

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 2, 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 Cawthon, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2003, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Turner

Seconded by Mrs. Cawthon

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of December 2, 2003, as presented.

Add to Action item 10, Student Case No. 03-28-X, and on Attachment B, Page 3, change the explanation on the last item from Termination to Suspension Without Pay.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Sharpe recognized the Boardroom artwork.

Mr. Eubank publicly stated that the district began the rezoning process back in the spring and it has been a long and difficult process for the community. The district has tried very hard to satisfy parents and students, but unfortunately there will be many people disappointed. The Board will do what is best for all students and reduce overcrowding in some schools and busing. He expressed his appreciation to staff for all their hard work.

Mrs. Childs announced that the Gainesville High School Lady Hurricane Volleyball Team has once again won the state championship.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizens addressed the Board with a presentation/requests:

- The Board was presented a Christmas tree as a token of appreciation.
- A parent urged the Board to allow Prairie View Elementary School to remain open during the 2004-05 school year in order to develop additional partnerships with the University of Florida.
- Several Prairie View Elementary School teachers urged the Board to allow Prairie View Elementary School to remain open.

The regular Board meeting was recessed and a Public Input session convened.

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION
OPPAGA REPORT**

Chairman Sharpe opened the floor for public input on the OPPAGA Report. There was no public input.

The Public Input session was adjourned and the regular board meeting reconvened.

SCHEDULED AGENCIES

ACEA: Dr. Gunnar Paulson, president, ACEA, provided the Board with information related to years of experience for teachers.

**PRESENTATION(S)/
REPORT(S)**

Gainesville On the Go Walking Program: Ms. Marilyn Tubb, Shands Hospital, presented a health proposal, at no cost to the Board. The Board was urged to participate in improving the well being of students and staff, by initiating a walking initiative.

Budgeting/Financial Update: Staff presented information on the budgeting process and class size reduction.

**SCHOOL ZONING PLAN
CHANGES**

Staff read into the record the following School Student Attendance Zone Line changes and the new exception applicable to amended high school zone lines:

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.**

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the Middle School Student Attendance Zone Line changes as presented.

Mrs. Childs stated that she is pleased to see diversity in the middle school map.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Mrs. Cawthon

Mrs. Childs

Mr. Eubank

Mrs. Turner

No: Mrs. Sharpe

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, Levy12S; 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 Montecocha 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.**

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the Rural Area Student Attendance Zone line changes as presented, with the deletion of the recommendations for areas R-4, R-5, and R-6, and with area R-8 to be addressed as part of the elementary recommendation.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Mrs. Cawthon

Mrs. Childs

Mr. Eubank

Mrs. Turner

No: Mrs. Sharpe

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., and 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.

Motion by Mrs. Turner

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the High School Student Attendance Zone Line changes for areas H-1 through H-6 as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1
Yes: Mrs. Cawthon
Mrs. Childs
Mr. Eubank
Mrs. Turner
No: Mrs. Sharpe

Motion by Mrs. Turner

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the High School Student Attendance Zone Line changes for areas H-7, H-8 and H-9 as amended.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1
Yes: Mrs. Cawthon
Mrs. Childs
Mr. Eubank
Mrs. Turner
No: Mrs. Sharpe

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.**~~

The Board took a recess and reconvened their regular business meeting.

Mrs. Martha Dean, zoning specialist, read Option E3B for the record:

Area E-15 currently zoned to Terwilliger Elementary bordered on the West by I-75; on the East by NW 75th Street; on the North by NW 39th Avenue; on the South by Santa Fe Community College; including but not necessarily limited to Northridge, Summit Oaks and Santa Fe Trace Apts. **Recommendation – change to Glen Springs Elementary.**

Area E-15(b) currently zoned to Terwilliger Elementary bordered on the West by I-75; on the East by NW 75th Street; on the North by Santa Fe Community College and on the South by NW 23rd Avenue; including but not necessary limited to Santa Fe Oaks and Villages of Santa Fe. **Recommendation – change to Littlewood Elementary.**

Area E-1 Recommendation – remain at Chiles Elementary.

