

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 21, 2003

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: Jeannine M. Cawthon, chairman; Barbara J. Sharpe, vice-chairman; Virginia S. Childs, F. Wesley Eubank and Tina Turner, members; Mary Chambers, superintendent, and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

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

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2003, as amended.

Mr. Eubank requested changes to his comments as follows: Page 2, regarding E-rate dollars, he suggested recommendations come to the Board so that the Board is included in the decision-making on ways to spend the E-rate dollars, e.g., non-QZAB schools; and Page 6, change Wayne Blanton to Sharon Hartzell.

The question was called on the minutes as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of October 21, 2003, as presented.

Delete items E, Recognition, and Public Hearing on Policy 9.13, Family Involvement. Add as Action item I.4., Student Case No. 03-22-X. On Attachment A, Page 4, change the Administrative Leave without Pay dates of item 3 to read 10/3/03 to 10/6/03 and 10/7/03 to 11/6/03.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Eubank and Mrs. Childs referred to a letter from Santa Fe Community College (SFCC), pointing out that SFCC ranks second out of 28 community colleges in the number of in-district graduates enrolling because they recruit high school graduates to attend. It was also pointed out that it would be ideal if all students were college-ready when they enroll, but SFCC does include basic skills remediation as an integral part of their mission, and welcome the opportunity to bring

these high school students to college-level. Contrary to public opinion, the cost of remediation is minimal. The letter goes on to state that the major shortcoming of high schools is that they do not require all students to complete a college-preparatory curriculum in high school. High school graduation requirements are determined by the state, and parents play a vital role in student course selections, and students make the choice whether they want to be college-ready or not.

Mrs. Childs felt it important to make the following comments:

It has come to my attention that the Board's position on teacher salaries has either been mischaracterized or misunderstood. Although I cannot speak for the Board, I can share my thoughts and ideas as an individual board member. First, let me say that I promised the union nothing during the campaign. On the other hand, I promised our employees and the community that among other things I would work hard to improve the salaries of all of our employees. During the last two years of negotiations I, and I believe the Board, have done just that. Last year we developed a plan in conjunction with the ACEA to give credit for experience on the career service salary schedule. Not having enough money to fully fund it at that time, we enacted as much as we could with available dollars, with the thought that this year we would complete the process. Well, the Board has followed through with that plan and budgeted to complete the career service schedule, taking into account the experience at all levels. In addition, beyond what we had promised, we have authorized a one percent increase for all career service employees. We have proposed this and still the career service folks have seen no increase in their paychecks for this year, and that saddens me. I am asked repeatedly by CSPs why we, the Board, won't give them their money. It seems that question would be better directed to the ACEA leadership, who I am informed has just cancelled career service bargaining scheduled for this coming Thursday. This is frustrating for the employees as well as for the Board, or at least for me. These employees have had no increase, unlike teachers who received a step increase already, and I believe they deserve to have their money as soon as possible.

Negotiations for the instructional unit continue with the ACEA demanding more money than is available. I am committed to making a positive difference in the teacher salary schedule. A schedule that is currently difficult to predict and understand, and one that reflects many inequities. The value of a step varies greatly from as little as a few dollars to more than \$1,000. The beginning teacher salary remains low, while the top of the schedule continues to be inflated by comparison. The Board has set forth a proposal that would raise the beginning teacher salary in order to attract more teachers. That would

compress the schedule from the top, enabling our more experienced teachers to get to the top of the schedule more quickly. To standardize the increments between the steps, and to award a set supplement for advanced degrees beginning the first year the degree is earned. Although it is not possible for us to fully implement this plan all in one year, we can make a giant step this year and negotiate in good faith toward the implementation of the remainder over the next year or two just as we did with the career service schedule. The Board is serious about improving the situation for our teachers, but in a fair and equitable manner, not favoring one segment over another. Since we cannot fix the schedule all at once, it will be necessary for some teachers to wait until next year for their step to be included in the adjustment, remembering that they've already received a step increase in their checks this year. The teachers who received the least amount of money will be the ones adjusted first. I am hopeful that the rest of the teachers can see the merit in fixing the schedule, and can understand that it cannot be all done at one time. Since all teachers who worked in our district last year have already received a step increase, unlike our career service folks, it means that some teachers would have only that step increase for this year's increase, while those at the beginning of the schedule would have that step increase along with any increases we are able to put in place starting at the bottom of the schedule.

