

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP  
Review Draft Policies Sections  
2000 - Students  
May 1, 2007

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in workshop session duly called at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room "E", 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., Ed.D., superintendent; Jim Lang, Board Attorney; and staff members (Sandy Hollinger, Sandi Anusavice, and Tom Wittmer).

The purpose of the workshop was for the Board to review and make comments concerning the draft policy Section 2000 – Program.

Ms. Childs called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Boyd, Superintendent. Dr. Boyd explained that today's workshop is a continuation of the process of developing policies and would concentrate on Section 2000. Dr. Boyd turned the meeting over to Mr. Wittmer. Mr. Wittmer explained that Dr. Anusavice was the team leader for this section and would be able to help answer any questions the Board had on these policies.

Ms. Childs suggested they go page-by-page and, if anyone had changes, they mention them as they go through each policy.

The policies were discussed and minor changes were suggested. The Board requested that the following policies be deleted: Policy 2131, Policy 2370, and Policy 2421.01.

The Board discussed Policy 2240 – Controversial Issues. Ms. Roy expressed concern with the wording in the third paragraph concerning presenting all sides without bias or prejudice. Ms. Roy suggested that the language be rewritten. Ms. Childs asked Ms. Roy to draft language for this paragraph and to bring it back to the next Policy Workshop for further discussion.

Mr. Wittmer stated that another workshop is scheduled for May 22 and it will be the last policy development workshop. No chapter is assigned and all substantive changes will be brought back at that time. The First Reading on the Policies will be held June 5, the public hearing June 20, and second reading July 17.

Dr. Boyd thanked the curriculum division and legal staff for their efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.