

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 3, 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. Williams

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 19, 2005, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of May 3, 2005, as presented.

Delete Consent Agenda Item H.10., Bus Use Agreements.

Mrs. Williams noted that she would like to discuss Consent Agenda Item H.5., Student Case(s), prior to voting.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Childs reported on the success of the "World's Greatest Baby Shower" and thanked the many agencies throughout the county for their support.

Chairman Pinkoson recognized the many talented students entering academic competitions throughout the district. She also expressed her appreciation to the staff of Volunteer Services and the Alachua County Public Schools Foundation for their efforts in organizing the annual golf tournament and O2 B A Kid Again event, which raised funds to assist students to attend college.

RECOGNITION(S)

2005 Employee of the Year Honorees

The 2005 Employees of the Year were recognized by the Board and presented with certificates of appreciation.

Commissioner’s Business Recognition Award

Coca Cola and O2 B Kids were both recognized by the Board for receiving the Florida Education Commissioner’s Recognition Award.

Extended Day Spring Break Camp

Ms. Angel Londrie, Extended Day Enrichment Coordinator, was recognized for her efforts in organizing a Spring Break Camp for 125 students at Talbot with staff members who volunteered their time at no charge to the district.

CITIZEN INPUT

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, ACEA, informed the Board that former Coach Don Henson had passed away and recognized his contributions to the students of Alachua County.

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

PUBLIC HEARING—
AMENDMENTS TO
POLICY 6.03

Policy 6.03, Employment of Personnel

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, upon recommendation of the site supervisor.

Dr. Paulson thanked the Legislature for giving districts the opportunity for instructional personnel to extend DROP.

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

PROCLAMATION AND
PLEDGE OF CIVILITY
IN THE MONTH OF
MAY

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming May as Civility Month and acknowledge and support the pledge of civility.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE
REASSIGNMENT

Superintendent Boyd recommended the reassignment of Ms. Felecia Moss, principal, Newberry High School, as the principal of Metcalfe Elementary School, effective June 6, 2005. He informed the Board that Mr. Bruce Tomlinson, principal, Metcalfe Elementary School, has accepted a position as program specialist with the No Child Left Behind Regional Technical Assistance Center at Prairie View Elementary School, effective June 6, 2005.

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to approve the reassignment as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-9, with the deletion of item 10. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

Mrs. Williams referred to Item H. 5., Student Case(s), and questioned what responsibility does the school system have for students who are expelled.

Mr. Jim Robinson, staff attorney, explained that the school system is not responsible for a student that is expelled and the parent would assume responsibility, unless the student is a special education student or 18 years old.

Mrs. Childs informed Mrs. Williams that expulsions are very rare cases in this district and she has only been involved with two expulsions. She noted that every effort is made to keep the student in the regular curriculum.

Chairman Pinkoson referred to bus suspensions and noted that the district should have zero tolerance for disruptive students on school buses.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd)

There was no additional citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Ms. Roy requested the Board consider looking into the issue of providing personal information to military recruiters for students. She pointed out that districts are required to notify parents of their rights and provide information to parents on how they can opt-out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.