

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD  
November 18, 2003

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in reorganization session duly called at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Jeannine M. Cawthon, Barbara J. Sharpe, Virginia S. Childs, F. Wesley Eubank and Tina Turner, board members; Mary Chambers, superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Chambers.

ELECTION OF  
CHAIRMAN

Superintendent Chambers opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the School Board of Alachua County, Florida.

Mr. Eubank nominated Mrs. Sharpe to serve as Chairman of The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, and Ms. Turner seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations and Mrs. Sharpe was unanimously elected as the Chairman of The School Board of Alachua County, Florida.

ELECTION OF VICE-  
CHAIRMAN

Superintendent Chambers opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of The School Board of Alachua County, Florida.

Mrs. Cawthon nominated Ms. Turner to serve as Vice-Chairman of The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, and Mr. Eubank seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations and Ms. Turner was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of The School Board of Alachua County, Florida.

ESTABLISHMENT OF  
BOARD MEETING  
DATES AND TIMES

Superintendent Chambers recommended the Board continue to hold its business meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to continue Board meeting dates and times the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 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: Barbara J. Sharpe, chairman; Tina Turner, vice-chairman; Jeannine M. Cawthon, Virginia S. Childs, and F. Wesley Eubank, members; Mary L. Chambers, superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

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

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2003, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 18, 2003, as presented.

Action Items 3 and 4 were deleted to be brought back December 2, 2003. Add as Action Item 7.e., Schedule an Informal Board meeting December 2, 2003.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Childs stated due to e-mails, letters and questions she has received on the street, she feels it bears repeating. She has repeatedly been asked, "Why don't you build another school where the kids are?" Not even thinking about the dollars it would take to do this, the district cannot get the authority from the state to proceed in this direction until it rezones and utilizes the current space it has in a more effective manner. This is what the district is trying to do in order to get a recommendation from the state to then build the schools to relieve the problems coming down the road as we continue to move west.

Condolences were expressed to the family of Mr. Travis Loftin, and appreciation was expressed for his contributions to the school system.

Mrs. Cawthon was appointed to serve as the Board's representative on

the County Recreation Coordinating Committee (RCC).

The Board agreed for Chairman Sharpe to represent the Board in reading a proclamation with regard to American Education Week during an event at Lincoln Middle School Friday.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Citizens addressed the Board regarding the following:

- Christian Heritage Week Proclamation, as proclaimed by the city, was presented to the Board.
- Include in the rezoning plan keeping Prairie View open for the 2004-05 school year to allow time to consider options for the school.
- For clarification, ACEA noted it is still in the process of negotiating for career service personnel and teachers, both contract language and salaries.
- All children are not created equal. Come up with a zoning plan that will benefit all children by providing an equal opportunity for the best possible education.
- Support salary increases for teachers.

#### PRESENTATION(S)/ REPORT(S)

##### Budget Update

Staff reported that schools would be receiving information showing adjustments and other expense budgets based on the FTE count. They will also receive information with respect to advance placement bonus for teachers and for the school budgets.

##### Zoning Update

A formal public hearing was held November 13, 2003, and the Superintendent will make final recommendations to the Board December 2, 2003.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to reappoint Mr. Jim Lang as the School Board attorney at the same rate of \$155 an hour.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

#### ADOPTION OF THE 2003-2004 PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SALARY (\$31,636), PURSUANT TO SECTION 1001.395, FLORIDA STATUTES

Motion by Ms. Turner

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to adopt the 2003-2004 School Board member salary (\$31,636) recommended by the Florida School Boards Association Compensation Commission as calculated in accordance with the formula for compensation of elected county constitutional officers established in Chapter 145, Florida Statutes.

BID AWARD FOR  
PROJECT SBAC CC730--  
ARCHER COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL, RENOVATE  
EXISTING SPACE FOR  
CLASSROOMS

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Bids for the construction of this project were received July 8, 2003.

Motion by Ms. Turner

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to accept the low base bid of \$557,000 and Additive Alternates No. 1-4 in the amount of \$358,000 and award a contract for construction totaling \$915,000 to R. Hyden Construction, Inc., Gainesville, Florida. This is in accordance with the voluntary settlement by the parties of the bid protest proceeding previously referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings. Completion of this project shall be within one hundred fifty (150) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

Mr. Eubank commended Charles Perry Construction, the apparent low bidder, for agreeing to a method of settling the bid protest and R. Hyden Construction for agreeing to accept the lower price.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CHANGE ORDER NO. 3  
FOR PROJECT SBAC  
CB636 -- GLEN SPRINGS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MULTI-PURPOSE  
FACILITY

This change order adds \$62,332.24 to the contract, revising the contract to \$1,836,818.28, and represents an increase in cost for additional parking spaces. This change order adds no calendar days to the contract time.