I hope this begins to help clear up some of the questions I have received through emails and telephone calls from teachers who don't know what the Board has offered. They think that the Board is not offering any increase and they are not aware of our efforts to standardize and fix the salary schedule. Periodically, a bargaining bulletin is published and posted at each work site. I encourage everyone to read those and ask questions if necessary. Our employees are our best resource and we value their contributions on behalf of the students in this district. I am committed and I am confident that the Board is committed as well to doing the very best we can to improve teacher salaries. I hope that those folks who have been writing and calling me now have a clearer picture of what is happening. Thanks.

Superintendent Chambers thanked staff for assisting the displaced students from Kennedy Homes and ensuring that they were able to attend school.

CITIZEN INPUT

Several citizens addressed the Board with the following information/suggestions/requests:

- A parent provided information to the Board on Prairie View and urged the Board to allow them to remain open.
- A citizen informed the Board that the Florida School Boards

- Association has added the recommendation to repeal the accelerated high school graduation to their legislative platform.
- A citizen expressed concern over remedial education and FCAT failures and urged the Board to address the problem.
- An employee urged the Board to provide teachers and career service employees with a living wage.

SCHEDULED AGENCIES Alachua County Veterans Day Celebration—A representative from the Alachua County Veterans organization announced several activities that are planned to celebrate and honor the nation’s veterans.

ACEA—Dr. Gunnar Paulson, president, ACEA, expressed concerns from teachers and employees related to budgetary issues, salaries, fairness and perceptions. The Board was urged to work with ACEA for the betterment of the district.

PRESENTATION(S)/REPORT(S) Budgeting/Financial Update--Staff provided a budgeting/financial update on FTE week.

Zoning Update--Staff provided an update on the zoning process and announced that a final Public Hearing is scheduled November 13, 6 p.m. in the Gainesville High School auditorium, with the final reading and approval of the proposed school attendance zone line changes to be held on December 2, 2003.

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE LINE CHANGES—FIRST READING Mr. Terry Tougaw, Planning and Budgeting Officer, reviewed the process that has taken place to date and read the following school zone line proposed changes into the record:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE LINES: (Proposed Map E-3B)
Proposed Gainesville Area Elementary Zone Changes:

Area E-1 currently zoned to Chiles Elementary bordered on the North by SW 8th Avenue; on the South by all subdivisions that have an entrance onto SW 8th Avenue; on the West by SW 91st Street; and on the East by SW 75th Street; including, but not necessarily limited to, Cobblefield, Fairfield, Woodlands, Westwood, and SW 14th Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Terwilliger Elementary School.**

Area E-2 currently zoned to Hidden Oak Elementary bordered on the North by Newberry Road; on the South by SW 8th Avenue; on the West by SW 91st Street; and on the East by SW 75th Street; including, but not necessarily limited to, Buckingham, Sunningdale, and Westchester Manor. **Recommendation – change to Terwilliger Elementary.**

Area E-3 currently zoned to Hidden Oak Elementary bordered on the North by SW 8th Avenue; on the South by SW 20th Avenue; on the West by SW 64th Street; and on the East by Interstate 75; including but not necessarily limited to, Sugarlane, Woodland Villas, Linton Oaks Apts., Majestic Oaks, and Sugarfoot Oaks. **Recommendation – change to Chiles Elementary.**

Area E-4 currently zoned to Idylwild Elementary bordered on the North by SW 8th Avenue; on the South by SW 24th Avenue; on the West by SW 75th Street; and on the East by SW 64th Street; including but not necessarily limited to, Peppermill, Pine Glade and Tower Oaks. **Recommendation – change to Chiles Elementary.**

Area E-5 currently zoned to Chiles Elementary bordered on the North by Newberry Road; on the South by SW 8th Avenue; on the West by SW 75th Street; and on the East by Clayton Estates; including but not necessarily limited to, Bentwood Apts., Woodgate Manor Apts., The Sparrow, Reflections, The Gardens, Cedar Ridge Apts., Woodside Villas, Fox Hollow Apts., and Haley Walk. **Recommendation – change to Terwilliger Elementary.**

Area E-6 currently zoned to Wiles Elementary bordered on the North by Lake Kanapaha; on the South by SW Archer Road; on the West by SW 63rd Boulevard; and on the East by SW 50th Street; including, but not necessarily limited to, Madison Cove Apts. and Westgate Manor MHP. **Recommendation – change to Idylwild Elementary.**