Area E-11 Option would read as: Currently zoned to Terwilliger Elementary bordered on the West by NW 55 Street, including both sides of the Street; on the East by NW 43rd Street; on the North by NW 23rd Avenue; and on the South by NW 8th Avenue; including but not necessary limited to Suburban Heights, Kingswood, Landmark Woods and Boardwalk. **Recommendation – change to Littlewood Elementary.**

The other areas of E-11 would remain at Terwilliger Elementary.

Area R-8 Recommendation – remain at Hidden Oak Elementary.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the Elementary Student Attendance Zone Line changes for areas E-2 through E-9, E-12, E-14, and E-16 through E-50 as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 3-2

Yes: Mrs. Cawthon

Mr. Eubank

Mrs. Turner

No: Mrs. Childs

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Mrs. Sharpe

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation that Elementary Student Attendance Zone Lines for areas E-10, E-13 and E-51 remain as currently zoned.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Mrs. Cawthon

Mrs. Childs

Mr. Eubank

Mrs. Turner

No: Mrs. Sharpe

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the Elementary School Student Attendance Zone Line changes as amended in Option E3B for areas E-1, E-11, E-15, E-15(b), and allow Area R-8 to remain as currently zoned.

Mrs. Childs stated the following for the record:

Most of the schools are going to fare better as a result of the socio-economic level at the individual schools based on the changes that we've approved tonight and are about to approve, I assume.

There are a few schools that are still going to remain very high in low socio-economic students. We have, I think we were told this morning it's about 52% as the average in the district for elementary students and so those schools who are hitting 30%-40% have nothing to be concerned about, but the schools who are hitting 80%-90% I think we need to make a commitment as a Board that if we are going to allow that level of student population that is at a lower socio-economic base, that we as a Board have got to differentiate the resources. That is part and parcel of this rezoning effort. That if we are going to not bus kids all the way across town to get a balanced socio-economic level in every single school, then those people who have high socio-economic level schools have got to understand that we are going to make up the difference in the lower socio-economic schools through the way we provide staff, or resources or whatever. We are not going to penalize any student, but we are going to make sure that no student gets penalized because we didn't balance every single school on the socio-economic level and that I am committed to making sure that those resources are spent and allocated in an on-need basis rather than just

everybody get the same thing. We are going to have to give it to the schools that need it. Thank you.

Mr. Eubank stated for the record that he agrees with Mrs. Childs 100% and will back it.

Citizens addressed the Board with the following:

- A Duval Elementary School teacher expressed concern with the socio-economic impact of the new zoning plan.
- The Board was urged to allow Prairie View Elementary School to remain open for one more year in order to give the University of Florida and other potential partners time to develop something.

Superintendent Chambers stated that the district is working on several different options for the conversion of Prairie View such as the collaboration with the University of Florida. There are many positives things about Prairie View and the community support. The curriculum division is working on the option of an early childhood developmental center and possibly a school whereby students could choice-in and perhaps the University of Florida would be interested in some of those options in the interim. Have discussed several options with the Board, but she does not currently have a plan, but will do everything possible to keep the school intact.

Mrs. Turner stated the following:

I would like to thank each and every person who shared their input with us over the past nine months--your voices were heard. Unfortunately, in a situation like this people think that they were not heard if we didn't make a change in your favor, but nothing could be further from the truth. Because we listen, because we care your words tug at our heartstrings and we struggle with our decision. We've gone to neighborhoods, driven the routes, clocked the mileage because we care. While we care about every single child, our job is to do what is best for 29,000 children as a whole. Our vision must be a little bit bigger than yours. As a parent, your concern is what's best for your child, for your kids in your neighborhood, or what's best for your students that sit in your classrooms. This decision isn't about a neighborhood, it is about alleviating the overcrowding at some schools and managing our facilities in a responsible manner. It is not about property value, it's not about the number of red lights you have to go through to take your child to school or pick your child up from school. It is about your child. It is simply about your child and his child and her child. The question I've asked myself over the past few days and over the past few months have been, are we addressing our policy and

looking at the number one criteria, which is school capacity and I do believe we have. One of the specific situations we've dealt with that has caused me personally much anxiety, is the problem at Prairie View. Prairie View and the situation there has helped me see a bigger picture also, which is east Gainesville. We must, as a community, work together to economically revitalize this side of town and it is going to take this whole community to do so. As I vote to accept the plan tonight, I want the teachers and the kids at Prairie View to know that I will continue to look into what I can to be done there to best serve those children. I will work closely with Dr. Chambers, whoever, to help this school.

