

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
April 19, 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. Childs

Moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2005

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Williams

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of April 19, 2005, as presented.

Delete Consent Agenda Item 14; Board members requested to comment on Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2 and question item 6 prior to vote.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming events were announced and recent student achievements were highlighted.

RECOGNITION(S)

**Entrepreneurship Teacher and Young Entrepreneur of the Year**

The Board recognized Ms. Barbara Martin, Lofton High School, on being chosen to receive the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship's distinguished award of Certified Entrepreneurship Teacher of the Year and her student, Kayla Stump, on winning the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following suggestions/information/requests were presented to the Board:

- Graphs of statistics prepared from Monthly Deans Misconduct Reports
- Copy of survey being circulated in the community by speaker

on the district’s compliance with F.S. 1003.42, Required Instruction

- Infusion of black history into the curriculum--what does the district have; how is it being implemented; which schools
- Proposed Policy 2.01--feels policy restricts School Board member access to district/public information
- Work on discipline in the classroom; better prepare students for college; Policy 2.01 not good for citizens

SCHEDULED AGENCIES

**American Heart Association—AED Program**

Mr. Perry McGriff, on behalf of the American Heart Association, congratulated the School Board on its part in a partnership to provide the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) for Alachua County Public Schools. The goal of the Heart Ball was to raise \$30,000 to place defibrillators in the secondary schools--approximately \$36,000 was raised. Av-Med Health Plans was in attendance and announced they would make sure every public school in Alachua County is covered with a defibrillator and stepped up for over \$40,000. Mr. Robert Hudson, CEO, Av-Med was recognized. The American Heart Association is committed to making AEDs more accessible within the community and looks forward to the continuing partnership with the School Board, and a check will be provided to the Alachua County Public Schools in the \$78,000 range for the purchase of the AEDs.

Mr. McGriff presented the Board “A Chain of Survival Partnership,” signed by the chairman for the state of Florida and the Puerto Rico affiliate and himself as the chairman of the Leadership Circle. He also congratulated Superintendent Boyd on his role in the Heart Ball and presented him with a plaque on serving as co-chairman of the Heart Ball, which raised in excess of \$250,000 in the community.

PROCLAMATION—  
APRIL AS “JAZZ  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH”

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the administration’s recommendation to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as “Jazz Appreciation Month” in Alachua County schools.

Mr. Scott Koons, president, Gainesville Friends of Jazz & Blues, presented instructional materials to be used in elementary schools prepared by the Jazz and Lincoln Center program, which includes CD, video tape, teacher’s guide and student workbooks; and a resource guide for middle and high school jazz band directors, which includes DVD for suggested rehearsal and instruction for jazz band.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BID AWARD FOR

Bids for the construction of this project were received on March 10,

PROJECT SBAC  
CD744—GAINESVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS  
COURTS (Task Order #2)

2005.

Motion by Mrs. Roy

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration’s recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$409,876 and award a contract for construction to George Burns Enterprises, 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.”

Board members and citizens expressed concern with the significant amount of money for construction of the tennis courts and asked about other options, if there were alternative locations in the area that might be better suited for tennis courts at less cost. It was explained that in 1998 the 9<sup>th</sup> grade center was built where the tennis courts were, and it was agreed at that time to set aside money for tennis courts. The courts are not costing much; it’s filling in the land and protecting it environmentally. There are things more important than tennis courts, but this was agreed to a number of years ago, and it will get more expensive as time goes on.

Staff noted this is the only available piece of property without compromising other parts of the facility and spaces being used. At this point, this is the best estimate.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1  
Yes: Mrs. Childs, Mr. Eubank  
Mrs. Pinkoson,  
Mrs. Williams  
No: Mrs. Roy

BI-TECH HUMAN  
RESOURCES/PAYROLL  
SYSTEM ADDENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the addenda totaling \$154,500 from Bi-Tech to complete the HR/Payroll implementation, to implement the web based user interface, and to implement the Workflow system.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

AMENDMENTS TO  
POLICY 2.01,  
RESPONSIBILITIES  
AND AUTHORITY OF  
THE BOARD, AND  
POLICY 6.03,  
EMPLOYMENT OF  
PERSONNEL—SECOND  
READING

A public hearing was held March 15, 2005, to consider amendments to Policies 2.01 and 6.03.

Superintendent Boyd read the amended language in Policy 2.01 as presented and noted that the change presented in Policy 6.03 at the first reading has been deleted, and there is no change recommended to the current language.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the superintendent’s recommendation to adopt Policy 2.01 as

amended.

During Board discussion of Policy 2.01 (4), there was consensus to change it to read “Individual Board members have the right to inspect or copy records in accordance with applicable law and procedure. In addition, Board members have the right to receive records and information necessary to enable the Board member to cast an informed vote on matters coming before the Board for action.”

