

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 15, 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 Middle School Baseball Champions.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of May 1, 2007, as presented.

The question was called on the minutes as presented.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION
OF AGENDA

Item. D.3., March of Dimes Walk America, was moved to Item D.1.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the May 15, 2007, meeting agenda as amended.

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

Mr. Eubank requested that Item G.6., Agreement with Nova Southeastern University, be discussed separately.

RECOGNITION

The Board recognized:

- March of Times Top Schools
- Middle School Baseball Champions
- Jessie Heard, Jim Niblack, and Charles "Rabbit" Smith for Distinguished Service in standout athletic careers that included tenures as the head football coaches at Buchholz, Gainesville and Eastside High Schools. They were commended for their leadership through the difficult time of integration, and for exerting their powerful and positive influence on thousands of young people.
- Winners of Alachua County Public Schools Foundation Scholarships.
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and ESE Paraprofessional of the Year.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regarding the Williams Elementary School Media Center, Mrs. Roy stated that she recently learned that there may be an opportunity for modernization and expansion for this coming year, even before the scheduled major renovation, which has been moved forward by two years.

CITIZEN INPUT

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, ACEA President, reported that Board Member Eileen Roy was recently presented the Eleanor Roosevelt Award by the Democratic Executive Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in Items 1-13.

Mr. Eubank requested a clarification on Item G.6., Nova University.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendment No. 12 – General Fund, Budget Amendment No. 13 – Special Revenues, and Budget Amendment No. 14 – Capital Projects, include changes for the period of March 1, 2007, through March 31, 2007, and Budget Amendment No. 15 – Debt Services, includes changes for the period of September 6, 2006, through March 31, 2007.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve Budget Amendment Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15 as presented.

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

CONTRACT
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the contract recommendations for 2007-2008 as presented in Attachment E.

Several Board members favored multiyear contracts for principals.

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

FT. CLARKE MIDDLE
SCHOOL WAIVER
REQUEST

Ft. Clarke Middle School is requesting a waiver to Article IX, Section 12 (c), Contact Time, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to allow for an extended Academic Advisory class once a week. The waiver has been approved by the faculty, the School Advisory Council and ACEA.

It was noted that the ACEA approval is only for one semester.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Ft. Clarke Middle School's waiver request, amended to one semester.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

AGREEMENT WITH ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE, INC., AND MARTIN LUTHER KING ACADEMY

One Room School House, Inc., and Martin Luther King Academy Charter School operators have proposed a merger under the name of One room School House, Inc., effective June 30, 2007. The governing body of One Room School House will be expanded to accommodate three MLK Board members.

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the agreement to merge One Room School House, Inc., and Martin Luther King Academy, as presented.

Mr. Neil Drake, previous principal for One Room and now consultant to both schools, explained that the student enrollment has become very similar, and they also share a campus and some personnel. Merging will prevent the cost of duplicating services.

Mr. Eubank wants it to be clear to the DOE that the Board did not close a charter school.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided a Legislative Funding Analysis and responded to Board Member questions.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Superintendent Boyd thanked Dr. Gunnar Paulson for putting forth the idea of honoring Coaches Heard, Niblack, and Smith, which took place earlier in the meeting. Everyone felt it was a very uplifting experience.

Mrs. Roy requested that GED students and Adult Ed Students be offered an opportunity to participate in a graduation ceremony. Deputy Superintendent Sandy Hollinger stated that a graduation for Adult Education students has been scheduled and Mrs. Williams is going to be asked to be the speaker.

Mrs. Childs reminded Board members to submit their input regarding informal Board meetings to Dr. Boyd. She also reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.