

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 1, 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. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of April 17, 2007, as presented.

Mr. Eubank pointed out that a meeting date that was stated was changed later in the meeting. A correction to a name was also made.

The question was called on the minutes as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION  
OF AGENDA

Item. D.3, March of Dimes Walk America was deleted. Item G.3., Bids, was pulled for separate discussion by Mrs. Roy.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the April 17, 2007, meeting agenda as amended.

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

RECOGNITION

- 2007 School-Related Employees of the Year were recognized.
- Juliun Kinsey, Loftan Marketing student, was recognized for his outstanding entrepreneurial accomplishments.
- Westwood Middle School was recognized by Scholastic for its READ 180 Program.
- Superintendent Boyd was presented with the Superintendent's award for Volunteer/Community Involvement from the Florida Association of Partners in Education.
- Pam Fitzgerald, Volunteer Office, was recognized for having recently received a Work of Heart Award from the Volunteer Center. Kellie Kostamo, Business Partnership Specialist, was recognized for her recent selection as a winner of the Florida Mentoring Partnership Award of Excellence in the School District Category.
- Mary Chance, Executive Director, Alachua County Public Schools Foundation, awarded Staff Development Scholarships.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Roy reminded everyone about the World's Greatest Baby Shower, which will be held May 12 at Lincoln Middle School, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville.

Mrs. Williams welcomed registrations in Head Start and Voluntary Pre-K. She also commented on how interesting it was to see her previous students, thirteen years later, at a reunion of their Kindergarten class. She highly recommended such an event.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen reiterated from a previous meeting that a statute on citizen input is unenforceable, since it is written so no one can be found in violation. He also feels there is no District support for a Teachers Summer Institute.

Mr. Eubank clarified that a comment he made at the previous meeting referred to a letter from Florida A & M that had a positive response concerning the District's Black History program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank                      Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in Items 1-9, with separate discussion on Item 3, Bids.

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

At Mrs. Roy's request, Mr. Wayne Hackett, Purchasing Director, explained that a superior product offering and greater revenue for the District were the reasons for Coke being selected over Pepsi to be awarded the Districtwide Exclusive Beverage Contract.

CHANGE ORDER  
NUMBER THREE FOR  
PROJECT SBAC B0432 –  
HIDDEN OAK  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NEW CLASSROOM  
BUILDING

This Change Order adds \$44,053 to the contract, revising the contract to \$1,881,357.43 and represents costs for a new paved parking lot. Due to this addition in work scope, at the end of the project, the new Substantial Completion date will be July 30, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Eubank                      Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize execution of this Change Order as presented.

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

STUDENT CASE  
NO. 0607-05-RHC

The student was recommended for reassignment to the Horizon Center. The parent asked for a hearing, which was held on March 6, 2007. The parent has filed exceptions to the Recommended Order of the Hearing Officer.

Mr. Jim Lang, Board Attorney, explained the procedure for dealing with a student case. Mr. Tom Wittmer, Staff Attorney, enumerated the five documents submitted by the parent, along with the exceptions, and which



CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy requested consideration of purchasing future buses that can operate on biodiesel fuel. Mrs. Pinkoson requested that this be brought before the Board if a significant cost increase is involved.

Mrs. Childs noted that the time of the May 8 Informal Board meeting has been changed to 8:30 a.m., with a Teacher Recruitment/Hiring Workshop to follow at 9:30. She also reminded Board members that their Superintendent Evaluation forms must be submitted by June 1.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.