Area E-7 currently zoned to Williams Elementary known as Alamar Gardens, located at 4400 SW 20th Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Terwilliger Elementary.**

Area E-8 currently zoned to Williams Elementary bordered on the North by SW 15th Place; on the South by Archer Road; on the West by SW 43rd Street; and on the East by SW 34th Street; including but not necessarily limited to, Woodcrest Apts., Ventura Apts., Pine Rush Apts., Maracaibo Apts., The Lyons Apts., Windmeadows Apts., Marchwood Apts., Mill Run Apts., Sundowne Apts., The Woods Apts., Southfork Oaks Apts., Southwest Villas and Picadilly. **Recommendation – change to Littlewood Elementary.**

Area E-9 currently zoned to J.J. Finley Elementary bordered on the West by Clear Lake Drive; on the East by SW 34th Street; on the North by West University Avenue; and on the South by SW 6th Place; including but not necessarily limited to, Camelot Apts., Hawaiian Village Apts., and Anglewood. **Recommendation – change to Littlewood Elementary.**

Area E-10 currently zoned to Terwilliger Elementary bordered on the West by NW 50th Boulevard; on the East by NW 44th Street; on the North by Newberry Road; and on the South by NW 1st Avenue; including, but not necessarily limited to, Beville Heights and Mill Pond. **Recommendation – change to Littlewood Elementary.**

Area E-11 currently zoned to Terwilliger Elementary bordered on the West by NW 75th Street; on the East by NW 43rd Street; on the North by NW 30th Place; and on the South by NW 8th Avenue; including, but not necessarily limited to, West Hills, Landmark Woods, Suburban Heights, Kingswood, Park Avenue, Pine Woods, Barrington Place, University Acres, Quail Ridge, Oakwood, Misty Hollow, Hickory Woods, Black Oaks, and Richmond. **Recommendation – change to Littlewood Elementary.**

Area E-12 currently zoned to Talbot Elementary bordered on the West by NW 75th Street; on the East by NW 51st Street; on the North by NW 39th Avenue; and on the South by NW 30th Place; including, but not necessarily limited to, Heatherwood, Timberlane, Savannah Place, Timberway, and Buckridge. **Recommendation – change to Glen Springs Elementary.**

Area E-13 currently zone to Glen Springs bordered on the West by NW 51st Street; on the East by NW 43rd Street; on the North by NW 39th Avenue; and on the South by NW 29th Avenue, including, but not necessarily limited to, Hyde Park, Benwood Estates and Kimberly Woods. **Recommendation – change to Glen Springs Elementary. (No Change)**

Area E-14 currently zoned to Norton Elementary bordered on the West by Interstate 75; on the East by NW 59th Terrace; on the North by NW 47th Court; and on the South by NW 39th Avenue; including, but not necessarily limited to, Robin Lane, Emerald Woods, The Sanctuary and Summer Creek. **Recommendation – change to Talbot Elementary.**

Area E-15 currently zoned to Terwilliger Elementary bordered on

the West by Interstate 75; on the East by NW 75th Street; on the North by NW 39th Avenue; and on the South by NW 14th Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Northridge, Summit Oaks, Villages of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Oaks, Shenandoah, and Santa Fe Trace Apts. **Recommendation – change to Hidden Oak Elementary.**

Area E-16 currently zoned to Talbot Elementary bordered on the West by NW 38th Street; on the East by NW 34th Street; on the North by NW 53rd Avenue; and on the South by NW 46th Place; including but not necessarily limited to, Northwood. **Recommendation – change to Norton Elementary.**

Area E-17 currently zoned to Talbot Elementary bordered on the West by NW 34th Street; on the East by NW 30th Terrace; on the North by NW 68th Avenue; and on the South by NW 53rd Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Northwood Oaks. **Recommendation – change to Norton Elementary.**

Area E-18 currently zoned to Metcalfe Elementary bordered on the West by NW 30th Terrace; on the East by NW 13th Street; on the North by NW 67th Place; and on the South by NW 63rd Place; including but not necessarily limited to, Northwood Pines, Northpointe Villas Apts., and Hampton Court. **Recommendation – change to Norton Elementary.**

Area E-19 currently zoned to Rawlings Elementary bordered on the West by NW 30th Terrace; on the East by NW 13th Street; on the North by NW 62nd Avenue; and on the South by NW 34th Street; including but not necessarily limited to, Northwood Pines and Pine Ridge Apts. **Recommendation – change to Norton Elementary.**

