

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 17, 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 Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting of May 3, 2005, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of May 17, 2005, as presented.

Consent Agenda Item 8, Leasing and Releasing of Relocatable Classrooms for Project SBAC A0521, was moved to Action Item 2; and Consent Agenda Item 10, Credit Retrieval Contract with Educational Options, Inc., was noted for discussion prior to approval of the Consent Agenda.

The question was called on the motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

An upcoming event was announced with Debbie Russell from Hampton, Virginia, speaking on how that community has addressed issues of children 0-5 years of age, and made a big difference by lower teen pregnancy, raising grades and the graduation rate.

Winners of academic competitions in the district were also announced along with seventh grade students who earned very high scores on the SAT/ACT being honored as part of the Duke Talent Identification Recognition Program.

RECOGNITION(S)

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher/Student Awards
Ms. Marcia Leary, president of the CEC Gatorland Chapter, recognized

Alachua County’s CEC paraprofessionals and rookie teacher and teacher of the year.

Class of 2005 Scholarship Awards—Alachua County Public Schools Foundation

Ms. Melanie Shore, president of the Foundation, announced that scholarships were awarded prior to the Board meeting to 91 seniors to further their education, representing an investment of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

March of Dimes—Chain Reaction Youth Leadership Council

Miss Caitlan Gearan, president of the Council, presented awards to the top schools of the Walk America Team: Lawton Chiles Elementary (\$9693); Howard Bishop Middle School (\$10,002); and Eastside High School (\$17,083). She expressed gratitude and thanks to all who participated and supported the efforts of the Council, raising \$160,000 this year for the March of Dimes.

CITIZEN INPUT

Teacher expressed concern with Title 1 funding shortfall causing cuts in staff at Archer, thereby penalizing students, and requested the Board review the issue.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (ANNUAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS) FOR 2005-2006—ATTACHMENT F

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the superintendent’s recommendation to approve the reappointment of Instructional and Administrative Personnel (Annual and Professional Services Contracts) for 2005-2006 as presented in Attachment F.

Mr. Eubank suggested, at some point, the consideration of a multiyear contract for exceptional principals.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

LEASING AND RELEASING OF RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS FOR PROJECT SBAC A0521

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration’s recommendation to approve the lease agreement with Williams Scotsman for leasing and releasing of relocatable classrooms from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Board discussion followed on changing out/purchasing the units.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubanks

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-14, with the removal of item 8 to Action Item 2. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

Mrs. Williams, with reference to item 10, Credit Retrieval Contract with Educational Options, Inc., asked for and received clarification between Novel™ online curriculum and books on tape.

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

INFORMATION ITEM

Legislative Funding Analysis—2005

Mr. Keith Birkett, assistant superintendent, reported that today's meeting in Tallahassee was very up beat and that this is one of the largest budget increases in the history of the FEFP, an approximate 1.3 billion dollar increase. There was focus on equalization.

The 2005 Legislative Funding Update included:

- Florida Retirement System, increase of 0.44%
- FEFP Program Cost Factors
- Estimated State FEFP Millages based on same as last year
- Estimated Alachua County FEFP Millages, increase of 0.174.

CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd)

There was no additional citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mr. Eubank, referencing the agreement between the city of Gainesville, Alachua County and Cox Cable, noted that there was significant input by representatives of those who use Channel 12 (SFCC, UF and SBAC) to help put the agreement together. The intent was they would have an opportunity to request funds to bring equipment up to date in order for viewers to get quality picture and sound. The school district was to get new equipment for Sivia Center as well as for the Boardroom. In spite of the fact that the final contract amount between the two municipalities and Cox Cable was more than originally discussed in negotiations, they have decided to withhold the money and not fund the upgrades. He is requesting that a letter be sent to the mayor and the county manager or chair of the county commission expressing concern and his personal outrage with this decision.

Mr. Eubank noted that he has had several people express a wish that the district finish school prior to Memorial Day. He suggested a possible discussion item later (not for the upcoming year). Review what other districts are doing and update the Board on whether or not it will make sense to address this issue on a future school calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.