

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP
Review Draft Policies Various Sections
May 22, 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 (Tom Wittmer, Keith Birkett, and Kathy Black, Joan Longstreth, Wil Calsam).

The purpose of the workshop was for the Board to review and make comments concerning the draft policies from various sections.

Ms. Childs called the meeting to order. Mr. Wittmer stated that the compiled policies were some that staff believed the Board needed to review again and some the Board had previously requested substantive changes to.

Ms. Childs suggested they go page-by-page and, if anyone had changes, they mention them as they go through each policy. After the review of the compiled policies if any one had any other policies they would like to review again they could bring those forward at that time.

The Following policies were reviewed and/or discussed:

Policy 1002 – The Board requested that the first sentence of the first paragraph be left in the policy and the remaining paragraphs be deleted.

Policy 2210 - Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 2240 – This policy was discussed by the Board. Ms. Roy brought revised language for the third paragraph as a suggestion. The new language, along with other suggestions was discussed. No consensus was made on changes to the policy language.

Policy 2421 – No changes were suggested.

Policy 2460V2 – Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 5517.01 – Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 7540 – No changes were suggested.

Policy 7540.01 – This policy was discussed and minor changes were suggested.

Policy 7540.02 – This Policy was discussed and the Board suggested that the policy be revised to include allowing a teacher to have a website under our server and follow our guidelines.

Policy 7540.03 - This Policy was discussed and minor changes were suggested.

Policy 7540.04 – Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 7540.05 – Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 7540.06 – Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 8311 – Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 8312 – Change in title was suggested.

Policy 8540 – No changes were suggested.

Policy 8475 – Mr. Wittmer stated that this policy will need to be revised because of a new law that has passed. The policy revision will be brought forward later.

Mr. Wittmer passed out additional policies that Board Members had requested to be brought forward at this workshop. The following policies were discussed:

Mr. Wittmer stated that the first policy in this packet was the 0140 Bylaw Policies: Policy 0147, page 5 of 9, Mr. Eubank requested the paragraph to be revised to be consistent with the law.

Policy 0142.4, page 2 of 9, This Policy was discussed. Ms. Roy stated she strongly objected to this policy and the removal of a school board member for not complying with Board procedures.

It was suggested by Ms. Childs the first paragraph be restated to allow a Board Member or the Superintendent to report non compliance to the Board Attorney. No further changes were suggested.

Policy 0149.3, page 9 of 9, Ms. Roy strongly objects to this policy. Mr. Eubank requested that language be added to the policy that states that this policy in no way takes away the rights of a Board Member that any other citizen has.

Policy 2510 – Mr. Wittmer stated that the policy was brought back again for review because in an early review of this policy there was an issue over schools not wanting to use the adopted textbooks. Minor changes were suggested.

Policy 5120, page 5 of 8, it was requested by Ms. Childs and Mr. Eubank that language be added to the policy that stated zoning officials shall consult school principals involved when granting zoning exceptions.

Policy of 7310 – No changes were suggested.

Policy 7510 – Minor changes were suggested.

Mr. Wittmer stated that the schedule for adoption was the first reading on June 5th and hearing on the 19th of June and adoption on July 17.

Dr. Boyd thanked the staff for the hard work that was done on the policies and the Board for all their work on them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.