Area E-20 currently zoned to Stephen Foster Elementary bordered on the West by NW 29th Street; on the East by NW 28th Terrace; on the North by NW 34th Street; and on the South by NW 49th Place. **Recommendation – change to Norton Elementary.**

Area E-21 currently zoned to Stephen Foster Elementary bordered on the West by NW 33rd Terrace; on the East by NW 34th Street; on the North by NW 53rd Avenue; and on the South by NW 51st Place. **Recommendation – change to Norton Elementary.**

Area E-22 currently zoned to Norton Elementary bordered on the West by NW 43rd Street; on the East by NW 34th Street; on

the North by NW 43rd Court; and on the South by NW 39th Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Sable Chase, Wimberly Estates, Foxfire Woods and Pinewood II Apts.

Recommendation – change to Glen Springs Elementary.

Area E-23 currently zoned to Prairie View Elementary bordered on the West by SW 34th Street; on the East by SW 13th Street; on the North by SW Radio Road; and on the South by Hull Road; including but not necessarily limited to, Maguire Village, Diamond Village, University Village South, and Schultz Apts.

Recommendation – change to Idylwild Elementary

Area E-24 currently zoned to Williams Elementary bordered on the West by SW 34th Street; on the East by Shands Hospital; on the North by Hull Road; and on the South by SW Archer Road; including but not necessarily limited to, Country Village Apts., Regency Oaks Apts., Mount Vernon Apts., Pebble Creek Apts., Hickory Hill MHP.

Recommendation – change to Idylwild Elementary.

Area E-25 currently zoned to Williams Elementary known as Corry Village. **Recommendation – change to J.J. Finley Elementary.**

Area E-26 currently zoned to Duval Elementary bordered on the West by NE 15th Street; on the East by Waldo Road; on the North by NE 53rd Avenue; and on the South by NE 39th Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Ironwood Village Apts. and Lewis Place. **Recommendation – change to Rawlings Elementary,**

Area E-27 currently zoned to Duval Elementary known as Lamplighter MHP. **Recommendation – change to Lake Forest Elementary.**

Area E-28 currently zoned to Metcalfe Elementary bordered on the West by North Main Street; on the East by Waldo Road; on the North by NE 28th Avenue; and on the South by NE 23rd Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Rawlings Elementary.**

Area E-29 currently zoned to Duval Elementary known as Tacachale Housing. **Recommendation – change to Metcalfe Elementary.**

Area E-30 currently zoned to Williams Elementary bordered on

the West by Main Street; on the East by Waldo Road; on the North by NE 8th Avenue; and on the South by East University Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Metcalfe Elementary.**

Area E-31 currently zone to Littlewood Elementary known as Gardenia Gardens Apts.; 1700 block of NE 8th Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Duval Elementary.**

Area E-32 currently zoned to Terwilliger Elementary bordered on the West by NE Waldo Road; on the East by NE 20th Terrace; on the North by NE 8th Avenue; and on the South by East University Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Duval Elementary.**

Area E-33 currently zoned to Metcalfe Elementary bordered on the West by NE 20th Terrace; on the East by NE 26th Terrace; on the North by NE 8th Avenue; and on the South by East University Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Pine Meadows Apts. and Carleton Arms MHP. **Recommendation – change to Duval Elementary.**

Area E-34 currently zoned to Idylwild Elementary known as Lake Terrace Apts. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-35 currently zoned to Littlewood Elementary bordered on the West by SE 15th Street; on the East by SE 20th Street; on the North by SE 8th Avenue; and on the South by SE 15th Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Lincoln Estates. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-36 currently zoned to Glen Springs Elementary known as Kennedy Homes Apts. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-37 currently zoned to Norton Elementary located at 1101 SE 15th Street, known as Carver Gardens Apartments. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-38 currently zoned to Duval Elementary bordered on the West by NW 23rd Boulevard; on the East by NW 13th Street; on the North by NW 30th Avenue; and on the South by NW 23rd Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Tiffany Apts., Cobblestone Apts., Madison Apts., Brookwood Terrace Apts., Covered Bridge Apts., and Gaineswood Apts. **Recommendation – change to Glen Springs Elementary.**

Area E-39 currently zoned to Duval Elementary bordered on the West by NW 19th Circle; on the East by North Main Street; on the North by NW 23rd Avenue; and on the South by NW 16th Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Cumberland Circle, Villa Ravine Apts., Ashley Creek, Georgetown, and Granada Apts. **Recommendation – change to Finley Elementary.**

