

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2004

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in regular session duly called at 6:15 p.m. (following the Board Reorganization Meeting at 6 p.m.), in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Tina Pinkoson, chairman; F. Wesley Eubank, vice-chairman; Virginia S. Childs, Eileen F. Roy and Janie S. Williams, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pinkoson.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2004, 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 16, 2004, as presented.

Delete Action Item 3, Bid Award for Project SBAC C0032 and discuss Consent Agenda Item 7, Inventory Droppage, prior to the vote.

The question was called on the motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member/Superintendent announcements.

RECOGNITION(S)

Winners of Intellectual Freedom and Jim Harbor Media Contests

The president of the Professional Association of Library Media Specialists (PALMS) announced the winners of the Intellectual Freedom Essay Contest, for seniors only, and the Jim Harbor Contest, elementary through high school.

Finalists in the 2004 National Science Competitions

The student finalists in the 2004 National Science Competitions were recognized on their outstanding accomplishments.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizens addressed the Board as follows:

- Addressed the board regarding student misdemeanors and remedial studies upon entering junior college.

The regular Board meeting was recessed and a Public Hearing convened.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on the adoption of the emergency action taken October 5, 2004, amending the 2004-2005 school calendar.

There was no public input.

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular Board meeting reconvened.

CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd)

- Due to the make-up day on the day before Thanksgiving, it was suggested Kirby-Smith administrative staff and office personnel substitute in the schools as many teachers and staff had previously made commitments that were not easy to change.
- Best wishes were extended to the new Board.
- Feels community is in good shape with a new Board committed to working together and with a new superintendent that knows what people want to know about the system and is willing and able to share that information, and answers questions.

PRESENTATION(S)/
REPORT(S)

Budgeting/Financial Update

A compensation comparison of the annualized contracted teacher salary based on verified experience for 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 was presented.

Charter Schools Update

Staff presented the General Fund and Capital Outlay Income/Expenses through September 30, 2004, and the Projected Annual Income/Expenses for the Alachua Learning Center, Desoto High, Hoggetowne Middle, Love to Learn Educational Center, and the Oasis Enrichment Academy Charter Schools.

APPOINTMENT OF
SCHOOL BOARD
ATTORNEY AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to reappoint Mr. Jim Lang as the attorney for the School Board and that his rate of compensation be increased to \$160.00 an hour.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE
2004-2005 PROPOSED
SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER SALARY
(\$32,117) PURSUANT TO
SECTION 1001.395,
FLORIDA STATUTES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to adopt the School Board member salary of \$32,117 as calculated in accordance with the formula for compensation of elected county constitutional officers established in Chapter 145, Florida Statutes.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Mrs. Childs, Mr. Eubank
Mrs. Pinkoson
Mrs. Williams
No: Mrs. Roy

DISTRICT FACILITIES
FIVE-YEAR WORK
PROGRAM

This program has been prepared as required for submission to the Department of Education. The program represents a five-year schedule of major repair, renovation, and capital outlay projects together with projections of available revenue. The District must submit this program annually and may revise the program at any time to reflect new project priorities and available revenue.

Following discussion, it was noted that it may be helpful to have a workshop and revisit priorities and projections.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the District Facilities Five-Year Work Program for submission to the Department of Education.

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

RETRACTION OF
“WITHDRAWAL
NOTICE” TO FLORIDA
SCHOOL BOARDS’
INSURANCE TRUST

On July 20, 2004, a “notice of withdrawal” was approved and forwarded to the Florida School Boards’ Insurance Trust. The intent of the letter was to allow the District the opportunity to seek out alternative insurance programs for comparison of price, while at the same time placing the Trust on notice of the District’s potential withdrawal.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration’s recommendation to send a retraction of the “Notice of Withdrawal” to the Florida School Boards’ Insurance Trust.

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

LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES, 2005

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the 2005 Legislative Priorities as presented.

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

DISASTER RELIEF
FUNDING
AGREEMENTS FOR
TROPICAL STORM
BONNIE AND
HURRICANES
CHARLEY, FRANCES
AND JEANNE

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the agreements as presented for submission to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and confirm the superintendent, chief executive officer of the School Board, as the signature authority.

Concern was expressed with pets being housed in shelters where kids are going to be and the clean up afterwards. It was suggested to negotiate placing pets with the Humane Society or some other place besides schools.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CANCEL BOARD
MEETINGS

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to cancel the Board meetings scheduled for December 21, 2004, January 4, 2005, and April 5, 2005, due to the winter and spring holidays.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

STUDENT CASES

Student Case No. 0405-07-X

The student was charged with disorderly conduct/major campus disruption. A hearing was held November 2, 2004.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to enter a Final Order adopting and approving the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order dated November 5, 2004, reassigning the student to the Horizon Center for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Student Case No. 0405-08-X

The student was charged with disorderly conduct/major campus disruption. A hearing was held November 9, 2004.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to enter a Final Order adopting and approving the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order dated November 11, 2004, reassigning the student to the satellite Horizon program at A. Quinn Jones for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year.

Board members expressed concern with the number of referrals some students have and are still in the regular classroom and the disruptions these cause to the other students. May need to review the referral process. Administrators may look at repeat offenders in the 6th and 9th grades and counsel with them and their families.

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

Student Case No. 0405-09-X

The student was charged with disorderly conduct/major campus disruption. A hearing was held November 9, 2004.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to enter a Final Order adopting and approving the Hearing Officer’s Recommended Order dated November 11, 2004, placing the student on probation and reassignment to the Horizon Center for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Williams

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

Item 7, Inventory Droppage Report –Mr. Eubank pointed out there is a need to keep remembering there are a lot of students relying on computers that get old and obsolete, and they have to be replaced.

It was confirmed that the van at Lofton High School was stolen and burned and proceeds were collected from the Trust.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Board Member Committee Assignments

A list of committees on which a Board member represents the Board was reviewed and updated.

CITIZEN INPUT (cont’d)

There was no additional citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

There were no Board Member/Superintendent requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.