I do have an apology to make and this goes to Bill Cake, Bev Carroll, Chester Leathers, Barbara Sharpe, and Jeannine Cawthon. Because during the campaign last year I criticized this Board for not making a decision about rezoning back then. I had no idea what you had gone through and now have a better understanding of why you did what you did, and I do apologize for the criticism. This is one of the most difficult decisions, one of the most stressful things I've ever been through, but what makes it so much easier is knowing, and this is not just prattle as someone calls it, but what makes it so much easier is knowing that no matter north, south, east or west our children are in good hands with our wonderful, wonderful underpaid teachers in this county. Once this decision is made, though, it will be up to the parents and teachers and to the schools as to how they handle it. Parents, your attitude is key as to what your children's' attitudes are going to be about this change. If they see your anger and they see your frustration it will be mirrored in their response to this change. A positive, encouraging attitude will make this transition easier for your child and for you and for the school that you must go to. We as a school system will immediately begin working on making this transition a positive one for everyone involved. I want to commend my other Board members and the staff here because I do believe that the mission has been to listen, and we valued your input and then make decisions based on that. So whatever decision is made, I will be proud to be a part of this Board.

Mrs. Sharpe stated for the following for the record:

Matters of concern for me, why I cannot support the plans as presented. I want everyone to understand that with me it is not an issue of black and white. Because I will tell you, again, that all black children are not poor, and all white children are not rich. We have rich and poor in every ethnic group. The issue here is equality and fairness for all kids. The issue is that children need diversity. Zoning needs to be fair, needs to be balanced, needs to not polarize students.

Every child should have an equal opportunity regardless to the family in which they are born. These plans, and I don't want to minimize the efforts and the work of anyone of our staff, because I believe you did an excellent job. This is in no way a reflection on my other board members, because we all have our opinions, and I value each and every one of our opinions. Sometimes they are different, and I think that's what is good for boards is that we do have different opinions. But in my opinion, these plans are disruptive, they are unbalanced, they are socio-economically unbalanced and they are unequal. No school should have the unfair load of the highest concentration of low socio-economic students. It is unconscionable for us to have Duval (85%); Foster (78%); Idylwild (70%); Lake Forest (85%); Metcalfe (89%); Prairie View (89%), which now Prairie View will be sitting empty and I will address that, too. Rawlings (91%) and Williams (83%). That is a sad commentary for any school district. We should not even entertain the notion of very high poverty in any of our schools. It is a sad day in Alachua County for this school district to reach the point that we have reached here tonight. These plans are disruptive, they are unequal, they are unfair and they are extremely polarizing.

Now, for Prairie View. Before Mr. Hornbeck ever presented a plan to us about Prairie View, one day at one of our workshops Mr. Eubank and I came up with some different ideas that we thought was best for Prairie View. Mine was to make Prairie View a Pre-K through 12 because I was basing it on the P.K. Yonge model because we know it works. It works for P.K. Yonge, it works for the other developmental schools that we have in the state of Florida, which I think we have three. We have one here, P. K. Yonge, one in Leon County and one I believe in Miami. But I am realistic enough to know that without the proper funding we could not do that, but I was willing to compromise and start it off small with just elementary, so that we could continue the partnerships that we have with the University of Florida to broaden those partnerships and perhaps to include the Santa Fe Community College, to keep that school open. Now we won't have any students zoned there, but to me if the students are not zoned there, your talking about an empty school, so what good is a school without students.

I will keep hoping, I will keep pushing that we do not let that school just sit there. Because it is a good school, we have good students, we have good teachers who are doing the very best they can with the high concentration of poverty that they have. So, I will continue to push for the school that we can have over there, I'm not sure what we can call it. We can call it anything we want to, but if we have the proper curriculum that will take care of itself. So, I will still be speaking out for us to do something for Prairie View. I am so sorry that we could not keep Prairie View open long enough to give these partners a

chance to help us with grants, to help us with the resources of the University of Florida students and perhaps those students of Santa Fe Community College, but I am still hopeful. I just did not want you to leave here tonight knowing why I voted against every plan there was. Because to vote for one plan and not vote for the other would not be fair because it is disruptive any way you look at it.