Area E-40 currently zoned to Duval Elementary bordered on the West by NW 13th Street; on the East by North Main Street; on the North by NW 16th Avenue; and on the South by NW 8th Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Horizon House Apts., and Ingleside Villas. **Recommendation – change to Finley Elementary.**

Area E-41 currently zoned to Hidden Oak Elementary bordered on the West by SW 13th Street; on the East by South Main Street; on the North by University Avenue; and on the South by Depot Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Finley Elementary.**

Area E-42 currently zoned to Williams Elementary bordered on the West by SW 13th Street; on the East by SW Williston Road; on the North by SW & SE 16th Avenue; on the South by Williston Road; including but not necessarily limited to, Arbor Park Apts., Tree House Apts., In the Pines, Oak Forest, Tanglewood, The Bicycle Club Apts., Park Place Apts., Colclough Hills, Kirkwood, and Village Park Apts. **Recommendation – change to Idylwild Elementary.**

Area E-43 currently zoned to Prairie View Elementary bordered on the West by SE 5th Street; on the East by SE 20th Street; on the North by SE 16th Avenue; and on the South by SE 43rd Place. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-44 currently zoned to Prairie View Elementary bordered on the West by SE 20th Street; on the East by SE 43rd Street; on the North by SE 15th Avenue; and on the South by SE 43rd Place; including but not necessarily limited to, Calf Creek Estates, Greentree Village, Live Oak Acres, Live Oak Ridge, Hammock Oaks, Ramblewood and Kincaid Hills. **Recommendation – change to Lake Forest Elementary.**

Area E-45 currently zoned to Metcalfe Elementary bordered on the West by SE 20th Street; on the East by SE 25th Terrace; on the North by East University Avenue; and on the South by SE

Hawthorne Road. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-46 currently zoned to Lake Forest Elementary bordered on the West by SE 22nd Street; on the East by SE 26th Street; on the North by SE Hawthorne Road; and on the South by SE 12th Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-47 currently zoned to Williams Elementary bordered on the West by SW 13th Street; on the East by South Main Street; on the North by SW 9th Road; and on the South by SW 16th Avenue; including but not necessarily limited to, Sun Bay Apts., Royal Village Apts., Tumblin Creek Apts., and Frederick Garden Apts. **Recommendation – change to Idylwild Elementary.**

Area E-48 currently zoned to Hidden Oak Elementary bordered on the West by South Main Street; on the East by SE 11th Road; on the North by SE Depot Avenue; and on the South by SE 16th Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Idylwild Elementary.**

Area E-49 currently zoned to Wiles Elementary located at 1900 SE 4th Street, known as Woodlawn Apartments. **Recommendation – change to Idylwild Elementary.**

Area E-50 currently zoned to Norton Elementary bordered on the West by the removed railroad tracks; on the East by SE Waldo Road; on the North By East University Avenue; and on the South by SE 13th Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Williams Elementary.**

Area E-51 currently zoned to Chiles Elementary bordered on the North by SW 8th Avenue; on the South by SW 14th Avenue on the East by SW 91st Street and on the West by SW 122nd Street; including but not necessarily limited to Royal Oaks, Parkside, Granite Park, and Hayes Glen. **Recommendation - change to Terwilliger Elementary.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE LINES: (Proposed Map—M-1)

Proposed Gainesville Area Middle School Zone Changes:

Area M-1 currently zoned to Howard Bishop Middle School, bordered on the South by NW 39th Avenue; on the North by NW 53rd Avenue; on the West by NW 34th Street; and on the East by NW 13th Street; including but not necessarily limited to, Spring Tree, Cherry Tree, Forest of the Unicorn, The Enclave,

Rainbow's End, Timber Brooke, Quail Creek, Cedar Creek, Floral Creek, and Paradise. **Recommendation – change to Westwood Middle School.**

HIGH SCHOOL ZONE LINES: (Proposed Map H-4)

Proposed Gainesville Area High School Zone Changes:

Area H-1 zoned for Buchholz High School bordered on the north by NW 68th Avenue; on the South by NW 53rd Avenue; on the West by NW 34th Street; and on the East by NW 13th Street; including but not necessarily limited to Northwood Oaks, Northwood Pines, Pine Ridge Apartments, Hampton Court Apartments and Northpointe Villas Apartments.

Recommendation - change to Gainesville High School.

