

RECOGNITION(S)/
PRESENTATION(S)/
REPORT(S)

Character Education Student Artwork

Students N’Kwanda Brown, Duval Elementary School, and Lydia J. Koropecykj-Cox, Littlewood Elementary School, were recognized for their outstanding character education student artwork depicting this month’s character trait of “compassion.”

Perfect SAT Student Learning Gains

Buchholz High School students Sandi Niemi and Jeff Boe were recognized for earning a top score of 1600 on the SAT test, scoring 800 on the math and 800 on the verbal portions of the test. The students are also two of five Buchholz Merit Scholar Semifinalists for 2003.

USA Today Third Team Teacher of the Year

Alachua County’s 2002 Teacher of the Year, Steven Noll, was recognized for being selected as one of the 2002 *USA Today* Teachers of the Year. Only 40 teachers are named nationwide and are honored as representatives of outstanding teaching in our nation’s schools.

2002 National Social Studies Teacher of the Year for Middle School

Kanapaha Middle School teacher Rachael Sharpe was honored for earning the distinction of being named the National Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS).

Budgeting/Financial Update

Mr. Keith Birkett, deputy superintendent, Planning, Budget, and Systems Accountability, presented details of the three budget amendments on the agenda, which addressed budget changes in the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Special Revenue fund from October 1-31, 2002. Mr. Birkett also reviewed the estimated impact of the October FTE Count and reported that the estimated impact on funding was a reduction of \$371,620. He also discussed the district’s participation in the Alachua County Interlocal Land Use Planning Agreement, and reviewed the details of the Certificates of Participation (COPs) Lease Financing program.

Mr. Terry Tougaw, executive director, Maintenance/Facilities, and Mr. Ed Gable, director, Facilities, reviewed the list of COPs Projects and Options available to the Board for consideration. Staff suggested the Board schedule a Facilities Workshop on January 28, 2003, to discuss the constitutional amendment on class size reduction.

Mrs. Sharpe thanked former Representative Perry McGriff and Mrs. McGriff for their generous donation to Gainesville High School in the amount of a \$250,000 endowment to be used for athletics at Gainesville High School.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following suggestions/recommendations were presented to the Board for consideration:

- Urged the Board to recommend to principals not to give assignments to students during the holidays.
- Presented a statistical summary of the monthly Deans' Misconduct Report for the past seven years and a list of offenses for the years 1995-2001; suggested figures for the year 2002 be added, and the Board was urged to address this issue.
- Provided the Board with information on black history and the infusion of African-American history in all schools.

CONTRACT FOR
HOGGETTOWNE
MIDDLE SCHOOL, INC.,
CHARTER SCHOOL—
SECOND READING

A public hearing was held November 19, 2002, to consider the contract for Hoggetowne Middle School, Inc., Charter School, which would serve students in grades 6 through 8, targeting students currently in elementary charter schools moving into the middle grades.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the Contract for Hoggetowne Middle School, Inc., Charter School.

Mrs. Childs suggested that the Hoggetowne Middle School administration ensure that their personnel are certified ESOL instructors.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

NEW JOB
DESCRIPTION—
TECHNICAL SUPPORT
COORDINATOR—
SECOND READING

Dr. Leila Pratt, director, Human Resources, reported that a public hearing was held November 19, 2002, to consider the new job description for a Technical Support Coordinator.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the job description as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROPOSED 2003-2004
AND 2004-2005 SCHOOL
CALENDARS—FIRST
READING

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration's recommendation to schedule a public hearing 7:30 p.m. January 14, 2003, to consider the proposed 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 School Calendars.

Superintendent Chambers explained that staff annually reviews the current calendar and calendar proposals are sent to School Advisory Councils, PTAs, principals, and ACEA for input. She noted that she is recommending the traditional calendar for next year, and that she is not recommending school begin earlier due to the short time period. A two-year calendar is being presented in order to assist parents in planning vacations, etc. Following the public hearing, the Board is to consider the public input and staff reevaluates and presents a recommendation to the Board at the second reading.

Mrs. Gallant, citizen, referred to the 2004-05 calendar, which proposes that teachers report for preplanning August 9. She pointed out that many teachers work at summer camps and may have difficulty reporting back to work at that time. She urged the Board to work with ACEA to address this issue.