I don't have a personal horse in this race, but I have up toward 29,000 little ponies and I have to look out for every one of them and I thank you very much.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 3-2

Yes: Mrs. Cawthon

Mrs. Childs

Mr. Eubank

No: Mrs. Sharpe

Mrs. Turner

Mr. Jim Robinson, staff attorney, reported on the last remaining item, which is the recommended new exception applicable to high school zone lines:

The administration recommends the following new exception applicable to high school zone lines:

“Students who will be entering their sophomore or junior year of high school in school year 2004/05, and who are reassigned to a different high school by reason of the attendance zone line amendments adopted by the School Board on December 2, 2003, may apply for an exception allowing them to remain at their current high school. Such exceptions shall be granted subject to the terms and conditions imposed by School Board Policy 5.11, including that the School Board is not responsible for providing transportation to students with zoning exceptions, and that exceptions may be revoked by the principal based upon disciplinary issues, excessive unexcused absences or tardies. Exceptions in favor of incoming sophomores shall be conditioned on available school capacity.

Existing School Board Policy 5.11, paragraph (3)(d) 6 will permit students entering their final grade in 2004/05 who are reassigned by these amendments to apply for an exception allowing them to stay at their current school subject to the same terms and conditions.

Applications for these exceptions shall be filed by such deadline as may be established and announced by the superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Cawthon

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the new exception applicable to high school zone lines as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Mrs. Cawthon

Mrs. Childs

Mr. Eubank

Mrs. Turner

No: Mrs. Sharpe

PROPOSED REVISION
TO POLICY 5.11,
STUDENT
ATTENDANCE
ZONES/AREAS—FIRST
READING

Mr. Robinson reported that the amendment provides that the Board may adopt other exceptions (in addition to the exception in favor of students entering the final grade) in connection with its adoption of attendance zone changes. The amended language is underlined:

6. Certain Students Affected by Attendance Zone Changes. Students entering the final grade who are reassigned to another school zone pursuant to zone line amendment may apply for an exception allowing them to complete the final grade at the current school. In connection with the adoption of attendance zone changes, the Board may provide for additional exceptions on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine to be appropriate under the circumstances.

Motion by Mrs. Turner

Seconded by Mrs. Cawthon

Moved to schedule a public hearing January 20, 2004, 6:30 p.m., to consider the proposed revision to Policy 5.11.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

SCHOOL
CONCURRENCY
IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN

The Board recognized County Commissioner Lee Pinkoson in the audience.

Mr. Robinson referred to the Board of County Commission's memo dated December 1, 2003, related to School Concurrency. He recommended the Board make the following modifications to the Steering Committee Make-up as listed in Item II.(a) as follows: delete paragraph (6), representative of the Alachua County Education Association, and change paragraph (7) to read School Superintendent or designee.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the Board of

County Commissioners terms and conditions for school concurrency as stated in the December 1, 2003, memo with the modifications as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

OFFICE OF PROGRAM
POLICY ANALYSIS
AND GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY
(OPPAGA)—SEAL OF
BEST PRACTICES

Mr. Keith Birkett, deputy superintendent, reported that OPPAGA made an earlier presentation and the Board was provided with a summary of best practices the district did not meet. The Board is being asked to allow staff to incorporate these action plans and best practices into the district's strategic plan and bring back to the Board with an update and a price tag so they can become a budget priority. The Board would determine which best practices to move forward with.

He noted that the OPPAGA report lists many of the things the district is currently doing and there are many recommendations, which staff is proactive in implementing.

Staff is requesting the Board accept the best practices presented by OPPAGA and incorporate them into the strategic planning process and bring back with a complete update to give the Board the opportunity to address them in the strategic plan.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by

Moved the administration's recommendation that the School Board accept the designated best practices standards with action plans to be implemented in accordance with the district Strategic Plan.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Mr. Birkett stated that the district would continue to do best practices.

Mr. Robinson stated that the recommendation is not for the School Board to commit themselves to OPPAGA or to achieve the seal, but rather look at these best practices as aspirational goals for the district to the extent the district determines them to be worthy goals, and that they are incorporated into the district's strategic plan and the district would control that process. Complete those recommendations deemed necessary or appropriate, but prefer to do so as time and money permits and as part of the district's strategic planning process.