Area H-2 currently zoned for Buchholz High School bordered on the South by NE 8th Avenue; on the North by NE 13th Avenue; on the West by NE 21st Street; and on the East by NE 26th Terrace. **Recommendation - change to Eastside High School.**

Area H-3 currently zoned for Buchholz High School bordered on the North by SE 8th Avenue; on the South by SE 15th Avenue; on the West by SE 15th Street; and on the East by SE 20th Street; including but not necessarily limited to Lincoln Estates, Carver Garden Apartments and Kennedy Homes Apartments.

Recommendation - change to Eastside High School.

Area H-4 currently zoned to Buchholz High School bordered on the South by SE 7th Avenue; on the North by SE 3rd Street; on the West by Waldo Road; and on the East by SE 15th Street.

Recommendation - change to Eastside High School.

Area H-5 currently zoned to Buchholz High School located at 1900 SE 4th Street, Woodlawn Apts. **Recommendation - change to Gainesville High School.**

Area H-6 currently zoned to Gainesville High School, (with an option to attend Buchholz High School) bordered on the South by entrances on NW 53rd Avenue; on the North by NW 53rd Avenue; on the West by NW 67th Street; and on the East by NW 43rd Street; including but not necessarily limited to Thornehill, Millhopper Forest, Kensington Park area, Hunters Glen, Windsor Glen and other areas that have entrances to the areas accessed by NW 53rd Avenue. **Recommendation - change to Gainesville High School.**

Area H-7 currently zoned to Buchholz High School bordered on

the South by NW 39th Avenue; on the North by NW 53rd Avenue; on the West by Interstate 75; and on the East by NW 43rd Street, including but not necessarily limited to Robin Lane, Emerald Woods, The Sanctuary, Hidden Hills, Huntington, Lake Crossing Apts., Rustlewood, Bellamy Forge, Pinewood Apts., Hunters Crossing, and Summer Creek. **Recommendation - change to Gainesville High School.**

Area H-8 currently zoned to Buchholz High School bordered on the South by West University Avenue; on the North by NW 30th Place; on the West by NW 43rd Street; and on the East by NW 34th Street, including but not necessarily limited to Rock Creek, Hidden Creek, Whisperwood, Pebble Creek Village, Westmoreland Estates, Bartram Woods, and Central Park. **Recommendation - change to Gainesville High School.**

Area H-9 currently zoned to Gainesville High School bordered on the South by Windmeadows Boulevard; on the North by West University Avenue; on the West by Interstate 75; and on the East by SW 34th Street, including but not necessarily limited to Picadilly, Alamar Gardens, Maracaibo Apts., Marchwood Apts., The Lyons Apts., Windmeadows Apts., Anglewood, Hawaiian Village, Camelot Apts., and Pine Rush Apts. **Recommendation—Change to Buchholz High School.**

RURAL AREAS: (Proposed Map R-1)

Proposed changes to the Rural Area Schools:

Area R-1 currently zoned to Prairie View Elementary, Lincoln Middle and Eastside High, including, but not necessarily limited to Micanopy and Evinston; Range 20, Township 11, Sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34; Range 20, Levy 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, Levy 05N, Levy 01S, Levy 02S, Levy 03S, Levy 04S, Levy 05S, Levy 06S, Levy 08N, Levy 09N, Levy 10N, Levy 11N, Levy 12N, Levy 09S, Levy 10S, Levy 11S, Levy 12S; Range 21, Township 11, Section 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. **Recommendation - change to Shell Elementary and Hawthorne Jr./Sr. High.**

Area R-2 currently zoned to Duval Elementary, Howard Bishop Middle, and Eastside High including, but not necessarily limited to, Fairbanks and County Road 225 North of NE 53rd Avenue and South of NE 156th Avenue. **Recommendation – change to Waldo Community School.**

Area R-3 currently zoned to Talbot Elementary, Ft. Clarke Middle and Buchholz High School bordered on the West by NW

75th Street; on the East by NE 21st street; on the North by the Alachua/Bradford county line; on the South by NW 110th Avenue including, but not necessarily limited to Lacrosse and Monteocha Area. **Recommendation – change to Irby Elementary, Alachua Elementary, Mebane Middle and Santa Fe High.**

Area R-4 currently zoned to High Springs Elementary, Spring Hill Middle and Santa Fe High bordered by North of the current Newberry Elementary Zone off State Road 45. Properties located in Range 17, Township 9 and Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, Range 17, Township 8, Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35. **Recommendation – change to Newberry Elementary, Oak View Middle and Newberry High.**