Mr. Jim Owens, ACEA, stated that a major concern is that teacher workdays follow report cards going home. A survey is being sent to union personnel requesting feedback and ACEA will provide the Board with additional input at the January 14 public hearing.

Mrs. Turner stated that since everyone is on a nine-week grading system it should be easier to schedule teacher planning days at more appropriate times so teachers can utilize them better. She pointed out that Friday, November 7, is Homecoming and Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day. She suggested looking at Monday, November 10, to see how to best utilize that day since most people will take a five-day weekend.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

EXTENSION DEADLINE
FOR CHARTER
APPLICATION

Mr. Don Lewis, director, Charter Schools, informed the Board that the State Board of Education granted the waiver for three new charter schools. The deadline for reviewing applications is October 1, 2002, and staff is recommending that the Board extend the deadline as of December 10 and grant them the 60 days that is required by state law to allow staff time to review the applications. Applications will be reviewed January 8, 2003, and staff will provide a report and video presentation to the Board prior to voting in concept February 4, 2003.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the administration's recommendation to extend the deadline for charter applications to December 10, 2002.

Mrs. Sharpe expressed concern with the proposed SIA Tech Charter

School and requested Board members receive in writing as much research as possible before time to vote, such as federal and state information; what other types of federal/government operated schools such as SIA exist; which schools are tied into the federal and state government; are there any operating; are they on-site or off-site schools; and is there really a national movement for these schools.

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

AGREEMENT WITH
SATURN FOR VEHICLE
LOAN FOR DRIVER'S
ED

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the agreement with Saturn for the loan of two vehicles for Driver's Ed.

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

STUDENT CASE
NO. 02-25-HC

Mrs. Joyce Daniels, Supervisor, Guidance Support Services, reported that the student was charged with being under the influence of a controlled substance while at school. The guardian objected to the reassignment. A hearing was held on October 15, 2002.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to enter a final order adopting the Hearing Agent's recommended order to confirm the assignment of the student to the alternative center.

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

STUDENT CASE
NO. 02-28-X

Mrs. Daniels reported that the student is charged with possession and sale of a controlled substance while at school.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to extend the student's suspension through January 14, 2003.

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

STUDENT CASE
NO. 02-29-X

Mrs. Daniels reported that the student is charged with possession of a weapon (knife) while on campus.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to extend the student's suspension through January 14, 2003.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 02-31-X

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

Mrs. Daniels reported that the student is charged with battery on a School Resources Officer and causing a campus disruption.

Motion by Mrs. Turner Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to extend the student's suspension through January 14, 2003.

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF
SCHOOL BOARD
ATTORNEY'S FEE

Superintendent Chambers reported that at the November 19, 2002, Board meeting, the Board reappointed Mr. Lang to serve as the School Board attorney for another year but did not establish a fee. Historically, Mr. Lang's salary has increased \$5 to \$10 an hour every second year. Due to a tight budget year, the request is for a \$5 an hour increase effective November 20, 2002.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to establish the School Board attorney's fee at \$155.00 per hour retroactive to November 20, 2002.

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

BUDGET
AMENDMENTS

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve Budget Amendments 5, 6 and 7 as presented.

Mr. Eubank stated that Mr. Birkett answered many questions during the Budgeting/Financial Update report, but he felt that due to a tight budget year, budget amendments should not be placed under the Consent Agenda and suggested that in the future they be placed on the agenda as an action item.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-16, with the removal of item 5 to Action Item 8. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBERS/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs requested that Board members be provided with a list of all of the grants the district currently has in place and include: basic outline; what the grant is; who the major writer was or is, whether it was competitive or whether the district was invited to apply; amount of the grant; and which schools, grades or programs are covered in the grant.

Mr. Eubank stated that due to a tight budget year, the unknown affects of the class size amendment coming up next year, and in order to keep costs down, he requested that the Board be provided with a list of all open non-school related positions indicating how long the position has been open, whether it has ever been filled, and approximately what the salary will be if the district is actively trying to fill it.

Mrs. Turner requested an update on the Horizon Center's mold/mildew problems.

Mrs. Sharpe reiterated her request for information in writing for as much research as possible on the SIA Tech Charter School prior to vote, such as federal and state information; what other types of federal/government operated schools such as SIA exist; which schools are tied into the federal and state government; are there any operating; are they on-site or off-site schools; and is there really a national movement for these schools.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.