

The School Board of Alachua County
Board Workshop
April 10, 2007

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in workshop session duly called at 9:30 a.m. in 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., Ed.D., Superintendent

The purpose of the workshop was for the Board to review and make comments concerning the proposed 2007-08 Code of Student Conduct.

Chairman Ginger Childs called the workshop to order at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Boyd introduced Mr. Jerry Douglas, Supervisor of Student Discipline. Mr. Douglas made a presentation regarding changes to the proposed 2007-08 Code of Student Conduct.

School Board members expressed the following concerns regarding cell phone usage:

- ❖ Text messaging used for cheating and inappropriate picture taking-- need stronger consequences.
- ❖ Identifying proper use for emergencies.
- ❖ Use in instructional day needs to be defined at each school.
- ❖ Transportation--use of cell phones on buses. Are employees responsible for damaged or confiscated phones?
- ❖ What age for cell phone usage, elementary?

Mr. Douglas explained that the policy regarding cell phone use has remained unchanged. The consequences for misuse are left up to the individual school. His office has not received any principal concerns.

Ginger Childs noted that Cyberbullying needs to be addressed in the Code of Student Conduct.

Mr. Douglas stated that the changes to be made to our Code of Conduct would include Cyberbullying. The Code contains no substantive changes. Any changes will be editorial and make the Code easier to understand by students.

Dr. Boyd thanked Mr. Douglas for attending the meeting and keeping them informed on the changes to the Code of Student Conduct.

The workshop was adjourned at 10 a.m.