Area R-5 currently zoned to High Springs Elementary, Spring Hill Middle and Santa Fe High bordered by Range 17, Township 6, and Section 36; Range 17, Township 7, Sections 1, 12; Range 18, Township 6, Section 31; Range 18, Township 7, Sections 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32. **Recommendation – change to Irby Elementary, Alachua Elementary and Mebane Middle.**

Area R-6 currently zoned Irby Elementary, Alachua Elementary, Mebane Middle and Santa Fe High, bordered by Range 17, Township 8, Sections 25, 35 and 36; Range 17, Township 9, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 13; Range 18, Township 9, Sections 6, 7, 8, 17 and 18. **Recommendation – change to Newberry Elementary, Oak View Middle and Santa Fe High.**

Area R-7 currently zoned to Hawthorne High School. **Recommendation – change the grade levels for Shell Elementary to Kindergarten through 6th grade and Hawthorne High School, 7th grade through 12th grade.**

Area R-8 currently zoned to Hidden Oak Elementary bordered on the West by 143rd Street; on the East by 122nd Street; on the North by West Newberry Road; and on the South by SW 15th Avenue including but not necessarily limited to, Jockey Club and Town of Tioga. **Recommendation – change to Chiles Elementary.**

Mr. Eubank referred to Policy 5.11, Student Attendance Zones/Areas, which states that several factors, in order of priority, will be taken into consideration. When he voted on the policy, he interpreted that to mean that the first priority was to ensure school capacity, then convenience of access to schools, which he interpreted to be a safe walking distance. Once the Board took and zoned those children into

the school, if there were seats available, the Board would then ensure safe and efficient student transportation and travel. The Board would then look at distances traveled, etc. and follow the priorities. It concerns him that there are areas where the children are currently walking to school and the district is proposing to bus them. He believes that this would be in violation of the Board's policy and that deeply concerns him. Another issue of concern involves old vs. new neighborhoods, and he would like consideration to be given, as the Board goes through this process, either through the definition of the zoning areas or change in policy that would basically exempt land that is currently not developed. The definition would be that there are no students in the new neighborhood that need to be zoned to the public school system. The Board would institute a process to zone an area when a developer wanted to actually begin a new development. He used Haile Plantation as an example because it is so large and new neighborhoods are constantly going up. Old vs. -- his definition is that it would be a new neighborhood because it is section that currently does not have any students attending school.

Mr. Eubank also believes that Prairie View is a tremendous asset to the school district, and he understands that there is a serious problem because of the zoning and there would not be enough students to keep it as a traditional school, but he hopes that the district will work with the community, the University College of Education, Santa Fe Community College, and other agencies to make it a unique charter school to help those students.

He pointed out that students who are going into their final year (5th, 8th, and 12th) will be able to be "grandfathered-in" and stay at their school. He suggested that consideration be given, in some cases where schools are not significantly or physically overcrowded, to allow additional students in other grade levels to be "grandfathered-in." He suggested staff look at the possibility of using magnet buses to assist parents who cannot provide transportation to continue at their school.

Mrs. Childs expressed concern with the district saving 40 seats for growth at Chiles Elementary School for students who do not exist at this time vs. students who currently do exist.

Mr. Tougaw pointed out that previous boards have been criticized because they have not looked at community growth and by law, the School Board must be part of the planning process.

Responding to Mrs. Childs, staff confirmed that several bus routes would be eliminated and shortened at all grade levels. She expressed hope that school hours could be readjusted to a later starting time. And

as to the use of Prairie View, Superintendent Chambers stated that staff has been looking at a universal Pre-K and Head Start Program to be housed at Prairie View.

Mrs. Childs noted that as a member of the School Readiness Coalition, she has been very impressed with the program and felt that it would be a great opportunity for additional children to take advantage of the program.

Mr. Eubank stated that with the proposed COPs, Chiles would be the smallest of the newest designed schools that can handle more, and suggested staff approach Haile Plantation to possibly relocate the retention pond in order to add additional classrooms.

