

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2009

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in regular session duly called at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Tina Pinkoson, Chairman; Wes Eubank, Vice-Chairman; Ginger Childs, Eileen F. Roy, and Barbara Sharpe, members; and W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent. Board Attorney Jim Lang was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pinkoson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the following minutes, as presented.

May 5, 2009, School Board Meeting
May 12, 2009, Informal School Board Meeting

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA The Chairman announced deletion of Item E.2., Recognition of Newberry High School PRIDE (Panthers Researching and Improving Different Environments). It will be placed on a later agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to adopt the May 19, 2009, meeting agenda as amended.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Childs:

- Recognized the students of the Institute of Culinary Arts and Instructor Billie DeNunzio, on their continuing accomplishments, most recently in a San Diego national competition.

Mrs. Sharpe:

- Recently attended the Citizen of the Year ceremony, a recognition program for elementary students. She commended them on their commitment to school and community.

RECOGNITION

The Board recognized:

- The top schools for the March of Dimes *Chain Reaction*.
- Council for Exceptional Children 2009 Teacher of the Year, Rookie Teacher of the Year, Paraprofessional of the Year and Guidance/Clerical of the Year.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-16.

Captain Tony Jones, Gainesville Police Department, responded to questions and comments from Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Roy, related to Item 14, Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (GREAT). Mrs. Roy commended the collaboration between GPD and the School Board.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RECONSIDERATION OF
WAIVER REQUEST FOR
HIGH SPRINGS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to renew High Springs Community School's waiver to Article IX, Section 12(c) of the collective bargaining agreement, in order to allow for early release on Wednesdays for middle school teachers. The waiver is necessary to allow for effective busing and cohesive scheduling. Middle school teachers will actually exceed the required number of contact minutes per week. The waiver request has been approved by the School Advisory Council, a majority of the faculty, and the Executive Board of the ACEA.

Noting concern about setting a precedent for reconsideration of Board decisions, Mrs. Pinkoson stated that the only reason she placed this on the agenda for the second time is that a member felt the Board did not have appropriate information on which to base their previous decision.

Mrs. Childs stated that she has not seen any additional information since the last Board meeting and maintains her belief that the waiver is not in the best interests of the children. Mrs. Sharpe also feels this waiver is not a benefit to students and will not change her vote.

Mr. Eubank explained that he has decided to vote in favor because, even with the waiver, there is more student contact time than at other middle schools. Mrs. Roy believes the contact time to be at or above that of other schools and also feels that the people closest to the situation have the best interests of the students in mind. She continues her support for the waiver request.

Mr. Eubank noted his concern that Horizon has early release on Wednesday for middle and high school.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 3-2
Yes: Eubank
Pinkoson
Roy
No: Childs
Sharpe

BID AWARD FOR
PROJECT SBAC R0803 –
WILLIAMS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ROOF AND FASCIA
REPAIR

Bids for the construction of this project were received on April 28, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$195,000 and additive alternate two in the amount of \$7,000 and award a contract for construction totaling \$202,000, to Advanced Roofing, Inc., St. Augustine, Florida. Completion of this project shall be within seventy-five (75) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the “Notice to Proceed.”

In response to a question from Mrs. Roy, Mr. Ed Gable, Executive Director, Facilities, explained that two local companies submitted incomplete bids, by not including a bid on Alternate No. 2 [Ten-Year Warranty for Cap Sheet Overlay].

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

AGREEMENT FOR
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES, RFQ #90-16,
SCHOOL BOARD
ATTORNEY SERVICES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to accept the Agreement for Professional Services with the Dell Graham P.A. law firm of Gainesville, Florida, (Susan M. Seigle), which provides for School Board Attorney services, and has a term from June 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010, and which may be extended by mutual agreement. The agreement states the terms and conditions for School Board Attorney services.

In response to a request from Mr. Eubank, there was consensus that the motion include reimbursement for Mrs. Seigle for any time spent on behalf of the School Board, between May 19 and June 1, 2009, when her contract begins.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mrs. Seigle was welcomed by the Chairman.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs inquired about the time remaining for completion of the Kirby-Smith parking lot.

Mrs. Sharpe requested that Dr. Boyd follow up on whether there would be a cost-savings benefit to the District through the Florida Education Purchasing Consortium.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.