elect to forego the collection allowance and direct the said amount be transferred into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF). A resolution must be passed in order to participate.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve Resolution No. 06-09, Intent to Participate in Section 212.12, F.S., Classroom Technology Purchases and Training, as presented.

Mr. Eubank suggested the possibility of sending a letter to businesses to inform them of this opportunity to contribute to classroom technology. Mrs. Roy supported the idea.

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

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy:

- suggested that a reply be sent to a recent *Letter to the Editor* in the Gainesville Sun, to counter its misinformation on charter schools.
- questioned what might be done to counter any community impression that there is inadequate teaching on Black History and, specifically, Martin Luther King.

Mrs. Williams concurred with Mrs. Roy that there is extensive Black History and Martin Luther King teaching being taught, and it actually begins in kindergarten. Mrs. Childs believes a positive and continuing message about such teaching is the best response. Mrs. Pinkoson concurred.

Mrs. Pinkoson:

- questioned when Policy Workshops will continue. Staff Attorney Tom Wittmer stated that future Policy Workshop dates will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- suggested that, as discussed previously, the District investigate the use of bio-diesel fuel and contact the County for information on their distributor.

Mrs. Childs:

- stated that the plan for a paperless agenda will continue and that she and Mr. Eubank will work with Mrs. Ramos on establishing it.
- questioned when information would be forthcoming on a new microphone system. It was reported that information will be presented at the next meeting.

Mrs. Childs stressed the importance of Board members beginning to consider the initiatives they want to see in the 2007-08 budget.

Reminder: An employee hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.

Superintendent Boyd expressed pleasure at taking part in the Rotary third-grade dictionary giveaway at Lake Forest Elementary School. He expressed appreciation to Rotarians for this communitywide project.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.