Mrs. Williams moved that the Board not vote on the amended Policy 2.01 at this time as it was not included in her packet due to an oversight.

The motion dies for lack of a second.

Mrs. Williams noted she would vote against the policy as she had no opportunity to read it.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1  
Yes: Mrs. Childs, Mr. Eubank  
Mrs. Pinkoson, Mrs. Roy  
No: Mrs. Williams

REVISION OF 2005-06  
SCHOOL CALENDAR  
AND PROPOSED  
CALENDAR FOR THE  
2006-07 SCHOOL  
YEAR—SECOND  
READING

A public hearing was held March 1, 2005, to consider revisions to the 2005-06 School Calendar and to consider the proposed 2006-07 School Calendar.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration’s recommendation to adopt the School Calendars for 2005-06 and 2006-07 as presented.

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

AMENDMENT TO  
POLICY 6.03,  
EMPLOYMENT OF  
PERSONNEL—FIRST  
READING

The amendment to Policy 6.03 will allow K-12 instructional personnel, as defined in Section 1012.01(2)(a) through (d), F.S., to extend the DROP period beyond 60 months up to a maximum of 96 months.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the superintendent’s recommendation to schedule a public hearing 6:30 p.m., May 3, 2005, to consider amendment to Policy 6.03.

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

AMENDMENT TO 2004-  
2005 SALARY  
SCHEDULE (OTHER  
COMPENSATION)

In accordance with Article X, Section 24, Constitution of the State of Florida, effective May 2, 2005, the Florida minimum wage will start at \$6.15 per hour (to be indexed to inflation each year). This increase will affect all substitute custodians and substitute aides employed by the school district.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration’s recommendation to adopt the amendment to the 2004-05 Salary Schedule (Other Compensation) as presented.

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

CONTRACT WITH DONALD AND ELLIENE CHISHOLM FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

This contract will provide for the sale and purchase of a lot adjacent to Shell Elementary School that abuts property presently being developed by the district as part of a bus turn around.

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the contract with Donald and Elliene Chisholm for Sale and Purchase of Property.

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

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-03, CERTIFYING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FDOE) REQUIRED ASSURANCES FOR THE APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS (QZABs); AND APPROVAL TO FILE APPLICATION FOR QZABs WITH THE DOE

This resolution and application to participate in the QZAB program will provide for technology upgrades at six schools that did not qualify for the program in 2000. They are Chiles and Norton Elementary, Ft. Clarke and Kanapaha Middle, and Eastside and Gainesville High Schools.

Motion by Mrs. Roy Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the resolution and required assurances for the issuance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) to the Florida Department of Education

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

CANCEL/SCHEDULE BOARD MEETING(S)/ WORKSHOP(S)

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to cancel the July 5, 2005, Board meeting; schedule a workshop on New Principal Appraisal Instrument 9 a.m., May 5, 2005, and a Budget Workshop 9 a.m., June 16, 2005.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the consent agenda as described in items 1-17 with the deletion of item 14 . (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

Item 6--Agreement with University of Florida for use of O’Connell

Center—Board members questioned the fee structure and the high cost for use of the O’Connell Center for graduations. This is supposed to be a partnership community; hopeful of a compromise with the University. Pay the true costs. Review charges for use of school buses by the University.

Items 1 & 2--Employment of Personnel—Board member expressed concern with talented teachers resigning. Would like to prevent this from occurring in the future and feels there is a need for truly anonymous evaluations of principals by staff once a year, which would provide feedback and highlight problems. Mr. Gable was commended on saving the district money by purchasing construction materials and equipment directly from the manufacture/supplier when possible.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT(cont’d)

There was no additional citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mr. Eubank commented on the seminar just attended by Board members on charter schools by National Association of Charter School Authorizers. An organization, made up of school boards that have charter schools, which helps boards administer their policies, etc., on charter schools. Received great ideas and tools on how to hold charter schools accountable. Fantastic meeting. Feels district will see very positive results that will lead to a much better environment for students.

With regard to remediation at the junior college level, Mrs. Childs feels there is a need to consistently encourage students to take courses necessary to prepare for college.

Mrs. Williams feels the citizen needs to know with regard to student discipline that a number of students receive referrals over and over.

Mrs. Roy noted that she has been looking into how Advanced Placement (AP) funds are handled at Eastside High School and has serious questions as to how these funds are tracked. The Board members all received a printout of the balance of AP funds at Eastside, and she was shocked to see that large amounts, some in excess of \$400,000, are carried forward from one year to the next. Why are these large sums of money not tapped when there are real needs at Eastside? The students earned the money by scoring well on the AP tests, and all Eastside students should be able to benefit from this money. She requested this be explained to the Board. Perhaps, if the situation is the same at other schools, it should be discussed as an agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.