

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES OF INFORMAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
December 12, 2006

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in informal session duly called at 9 a.m. in the Kirby-Smith 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 Roy, members; and W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Childs. Chairman Childs thanked Superintendent Boyd for his presentation at the Legislative Delegation hearing. Board members also commended Chairman Childs on her representation of the Board at the hearing.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the minutes of the following workshops/meetings:

May 16, 2006, School Concurrency

May 18, 2006, Joint Meeting w/Elected Officials

August 1, 2006, School Concurrency

August 8, 2006, Joint Meeting w/City of Newberry

August 30, 2006, Joint Meeting w/City of High Springs

September 19, 2006, Insurance Workshop

October 3, 2006, Administrative Salary Workshop

October 10, 2006, Chimera Tech. Arts Charter School Workshop

October 31, 2006, Five-Year Facilities Plan Workshop

November 6, 2006, Micanopy Chartered High School Workshop

November 6, 2006, Sweetwater Branch Charter School Workshop

November 7, 2006, Board Priorities Workshop

November 14, 2006, Informal School Board Meeting

November 21, 2006, Joint Meeting w/Alachua County BOCC

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

GENERAL  
DISCUSSION/

Chairman Childs shared information from the Florida School Boards Association dealing with the Master Board Program and Certified Board Member Regional Forums.

Board members expressed concern with the monthly reports being presented at Board meetings by Duval Elementary School parents and staff requesting a School Resource Officer.

Superintendent Boyd indicated he would contact Principal Lea McNealy and inform her that she has sufficient units in her budget to allocate for a School Resource Officer if they feel it is a priority.

BOARD  
REQUESTS

Mr. Eubank requested the following:

- Upgrade of the microphone system and camera equipment in the Boardroom in order to provide citizens with better quality in terms of broadcast
- Chairman Childs consider forming a committee to discuss the possibility of developing an electronic agenda procedure.
- Develop a policy dealing with cost saving measures/suggestion plan and have in place by July 1<sup>st</sup> an incentive for employees to come up with cost saving ideas.

Chairman Childs indicated that she would want Rose Ramos and Barb Hatfield to be members of the electronic agenda committee.

Mrs. Roy made the following requests:

- Referred to an article in *The Gainesville Sun* related to the use of teen inhalant abuse. Suggested advising counselors of this issue.
- FDOT Safe Routes to School—funding available to ensure that bike/walk routes to school are safe. Suggested coming up with projects and working with the FDOT to take advantage of these funds.
- Referred to a *New York Times* article dealing with ways to make the school year longer and what schools are doing for remediation of deficiencies, and suggested putting some of those ideas into practice.

Superintendent Boyd informed the Board that he has mailed a copy of Mrs. Roy's article to the Legislative Delegation. He also provided a copy of the article to staff for their review and requested they begin working with the Title 1 program to work on some of the suggestions listed in the article, i.e., longer day/longer year. Will also work with ACEA if changes need to be implemented.

Board members suggested the district look for ways to redistribute money to provide for a longer school year.

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, president, ACEA, announced that a STAR workshop