

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 1, 2004

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 Pinkoson, vice-chairman; Jeannine M. Cawthon, and F. Wesley Eubank, members; Sandra H. Hollinger, superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board. Member Virginia S. Childs was absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES                      Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Cawthon

Moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2004, as presented.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA                      Motion by Mr. Eubank                      Seconded by Mrs. Cawthon

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of June 1, 2004, as presented.

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

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS                      There were no Board Member/Superintendent announcements.

RECOGNITION(S)                      **Florida Department of Education/State PTA Parent Involvement Award**--Ft. Clarke Middle School's parent involvement program, SAC Town Meeting, was selected as a regional winner to receive the Florida Department of Education/State PTA Parent Involvement Award.

CITIZEN INPUT                      The Board was addressed on required history instruction and the attendance of representatives at Planning Board meetings as related in the Florida Statutes.

PRESENTATION(S)/  
REPORT(S)                      **Budgeting/Financial Update**--Deputy Superintendent Keith Birkett presented a brief history on bond issue millages and the impact of that on a tax payer. He also presented information on how going forward with a tax referendum can be done without much impact on the tax payer.

Mr. Birkett noted that, typically, on a referendum you vote a dollar limit and sell in increments.

Mr. Tougaw, director, Budgeting, noted that a meeting had been held with developers and the Home Builders Association regarding development on the west side, the need for facility improvement and additional schools. Conversation will continue, and the developers plan to come back with suggestions.

**Oasis Charter School Update**—There was no additional information to share at this time and an update will be provided at the next Board meeting on the financial status of the charter school.

**County Recreation Initiative Update**--Mr. Tougaw informed the Board that the Recreation Coordinating Council plans to present a final report to the County Commission toward the end of June. A determination on projects will be made for the next meeting. He presented the minutes of the last meeting and handouts with recreation projects proposed in the amount of \$85,000,000.00. He noted the School Board has three projects proposed to go out for the vote. Mrs. Pinkoson also noted that they added to the School Board’s list between \$250,000 and a half million dollars for making improvements to the field between Williams and Lincoln for some kind of a memorial.

BID AWARD FOR  
PROJECT SBAC B0232—  
SANTA FE HIGH  
SCHOOL VET TECH  
PAVILLION

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to accept the low base bid of \$20,109 and Additive Alternate #1 in the amount of \$44,211 and award a contract for construction totaling \$64,320 to R. E. Arnold Construction, Inc., Gainesville, Florida. Completion of this project shall be within one hundred twenty (120) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the “Notice to Proceed.”

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

NEW JOB  
DESCRIPTION--SECOND  
READING

A public hearing was held May 4, 2004, to consider the new job description for Administrator on Special Assignment, which will facilitate reassignment of administrative personnel on an ad hoc basis with duties to be assigned.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the administration’s recommendation to adopt the new job description as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

SCHEDULE BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to schedule a budget workshop 9 a.m., July 15, 2004.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Cawthon                      Seconded by Mr. Eubank

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

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

CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd)

There was no additional citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mrs. Pinkoson noted that on this agenda 74 teachers had resigned. She pointed out that the Board appreciates teachers staying with the district and will continue to make things as good as it can for the teachers in Alachua County.

The Superintendent noted that in front of the Boardroom is an example of the uniforms, which are mandatory, for Prairie View Academy.

She also noted that two years ago the principals started doing an exit interview of every teacher, which has been very helpful, and Personnel has done an excellent job on this data. She suggested providing this for the Board to have information as to exactly what is happening.

It was clarified that a number of the resignations are due to spouses graduating from professional schools and moving away.

Mrs. Sharpe requested before the budget workshop on July 15 a list of programs to determine if there are some that are more needed than others. She is very uncomfortable with a small contingency fund and does not want to see a budget passed that does not have something somewhere to help increase the contingency fund to an acceptable level. Discuss this issue at the workshop.

Mr. Birkett stated that there was an improvement last year from \$28,000 to a little over half a million dollars and anticipates that occurring again this year. Ideally would like to be somewhere around \$1,000,000. The Board policy states the goal as 4% of the operating expenses, which would be around \$7,000,000.00, and anything below this, auditors will write a comment about.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.