Several parents/citizens addressed the Board with rezoning concerns:

- Parents from the Cobblefield neighborhood urged the Board to reconsider rezoning their neighborhood from Chiles Elementary to Terwilliger, since they are 1.3 miles from Chiles.
- Prairie View Elementary parents and employees urged the Board to allow Prairie View to remain open. They pointed out that the area has rich socio/economic diversity, and they are working hard to maintain the quality of life and look forward to ideas from the Board that will keep Prairie View open so that diversity can continue.
- High Springs Elementary School parents urged the Board to reconsider allowing their children to remain in their current zone rather than rezoning them to Alachua and Newberry schools.
- Buchholz High School parents urged the Board to reconsider rezoning their neighborhoods from Buchholz to Gainesville High school.
- Parents voiced their support of magnet programs at Williams Elementary School.
- An attorney, representing the Cobblefield neighborhood, urged the Board to follow Policy 5.11 and adopted criteria.
- An employee of Duval Elementary School urged the Board to consider additional diversity when rezoning.
- A representative of the NAACP urged the Board to provide all students with an equal opportunity and expressed concern with the push for magnet schools. Urged the Board to adopt zoning that

would take advantage of existing vacant seats in eastside elementary schools.

- A Montechoa representative noted that the Board did not receive enough input from the rural communities.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve a public hearing for 6 p.m., November 13, 2003, Gainesville High School, on proposed new School Attendance Zone Line Changes.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO
POLICY 7.31,
PURCHASING AND
BIDDING—FIRST
READING

Mr. Robinson reported that Legislation passed during the last session stipulates that school districts shall revise their purchasing policy to give consideration to prices available to them through the state’s on-line procurement system, which is currently under development. The Department of Education may withhold Public Schools Technology funds allocations totaling approximately \$550,000 if the School Board of Alachua County fails to implement the required policy change and provide a copy of the amended policy to the DOE by December 31, 2003.

The proposed revision to Policy 7.31, Purchasing and Bidding, which adds language to item 13 reads as follows: *“Subject to provisions of law, the Superintendent may authorize purchases based upon bids approved by the state of Florida, including receiving and giving consideration to the prices available to it through the use of the program for on-line procurement of commodities and contractual services as referenced in F.S. 287.057(23)(a), and other government agencies, or educational consortia.”*

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to schedule a public hearing 6:30 p.m., November 4, 2003, to consider proposed amendment to Policy 7.31, Purchasing and Bidding.

Responding to Board member concerns, Mr. Robinson stated that the proposed revision is consistent with the Board’s request that staff address this issue and question whether there should be a policy amendment to create or expand upon a preference for local vendors of goods and services to the district. At the Superintendent’s direction, staff has studied the issue and the district’s current policy in item 5, does contain a local vendor preference in the event of a tie bid. Statutes that govern competitive selection of architects and engineers,

as well as auditors, those also give the latitude and discretion to the Board to consider location in assessing vendor qualifications, and how much weight should be given to location is left to the discretion of the Board and will vary depending upon the nature of the services to be provided.

Mr. Robinson noted that the adoption of a policy, which would prescribe precisely how much preference would be given to local vendors of such services would, in his judgment, detract from the broad discretion provided for by the current statutes. As staff has perceived the Board's desire, it is recommended that it is in the best interest to maintain maximum flexibility and discretion in the procurement process, and the administration does not recommend any addition or change to the existing policies to address local vendor preference.

Mrs. Childs stated that based on previous board discussions, the majority of the Board has requested the inclusion of criteria on the evaluation form when evaluating vendors for particular services that would lend itself to the location of vendor, or ability to respond in an appropriate and timely manner. It would not be part of the policy, but past experience; qualifications of the major principals in the group; the qualifications of the people that the district would work with; and their location based on their ability to get to the job site quickly.

Mrs. Sharpe did not believe that Board members should serve on these types of committees, but if they choose to do so, she suggested they recuse themselves from voting in order to avoid potential problems.

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

OPTION TO PURCHASE
REAL PROPERTY

Mr. Ed Gables, executive director, Facilities, reported that the Board has received an option from the Nubin heirs to purchase a 5-acre parcel of property adjacent to Archer Community School in Archer, Florida, at a price of \$50,100. Funds have been budgeted under Capital Outlay.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to enter into a contract for the purchase of the property adjacent to Archer Community School.

Responding to Mrs. Sharpe's concerns, Mr. Gable reported that two appraisals were done of the property, which established the size of the property, legal descriptions, etc.

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

STUDENT CASE
NO. 03-22-X

Mr. Robinson reported that the student is charged with being under the influence of alcohol and assault on law enforcement officials while on school property.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Eubank

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to extend the student's suspension through November 4, 2003.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved to approve the consent agenda as described in items 1-13, as presented. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd)

A teacher expressed disappointment with low teacher pay.

BOARD MEMBERS/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

There were no Board requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.