

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 20, 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, led by students from the Sidney Lanier Community Music Program, Dr. Donald DeVito, Instructor.

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

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of February 6, 2007, as presented.

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

ADOPTION
OF AGENDA

Item H.10, Student Cases, was deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the February 20, 2007, meeting agenda as amended.

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

RECOGNITION

SIDNEY LANIER
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
MUSIC PROGRAM

Students from the Sidney Lanier School Community Music Program were recognized for earning a State Music Award. The program was explained by Instructor Dr. Donald DeVito, and the students performed.

NATIONAL BOARD
CERTIFIED TEACHERS

Thirty-one teachers were recognized for becoming National Board-Certified. This brings the total number in Alachua County to 121.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Childs:

- announced that the recommendation for changes in Magnet School transportation will only address elementary schools at this time, not middle or high.
- highly commended students and staff on the success of the recent Science Fair and thanked sponsors.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen expressed concerns over after-school issues with Magnet School transportation.

A citizen invited the Board and public to a workshop on Florida's Required Instruction Law: F.S. 1003.42, stating that the law has been implemented in only five of the sixty-seven counties.

Mr. Eubank noted that the state has confirmed that the District is in compliance with the Required Instruction statute, but he requested that legal staff provide final verification.

PRESENTATION TO WALDO COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On behalf of the Shands at UF Auxiliary, President Nancy Douglas presented Waldo Community School with a check, as well as books and school supplies. Sandra Arnold, Shands Director of Volunteer Services, added a check for \$1000. The Board expressed appreciation for their generous contributions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in Items 1-12, with the deletion of Item 10, Student Cases.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-01 - EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO GRANT CHARTER SCHOOLS

This Resolution is for the 2007-08 school year.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 07-01 to Retain Exclusive Authority to approve Charter Schools within Alachua County.

At a question from Mr. Eubank, Staff Attorney Tom Wittmer stated that the state has not yet responded to the previously submitted resolution.

Mr. Wittmer addressed Mrs. Roy's question about certain Charter School provisions, stating that statute wording has not been legally interpreted.

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

At Mrs. Childs request, Dr. Mark Minnow, Boy Scout Troop Leader, explained that Troop 164 is at the meeting as part of earning Merit Badges in Communication and Citizenship.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendment No. 6 – General Fund; Budget Amendment No. 7 – Special Revenue Funds; and Budget Amendment No. 8 – Capital Projects Funds, include changes for the period of December 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Budget Amendment Nos. 6, 7 and 8 as presented.

Mrs. Pinkoson commended staff on the easy-to-understand budget amendment format. Mrs. Roy concurred.

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

FINANCIAL,
OPERATIONAL, AND
FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT
OF THE ALACHUA
COUNTY DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD, FOR
FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2006

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation that Report No. 2007-098, a Financial, Operational, and Federal Single Audit of Alachua County District School Board, for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006, be filed as part of the public records of the School Board.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

INTERNAL ACCOUNT
AUDITOR'S REPORT—
FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2006

Motion by Mr. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation that the Independent Auditor's Report prepared by Davis Monk & Co. for the School Board of Alachua County Internal Accounts, for the year ended June 30, 2006, be filed as part of the public records of the School Board.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ALACHUA COUNTY
VALUE ADJUSTMENT
BOARD, 2007

As provided in Chapter 194, Florida Statutes, two School Board members and one alternate are to be elected to serve on the Value Adjustment Board. At the November 21, 2006, Organizational School Board meeting, Wes Eubank and Tina Pinkoson agreed to serve on the Alachua County Value Adjustment Board, with Eileen Roy as alternate.

Motion by Mrs. Williams

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to elect Wes Eubank and Tina Pinkoson to serve on the Alachua County Value Adjustment Board, with Eileen Roy to serve as alternate.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

DISCUSSION –

STUDENT
ATTENDANCE

Dr. Charles Hall, Title I Director, explained state compulsory attendance laws and the methods being undertaken to address their violation. Board discussion was held and Dr. Hall responded to questions. Mrs. Childs suggested that tracked data be reported to the Board a year from now.

MAGNET PROGRAM
TRANSPORTATION

Deputy Superintendent Hollinger updated the Board on Magnet Program transportation issues. She reported that the intent is to address only the elementary level at this time. Middle and high school changes pose additional issues that must be further explored. It is proposed that pick-up and drop-off sites be at specific elementary schools.

Discussion was held and Mrs. Hollinger responded to Board questions.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizens commented on (1) liability issues for unsupervised children and potential added cost to parents for child care, (2) participation difficulties for middle-schoolers of two working parents, due to no after-school care and no one to pick them up at end of day.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs reminded the Board of upcoming meetings.

ACEA President Gunnar Paulson approached the Board to report on the outcome of the union vote on the proposed Special Teachers Are Rewarded (STAR) Plan. Mrs. Childs then provided a brief background on the state mandate for a teacher performance pay plan.

Mr. Paulson announced a vote of: No: 552 Yes: 516
A Board meeting to discuss the STAR Plan will be held on Wednesday, February 21. A second ACEA vote will be held on February 27.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.