

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 18, 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: Janie Williams, Chairman; Tina Pinkoson, Vice-Chairman; Ginger Childs, F. Wesley Eubank, and Eileen F. Roy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent, and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

The meeting was preceded by Glen Springs Elementary School students singing holiday carols. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams, followed by the students leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of November 20, 2007, and the Reorganization meeting of November 20, 2007, as presented.

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

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

Moved to adopt the December 18, 2007, meeting agenda as presented.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Eubank informed the Chairman that he will have a question on Consent Agenda Item G.8., Contract Renewal With Gainesville Regional Utilities, and G.9., Proposal to Rewire Lake Forest and Metcalfe Elementary Schools.

Regarding rezoning information that was sent home to parents, Mrs. Roy stated that as far as she understands, the Board made no mention of the possibility of rezoning Haile Plantation to Eastside High School, and in no way would she approve such a proposal.

Mrs. Childs clarified that the Board has not agreed to any proposal but is only informing the community about District concerns that may lead to zoning changes.

RECOGNITION –
DISTINGUISHED
EDUCATOR AWARD

Mrs. Kathy Shewey, Staff Development Supervisor, was recognized for being awarded the prestigious Distinguished Educator Award by the National Middle School Association.

UNITED WAY
CHALLENGE AWARD

Awards were presented to schools and departments that excelled in this year's United Way campaign.

CITIZEN INPUT

ACEA president Gunnar Paulson explained what he sees as disastrous results for Florida education if the current Property Tax Amendment is passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda as described in items 1-11, with Items G.8. and G.9. being pulled for questions.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Eubank's questions were answered concerning an opt-out clause in the GRU contract, as well as the scope of the rewiring projects at Lake Forest and Metcalfe Elementary Schools.

PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO
POLICIES 1430.01 AND
4430.01, FAMILY
MEDICAL LEAVE OF
ABSENCE –
SECOND READING

These two policies were adopted by the School Board on July 17, 2007. They pertain to Family and Medical Leave for employees, as provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.* ("FMLA") This revision corrects some incorrect language presented to the Board in July.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the proposed amendments to Policies 1430.01 and 4430.01, Family and Medical leaves of Absence, as presented.

Staff Attorney Tom Wittmer responded to questions.

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.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Ft. Clarke Middle School's waiver request as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT/
TRIM CALENDAR

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2008-2009 Tentative TRIM Calendar, establishing July 22, 2008, 3 p.m., as a Special Board meeting for approval of the tentative budget for advertising; July 29, 2008, 6:30 p.m. for the public hearing and adoption of the Tentative Budget and Millage; and September 16, 2008, 6:30 p.m., for the public hearing and adoption of the Final Budget and Millage.

It was agreed that the dates of the meetings will be scheduled at the informal Board meeting on January 8. A schedule to allow for summer vacations will be considered at that time.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

GUARANTEED
MAXIMUM PRICE FOR
PROJECT SBAC B0230—
ALACHUA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEW CLASSROOM
BUILDING

Subcontractor bid prices have been received and a proposal has been prepared for the School Board by the Construction Manager, M.M. Parrish Construction Company, Gainesville, Florida, for the construction of this facility.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$2,676,500 for construction of this project and enter into a Construction Management Contract with M. M. Parrish Construction Company, Gainesville, Florida, with completion to be within two hundred thirty (230) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

Mr. Eubank pointed out total insurance credit savings of \$19,000 for the three projects on this meeting's agenda.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

GUARANTEED
MAXIMUM PRICE FOR
PROJECT SBAC A06030—
GAINESVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
ADDITION AND
RENOVATIONS

Subcontractor bid prices have been received and a proposal has been prepared for the School Board by the Construction Manager, The Alexander Group, LLC, Newberry, Florida, for the construction of this facility.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,835,670 for construction of this project and enter into a Construction Management Contract with The Alexander Group, LLC, Newberry, Florida, with completion to be within two hundred twenty seven (227) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

Dr. Paulson questioned the procedure for purchasing furnishings.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BID AWARD FOR
PROJECT SBAC A0601—
LINCOLN MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENT
SERVICES ADDITIONAL
AND RENOVATIONS

Bids for the construction of this project were received on November 27, 2007.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$1,367,970 and additive alternates one and two in the amount of \$38,790 and award a contract for construction totaling \$1,406,760 to Little & Williams, Inc., Lake City, Florida. Completion of this project shall be within three hundred fifty (350) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CHANGE ORDER
NUMBER FIVE FOR
PROJECT SBAC
A0506—SANTA FE
HIGH SCHOOL
PARKING AND BUS
DRIVE

This Change Order adds \$24,904.78 to the contract, revising the contract to \$1,031,189.75 and represents costs to add two 4' conduits with pull string, per Clay Electric, and additional sod. This Change Order adds eight (8) consecutive calendar days to the contract time.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Change Order Number Five as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RESOLUTION NO. 07-11
BORROWER
RESOLUTION FOR
PURCHASING CARD
SERVICE AGREEMENT

On October 16, 2007, the School Board approved a four-year contract with Regions Bank for procurement card services. The bank has requested that the School Board also approve a Borrower Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Card Service Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Resolution No. 07-11 authorizing the use of the Purchasing Card Service Agreement.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Pinkoson requested exploring the possibility of airing the Career Academy Video on a local public access channel.

Mr. Eubank requested that a Board position on the proposed Constitutional Amendment on the Property Tax be prepared for a vote at the January 15 meeting. Mrs. Pinkoson suggested it be a strong statement, possibly issued jointly with the ACEA. Mrs. Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer, informed the Board of related projects that are underway to inform employees and the public of the implications of passage of the Amendment.

Mr. Eubank requested the most recent information on enrollment by school, as well as projected enrollments, for use in zoning deliberations.

Brief discussion was held on an educational charette that reportedly is being set up by the 4 A's group. No School Board input has been sought.

Mrs. Roy was pleased to see that Mr. Eubank's legal concern was resolved and a Property Tax Amendment response is being developed for the Board, as she had requested in a previous meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.