

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2005

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: 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2004, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 18, 2005, as presented.

Add as Action Item 7, Employee Case No. E-0405-02; change Consent Agenda Item 15.b., to Student Case No. 0405-16-X; and delete the second name from the bottom of Attachment B, Page 6.

The question was called on the motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board members announced events and activities scheduled and recognized accomplishments in the district.

RECOGNITION(S)

National Board Teacher Certification

Twenty-four outstanding teachers were recognized for receiving National Board Certification for professional teaching standards.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen informed the Board that he would be conducting a survey with high school seniors relating to African American history, animal rights, natural conservation, Hispanic history, women's history, and the Jewish Holocaust. Results of the survey would be presented to the Board.

SCHEDULED AGENCIES

Council for Exceptional Children

The Council for Exceptional Children presented the Board with a plaque expressing appreciation to the Board for its support.

PRESENTATION FOR
PROJECT SBAC A0230—
ALACHUA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MASTER PLAN

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the Site Master Plan prepared by Paul Stresing Associates, Inc., Alachua, Florida, as presented.

Parents and members of the Master Plan team addressed the Board and expressed their appreciation. The Mayor of the City of Alachua offered assistance with this project by partnering with the school system in a non-fiscal manner, i.e., building sidewalks.

Board members discussed traffic congestion and suggested readjusting priorities of the project in order to improve traffic flow, and agreed to accept the Mayor’s offer of assistance.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ARBITRATION
AWARD—SOUTHEAST
ENTERPRISE GROUP,
INC., CASE NO. 054-04

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration’s recommendation that the arbitration award of \$239,639 be paid to Southeast Enterprise Group, Inc., before the due date of January 31, 2005, which will entitle the School Board to an interest credit of \$44.65 per day.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

HEALTHY LEARNING
ACADEMY, INC.,
CHARTER SCHOOL
CONTRACT—SECOND
READING (Cont’d)

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the contract for the Healthy Learning Academy, Inc., Charter School as presented.

During Board discussion concerns were expressed regarding governance, conflict of interest issues, and academic accountability.

Chairman Pinkoson noted that staff will provide the Board with copies of evaluation/monitoring reports on how the district’s charter schools are functioning and indicate if they are fulfilling all statutory obligations.

Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Williams requested that an innovative curriculum plan be added to staff’s evaluation checklist.

Mr. Eubank expressed concern with conflict of interest with the Girls Club and requested that a statement be added to the contract to ensure that public funds are protected and not spent or used by another entity.

Mrs. Childs did not believe it was fair to place undue pressure on the Healthy Learning Academy and require them to submit to a reporting process that is not in place with the district's other charter schools. Adding additional requirements would also place an undue burden on staff. She noted that based on the charter school workshop, staff will monitor all charter schools, including their curriculum requirements.

Chairman Pinkoson stated that the Board is voting on the contract and cannot require Healthy Learning Academy to add additional requirements at this time. She pointed out that the time to make changes to a charter school application is during the application process/conceptual phase, not when the contract has been finalized.

Staff was directed to proofread the contract for scrivener's errors and make corrections as needed.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0
Yes: Mrs. Childs
Mr. Eubank
Mrs. Pinkoson
Mrs. Roy
Mrs. Williams

AMENDMENTS TO THE
2004-05 PUPIL
PROGRESSION PLAN—
FIRST READING

The Department of Education (DOE) has begun to monitor the implementation of amended language from state statute into Pupil Progression Plans throughout the state. In review of the plan for Alachua County, DOE is requesting the district change the wording of certain statutory requirements to reflect the exact language of the statute.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration's recommendation to schedule a public hearing 6:30 p.m., February 1, 2005, to consider amendments to the 2004-05 Pupil Progression Plan.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the 2005-2006 Tentative TRIM Calendar, establishing July 21, 2005, 3 p.m., as a Special Board meeting for approval of the tentative budget for advertising; August 2, 2005, 6:30 p.m., for the public hearing and adoption of the Tentative Budget and Millage; and September 6, 2005, 6:30 p.m., for the public hearing and adoption of the Final Budget and Millage.

	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
REPORT NO. 2005-072, REVIEW OF CHARTER SCHOOL, CHARTER TECHNICAL CAREER CENTER, AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AUDIT REPORTS	Report No. 2005-072 has been prepared by Independent Certified Public Accountants for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003. <u>Motion by</u> Mr. Eubank <u>Seconded by</u> Mrs. Childs <u>Moved the</u> administration's recommendation to accept Report No. 2005-072, Review of Charter School, Charter Technical Center, and District School Board Audit Reports, and that it be filed as a part of the public records of the Board.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
EMPLOYEE CASE NO. E-0405-02	Employee is charged with violation of School Board Policies 6.111 – Sexual Harassment and 6.52 – Staff Ethics. The employee is appealing this action through the grievance procedures in accordance with the collective bargaining process. <u>Motion by</u> Mrs. Childs <u>Seconded by</u> Mr. Eubank <u>Moved the</u> superintendent's recommendation to suspend the employee without pay effective January 19, 2005, pending outcome of the appeal process.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
CONSENT AGENDA	<u>Motion by</u> Mr. Eubank <u>Seconded by</u> Mrs. Childs <u>Moved to</u> approve the Consent Agenda as described in items (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd)	There was no additional citizen input.	
BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS	Mr. Eubank requested discussion regarding Board requests for information at the Overtime workshop on January 27, 2005.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.	