

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 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 Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2005, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of February 1, 2005, as presented.

The question was called

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Pinkoson announced upcoming events and activities scheduled and recognized accomplishments in the district.

RECOGNITION(S)

GHS Volleyball Coach

Ms. Cindy Boulware, athletic director, Gainesville High School, was recognized and commended by the Board for her outstanding leadership and sportsmanship during the state volleyball finals.

Maintenance Staff

Maintenance and facilities staff were recognized by the Board and presented with a Resolution from the Department of Education for their service and dedication to the reconstruction efforts in the aftermath of the recent hurricanes.

CITIZEN INPUT

A representative from the Alachua County School Concurrency Project expressed concerns and requested the Board address the impact of new and proposed residential construction on school overcrowding at the next school board meeting. (See Supplementary Minutes Book)

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS FOR POSSIBLE REFUNDING OF SERIES 1997 AND 1998 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration’s recommendation to proceed with the Process for Possible Refunding of Series 1997 and 1998 Certificates of Participation.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BID AWARD FOR PROJECT SBAC CB834— HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING

Bids for the construction of this project were received on January 18, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration’s recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$1,287,774 and award a contract for construction to Holton Construction Company, Inc., Gainesville, Florida, with completion of this project to be within two hundred seventy-six (276) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the “Notice to Proceed.”

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THE ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION, INC., FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004, AUDIT REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration’s recommendation that the Component Unit Audit Reports for the charter schools and the Alachua County Public Schools Foundation, Inc., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, be filed as part of the public records of the School Board.

Board members discussed the audit findings and several concerns were noted:

- High unrestricted reserve for charter schools in this district.
- Two charter schools are in violation of state statutes and staff will follow-up to ensure they conform.
- Several charter schools are in non-compliance with previous audit citations.
- Four charter schools have depleted their starter money.
- One charter school needs to improve their bookkeeping system.
- One charter school spends as much on administrative expenses as on basic education.

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

PUBLIC HEARING—TO

Amendments to the 2004-05 Pupil Progression Plan

The Department of Education is requesting the district change the

CONSIDER AMEND-
MENTS TO THE 2004-05
PUPIL PROGRESSION
PLAN

wording of certain statutory requirements to reflect the exact language of the statute.

There was no public input.

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

AUDIT REPORTS
(cont'd)

Board members were hopeful that the new charter school plan would provide the Board with financial information and student achievement scores to ensure that adequate funding is directed toward the students.

Staff will address the Board's concerns and review the charter agreements to ensure that deficiencies are corrected.

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

CONTRACT WITH
SUNGUARD BI-TECH

Staff reported that there is a need to upgrade the server hardware, operating system and required third party software that supports the district's Bi-Tech Finance system. SunGuard Bi-Tech will provide Application Services Provider (ASP) services to support the district's current finance software systems.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the administration's recommendation that the district enter into an annual contract with SunGuard Bi-Tech to provide Application Services Provider (ASP) services to support current Bi-Tech Finance software systems. The cost for the first year will be a one-time fee of \$10,000 plus a monthly fee of \$9,200 for a total of \$120,400 the first year. Eighty-seven thousand dollars will come from freezing 1.5 Programmer Analyst positions and \$33,400 will be taken from the reserves set aside to upgrade the Finance/HR software system.

Board members discussed the purpose of freezing a position as opposed to eliminating a position.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to amend the motion to eliminate the 1.5 Programmer Analyst positions instead of freezing the positions.

The question was called on the amendment.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

The question was called on the original motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

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

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd)

There was no additional citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs requested staff ensure that charter schools are held to the same instructional alignment as public schools and that they meet all the standard benchmarks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.