Motion by Mrs. Cawthon

Seconded by Ms. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation to authorize execution of the change order as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

SCHEDULE/CANCEL  
BOARD MEETINGS/  
WORKSHOPS

Motion by Mrs. Cawthon

Seconded by Ms. Turner

Moved to schedule an Informal Board meeting, 10 a.m., December 2, 2003; a Team Building/Planning workshop, 9:30 a.m., December 15, 2003; a workshop for Legislative Priorities, 11 a.m., December 15, 2003; and to cancel Board meetings scheduled December 16, 2003, and January 6, 2004, due to winter holidays and April 6, 2004, due to spring holidays.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Ms. Turner

Moved to approve the consent agenda as described in items 1-9 . (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

Mrs. Hollinger explained the Compassing Learning program has differentiated instruction for middle school through high school and students at the Horizon Center come in and out for a semester or a year, and curriculum wise they can be given substantive instruction at their level. Mrs. Childs requested as the hearing officer for students, a list of what courses are available at the Horizon Center.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENTS

Board Members requested the following changes to their list of committee assignments:

Mrs. Cawthon

Add Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee and Health Services Advisory Committee

Mrs. Sharpe

Delete FSBA Executive Committee; Immediate Past President  
Add FSBA Past President Council  
Add FSBA to Board Development Committee  
Add FSBA Long Range Planning Committee

CITIZEN INPUT(cont'd)

Mr. Shawn Patch, CEO, YMCA, stated that YMCA is selling the property adjacent to the schools to expedite the building of a YMCA in Southwest Gainesville. He noted that three years ago when YMCA entered the agreement, it was known there were some difficulties with the site owned by the YMCA and there were many things to be worked out, and that it had to be good for all parties concerned. YMCA is in search of other property and hopes to collaborate together with the School Board from the ground up. YMCA appreciates everything the School Board, schools and SACs have done.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mr. Eubank

Looking at parity across the district, asked that staff go to the schools and find out what various schools have been doing in terms of their ability to raise funds on a per student basis.

If data is easily obtained, he is interested in how many students the district has lost to home schools, private schools and charter schools.

Mrs. Childs

Loften High School – Currently with the zoning situation, how many seats are at Loftan that will count against us before we can get a recommendation to build another school. What are the admission requirements? How does Loftan recruit from middle schools and the other high schools? What can we do to get the right students interested. This can be addressed through a report to her or a workshop for discussion.

An update or any thoughts/ideas about the potential for the fitness equipment that Marion County has taken advantage of the opportunity to place in their high schools at no cost. The district has to collect data for three years on the students that use it. Understands high school principals have endorsed this idea.

Funding equalization plan -- a formula based on the free and reduced lunch population at each school, a matching fund issue where if you had a high population of low socio-economic students, you raised a little money and the district matched you a lot; if you had a high population of high socio-economic students, you raised a lot of money and the district matched you a little. Bring this formula to the December 2, 2003, Informal Board meeting for review by the Board to see if it is something to use as a beginning point or go from there or if the Superintendent has a better idea to create something to prevent penalizing one group of students through the zoning situation.

Is staff actively pursuing land for schools?

A report on how the district fits with the class size reduction numbers.

Ms. Turner

At the team building workshop, would like to talk about Loftan and what our vision is and what we would like to see happen there in the next year.

With regard to funding equalization, feels the Board needs to have some things in place as it moves ahead with whatever zoning plan is adopted.

Superintendent Chambers

Requested the Board review and edit the school concurrency plan from the County Commission to be brought back to the December 2, 2003, Board meeting for a vote for implementation.

She noted the Legislative Delegation will be holding its meeting December 1, at 2 p.m., and a workshop on legislative priorities is

scheduled December 15. She also noted she had requested Joy Frank get a draft set of priorities, and along with FSBA and FADSS priorities and staff priorities, she and the Board will be able to have a discussion with the delegation.

Superintendent Chambers met with Mr. Patch earlier in the day on a potential collaboration joint use project that would encompass the YMCA, some recreational facility as well as a potential school.

Mrs. Cawthon was thanked for her time as Chairman and Mrs. Sharpe and Ms. Turner were congratulated.

Chairman Sharpe

Expressed concern about Prairie View Elementary School. She stated previously that she would like to see this school become a pre-K–12 school. Realistically, the Board does not have the time or resources to do this. She would like research done to see if the district could do the developmental school type. The district could set up a similar curriculum and use the university resources. She spoke with Dr. Jackson Sasser, president, SFCC, earlier in the day about scheduling a meeting to discuss possible partnerships with SFCC and the university. She would like to keep the school the way it is now to allow time to do the research and determine if the suggestion is a viable option and to see if the district can get a partnership with SFCC and the university.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.