

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 1, 2000

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in regular session duly called at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Judy Brashear, Vice Chairman; Bev Carroll, and Chester Leathers, members; Lawrence L. Marazza, superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board. Chairman Sharpe was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Brashear, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mrs. Brashear noted that Chairman Sharpe was in Washington, D.C., representing the Board at the Federal Relations Network meeting.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Leathers

Seconded by Mr. Cake

Moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2000, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cake

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of February 1, 2000, as presented.

Add the following Action items: 2.b.(3), Student Case No. 00-05-X; 2.d., 1999 K-3 Class Size Reduction Report; and 2.e., Resolution recognizing February 4, 2000, as School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

BOARD MEMBER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board extended condolences to the family and friends of former educator Tom Maples.

Board members noted meetings and activities attended.

Vice-chairman Brashear announced that the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the School Board, is offering business and community leaders an opportunity to learn about the FCAT through an overview and awareness session, February 9, 2000, 8-11:30 a.m., at the A. Quinn Jones Center.

ACPS FOUNDATION
"TAKE STOCK IN
CHILDREN" PROGRAM/
FLORIDA POWER
CORPORATION

Mrs. Mary Chance, director, Alachua County Public Schools Foundation, recognized "Take Stock In Children," corporate sponsor David Branson of Florida Power. NationsBank was also recognized as a sponsor for its ongoing contributions.

Mr. Branson presented a check in the amount of \$2800 for the program and issued a challenge to area businesses to become involved as a corporate sponsor or mentor in the "Take Stock In Children" Program.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen urged the Board to respond and take action on the recent parental complaint related to commercial and junk food advertisements in the schools.

A consultant with Save our Schools and member of a strategic planning action team expressed disappointment in the strategic planning process and the five-year implementation cycle.

The president of the Alachua County Education Association discussed charter schools, textbooks, salaries and reduction in class sizes.

RESOLUTION
REQUESTING RELEASE
OF THE REMAINDER OF
CLASSROOMS FIRST
CONSTRUCTION
FUNDING

Dr. Mary Chambers, assistant superintendent, Business Services, reported that this resolution is for lottery money the state bonded a couple of years ago and this is the remainder of the 19 million dollars allocated to Alachua County.

Motion by Mr. Cake

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to authorize approval of the Resolution in the amount of \$3,420,307.00 to finance capital outlay projects.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

STUDENT CASE
NO. 99-64-X

Mr. Tom Wittmer, staff attorney, reported that the student is charged with fighting with another student and battery on school personnel while on campus. A hearing was held on January 6, 2000.

Motion by Dr. Leathers

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the hearing agent's recommendation to expel the student through the 2000 extended school year; reassign to the alternative center beginning August 2000.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

STUDENT CASE
NO. 00-01-NP

Mr. Wittmer reported that the student was reassigned to the alternative program as a result of a Level IV violation of the Code. The parent objected to the alternative placement. A hearing was held on January 6,

2000.

Motion by Dr. Leathers

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the hearing agent's recommendation to reassign the student to the alternative center.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

STUDENT CASE
NO. 00-05-X

Mr. Wittmer reported that the student was charged with violence against school personnel and possession of an electronic telephone pager while on campus.

Motion by Dr. Leathers

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to extend the student's suspension through February 15, 2000.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE
1999-2000 SPECIAL
PROGRAMS AND
PROCEDURES FOR
EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS DOCUMENT
(SP&P) AND REVISIONS
TO THE GIFTED
SCREENING,
PREREFERRAL, AND
REFERRAL
PROCEDURES

A public hearing was held January 18, 2000, to consider amendment to the 1999-2000 Special Programs and Procedures

Motion by Mr. Cake

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to approve the amendment to the 1999-2000 Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students Document and revisions to the Gifted Screening, Prereferral, and Referral Procedures.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CLASS SIZE
REDUCTION

Mr. Ed Gable, director, Facilities, reported that the district has applied for 1.89 million dollars in state money to construct new classrooms for High Springs and Newberry Elementary schools.

Motion by Dr. Leathers

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to approve the 1999 K-3 Class Size Reduction Project Proposals and related documents as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

RESOLUTION
CROSSING GUARDS

Motion by Mr. Cake

Seconded by Dr. Leathers

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to approve a resolution recognizing February 4, 2000, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day and encouraging students and teachers to support their crossing guards.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Carroll Seconded by Mr. Cake

Moved to approve the consent agenda as described in items 1-17. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

BOARD MEMBERS/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mr. Cake requested Chairman Sharpe schedule a workshop to discuss the possible change of focus at Lofton High School prior to this coming up as an action item.

Vice-chairman Brashear requested Chairman Sharpe come up with conversation or recommendation for the Board to begin working on Superintendent Marazza's contract—extension, discussion, or evaluation.

She also reminded the Board that a workshop is scheduled Thursday, February 3, 9 a.m., to discuss school uniforms.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.