Mrs. Childs stated that had the recommendation been that the Board wished to adopt these practices as aspirations to be included in the strategic plan, she would have been supportive, but it clearly states that the Board would accept these best practices and standards with action

plans to be implemented in accordance. She cannot accept or vote on implementation in good conscience until she knows the price tag on the individual things.

Mrs. Turner stated that she did not want to accept something and cause staff to have additional work if the district is not lacking in those areas.

Mrs. Cawthon felt the same way about the money issue. Because if the Board votes to commit to the recommendations and there is no money to support them, where is the money to come from in a budget that does not have any extra. She is concerned with making a commitment that the Board will guarantee to do these things is not good stewardship of the limited resources the district has. Some of the recommendations are very good, but to promise to do them with no financial support from the state, she does not feel comfortable with that at this time.

Superintendent Chambers stated that it is a no vote to pursue the seal at this time. As far as the recommendation goes, she and staff still want to bring to the Board, through the strategic planning process as the Board looks at priorities, the best practices as the district sees fit to implement throughout the school district. Obviously, the Board and staff wish to pursue best practices.

BID AWARD FOR
PROJECT SBAC
CD630—SIDNEY
LANIER CENTER
CLASSROOM
RENOVATIONS
BUILDINGS 2 AND 3

Staff reported that bids for the construction of this project were received on November 20, 2003.

Motion by Mrs. Cawthon Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved to accept the low base bid of \$924,000 and Additive Alternate numbers 3, 5 & 6 in the amount of \$69,800 and award a contract for construction totaling \$993,800 to General Mechanical Corporation, Daytona Beach, with completion of the project to be within 208 consecutive calendar days from the “Notice to Proceed.”

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

NEOLA, INC.
PROPOSAL FOR RE-
CERTIFICATION AND
REVISION OF THE
CURRENT SCHOOL
BOARD POLICY
MAUAL

Staff reported that the proposal submitted by NEOLA, Inc., outlines the services and financial obligations associated with the re-codification and revision of current School Board policies and the development of Administrative Procedure/Guidelines Manual to correspond with district policy.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the NEOLA, Inc. proposal and budget of \$41,910 as submitted.

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

AMENDMENTS TO
SPECIAL PROGRAMS
AND PROCEDURES FOR
EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS DOCUMENT
FOR 2003-2004—FIRST
READING

Staff reported that the Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students is being amended to reflect required changes in state and district procedures and to extend the document for 2003-2004.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation to schedule a public hearing 6:30 p.m. January 20, 2004, to consider amendments to the Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students.

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

PROPOSED NEW
POLICY 9.13, FAMILY
INVOLVEMENT—
SECOND READING

Staff reported that the proposed policy provides parents with specific information about their child's progress, comprehensive information about their choices, and opportunities for involvement in compliance with Chapter 1002 of the Florida Statutes. A public hearing was held November 4, 2003.

Motion by Mrs. Turner Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration's recommendation to adopt Policy 9.13, Family Involvement, as presented.

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

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

Staff reported that the amendment provides for consideration of prices available through the state's on-line procurement system. A public hearing was held November 4, 2003.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the administration's recommendation to adopt Policy 7.31, Purchasing and Bidding, as amended.

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

STUDENT CASE
NO. 03-21-HC

Staff reported that the student was reassigned to the alternative center as a result of a Level IV violation of the Code of Student Conduct. A hearing was held on September 29, 2003, and, at the request of the parents, postponed and later reconvened on October 28, 2003.

Motion by Mrs. Turner Seconded by Mrs. Cawthon

Moved to adopt the hearing agent's recommendation to confirm the student's assignment to the alternative center.

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

STUDENT CASE
NO. 03-28-X

Staff reported that the student is charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of a weapon while on school property.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Turner

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to extend the student's suspension through January 20, 2004.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Turner Seconded by Mrs. Cawthon

Moved to approve the consent agenda as described in items 1-11. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

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

CITIZEN INPUT(cont'd)

Additional citizens addressed the Board as follows:

- An NAACP representative stated that the organization could not support any federal, state or local funding efforts to build a new school.
- A Prairie View Elementary School teacher expressed disappointment with the closing of the school.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

There were no Board requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.