

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF POLICY WORKSHOP  
Review Policies Various Sections  
July 28, 2009

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in workshop session duly called at 1:30 p.m. in the Kirby-Smith Administration Board Room, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Tina Pinkoson, Chairman, Wesley Eubank; Vice-chairman, Virginia S. Childs, Barbara Sharpe, and Eileen F. Roy, members; Sandy Hollinger, Deputy superintendent; Susan Seigle, Board Attorney; Tom Wittmer, Staff Attorney; and other staff members.

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

Mrs. Pinkoson called the workshop to order. Mr. Wittmer stated that the policies were being brought forward for the Board to review as a result of changes or new language being suggested by the Board's consultant, NEOLA, and as a result of the staff review.

The Board reviewed and discussed the policies and minor changes were noted. The following policies were reviewed and/or discussed:

- Bylaw Polices were reviewed and several changes were noted. Mrs. Sharpe and Mr. Eubank noted on Bylaw 0123 and Bylaw 0124 that the duplicate language should only appear in one of the bylaws. Mr. Wittmer stated he would review and remove the language from the appropriate Bylaw. Bylaw 0171 was discussed and the Board requested that language be added to state that a Board Member could request changes to policies and procedures if needed.
- Policy Sections 1000, 3000, and 4000 were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Eubank noted that language needed to be added to Policies 1231.01, 3231.01, and 4231.01 to address when an employee starts working on material prior to their employment and then completes it after their employment. Policy 3130 revisions were discussed. The language on page 2, line 13-13 was rejected and on lines 14-20, new language was suggested to add to address domestic partner relationships. Mrs. Childs noted that in Policy 4210, page 2 of 3, line "N", the line should end after "conduct" and delete the rest of the language in "N". Mrs. Sharpe asked that the Leave Policies have a specific limitation on the length of long term leaves.
- Policy Section 2000 was reviewed and discussed. The Board rejected the deletion in Policy 2421, page 2 of 3, line 30-32 and the language will be left in the Policy.
- Policy Section 5000 was reviewed and discussed. Policy 5610.06 was discussed and Mrs. Pinkoson and Mrs. Childs stated they would like to see the number of days on line 27 of page 1 changed to five days.
- Policy Sections 6000 and 7000 were reviewed and minor changes were noted.
- Policy Section 8000 was reviewed. Mrs. Childs noted in Policy 8310 that she would like the heading "Charges" on page 2, line 4, 15, and 33 be changed to "fees".

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- Policy Section 9000 was reviewed. Policy 9700 was discussed and noted that on page 2, line 14-15, the language needs to be clarified that the intent is the District's "truck-mail" system. Policy 9701 was also discussed and the language on page 2 of 3, line 22-23 will be revised. In Policy 9800, page 7 of 10, lines 1-6, the number of days needs to also be expressed as the hourly equivalent.

Mrs. Pinkoson and Mrs. Sharpe commended staff for the wonderful work they have done and continue to do.

Mr. Eubank asked for the status on the procedures that are mentioned in many of the policies. Mr. Wittmer responded that staff continues to work on them. Mr. Eubank also requested that Policy 8311 and 8312 be reviewed to allow the District to place cameras or video cameras in places when a criminal act is thought to be occurring.

The workshop was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.