

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 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, and Eileen F. Roy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board. Ms. Janie S. Williams, member, was absent.

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 June 21, 2005, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

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

Pull the following Consent Agenda items for discussion and separate vote: Item C. (Bid #05-48), Attachment D, Page 1 of Item 3; Item 5, Student Cases; and Item 13, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Project; IDEA Part B Preschool Project; and IDEA Part B Discretionary Support Services Fund.

The question was called on the motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Pinkoson reminded everyone that from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 30, the district's Back to School Fair will be held at the Oaks Mall to provide parents all the information needed to start the new school year, along with the health department providing free school immunizations.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following information/requests were presented to the Board for consideration:

- Representative of the Alachua County School Concurrency Project conducted an in depth review of the Growth Management Reform Act of 2005 and wrote a report focusing on portions which impact schools and school concurrency. Copies of the report were

provided. Copies are also available for download on [www.acscp.org](http://www.acscp.org). He suggested, if possible, a link to the ACSCP website posted on the community resources page of the School Board's website.

- ACEA vice-president informed the Board of hearing from teachers that principals are finding it difficult to find teachers to hire. Make sure district is doing what it can to attract the best teachers.
- ACEA president thanked the superintendent and staff on responding above and beyond to concerns previously presented.
- Teacher read in part a community petition on Title 1 holdbacks to be presented to Congressman Stearns in August. The petition urges the board to find money to reinstate ESPs terminated due to NCLB funding restrictions. Requested a Board member accompany him in meeting with Congressman Cliff Stearns.
- Urge the city of Gainesville to install a zoning fast track to facilitate having large family daycare homes in Gainesville. Invited Board members' help with providing a survey he developed (for graduates of Alachua County regarding exposure to material of the required instructional law) to youth groups.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
APPOINTMENT(S)

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the appointment of Ms. Gail Hamilton as Principal of Norton Elementary School, effective July 20, 2005.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Diana Lagotic as Director of Elementary Education for the Alachua County school system.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

GUARANTEED  
MAXIMUM PRICE FOR  
PROJECT SBAC B0432—  
HIDDEN OAK  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NEW CLASSROOM  
BUILDING

Subcontractor bid prices have been received and a proposal has been prepared for the School Board by the Construction Manager, M. M. Parrish Construction Company, Gainesville, Florida, for the construction of this facility.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration's recommendation to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal of \$2,179,697 for the construction of this project. Completion shall be within two hundred forty-seven (247) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

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

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REVISIONS TO THE  
2005-06 CODE OF  
STUDENT CONDUCT

Revisions recommended by the Superintendent’s Discipline Committee are included in the following areas:

- Student tardies
- Civility policy for employees and public
- Honesty clause for student work
- Additional statement from transportation
- Adding non-discrimination language
- Additional language in dress code policy
- Zoning exemption policy
- Adding cell phone disciplinary action
- State statute for reasonable force
- Addresses Horizon Center placements
- Adds terms in Glossary for gang identification, hazing and in-school suspension
- Additional language for directory information

Members of the public expressed support for the following:

- Addition of non-discriminatory language under student rights
- Suggested adding gender expression and identity

Mr. Eubank referred to the Philadelphia Public School System policy that included in its equal opportunity statement ancestry; sexual orientation, either known or perceived; gender identity expression, known or perceived; and nationality or citizenship. In another area they have the following statement he feels appropriate: This list of bases is not at all inclusive. He feels this will cover future concerns.

Under Student Rules for Riding School Buses, Board members suggested more positive language expressing the danger of crossing multiple lanes, and that bus stops are not intentionally assigned where any student would have to cross two lanes of traffic, and that parents are to keep the school informed of address changes so that bus stops can be appropriately assigned.

Mrs. Childs noted that under Reassignment to Horizon Center, the language regarding reassignment to the receiving school is misleading as behavior is only one of three criteria that must be met, along with attendance and academic.

Mrs. Roy agreed with Mr. Eubank on expanding the antidiscrimination language and his comments regarding crossing two lanes of traffic for a bus stop. She thanked the Superintendent on revisions to inform parents of their rights regarding the release of student directory information to military recruiters.

With regard to language that notifies parents of the right to waive the release of student directory information to military recruiters, the Chairman noted that in no way is this sending the message of non-support for the military and veterans and what they do, but to inform the parents of their rights.

Mr. Eubank also noted that the Philadelphia school system has a “Bully Hotline” to make it easy for students to know where to go with issues they may have. He suggested considering a way for students to share their concerns.

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

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GUARANTEED  
MAXIMUM PRICE FOR  
PROJECT SBAC E0432—  
WILES ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL NEW  
CLASSROOM  
BUILDING

Subcontractor bid prices have been received and a proposal has been prepared for the School Board by the Construction Manager, M. M. Parrish Construction Company, Gainesville, Florida, for the construction of this facility.

Motion by Mrs. Childs                      Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration’s recommendation to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal of \$2,087, 854 for the construction of this project. Completion shall be within two hundred forty-seven consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the “Notice to Proceed.”

The question was called.                      Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

GUARANTEED  
MAXIMUM PRICE FOR  
PROJECT SBAC A0433—  
CHILES ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL NEW  
CLASSROOM  
BUILDING

Subcontractor bid prices have been received and a proposal has been prepared for the School Board by the Construction Manager, M. M. Parrish Construction Company, Gainesville, Florida, for the construction of this facility.

Motion by Mrs. Childs                      Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration’s recommendation to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal of \$1,571,401 for the construction of this project. Completion shall be within two hundred twelve (212) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the “Notice to Proceed.”

PROPOSED SCHOOL  
MEAL PRICES 2005-06

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

Elementary lunch prices are recommended at \$1.75, secondary at \$1.90, and reduced price lunches remain at \$.40; paid breakfast at all grades would remain at \$1.00, while reduced price breakfast would remain at \$.30. It is requested to pilot a second tier price in secondary schools as a lunch option--the upscale meal would be priced at \$2.00 and would allow students an alternate selection of nutritious beverages. Economically needy students would be able to select the optional meal as well.

It is recommended that breakfast and lunch adult meals be made available offering a variety of meal combinations at various prices.

Meal prices at the P. K. Yonge School will be priced separately. Breakfast, \$1.00 all grades; Lunch, \$1.75 elementary, \$2.00 secondary and \$2.50 adult price.

Staff noted this is the first increase in 14 years.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the school meal prices for the 2005-06 school year as presented.

Board discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to amend the original motion to change the secondary price to \$2.00 with an expanded choice of beverages, and all other prices remain the same.

The question was called on the amendment.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

The question was called on the original motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

REVISION OF THE  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT  
DEVELOPMENT  
(HRMD) PLAN—FIRST  
READING

Revisions to the HRMD Plan for alignment with the state competencies of the Department of Education are presented. A workshop was held on May 5, 2005, and a number of the changes and suggestions were incorporated.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to schedule a public hearing 6:30 p.m., August 2, 2005, to consider revisions to the HRMD Plan.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-25, with the removal of item C. (Bid #05-48), Attachment D, Page 1 of item 3; and items 5 and 13 for discussion and separate vote. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

ITEM 3, BID(S) AND REQUISITION(S)— ATTACHMENT D, PAGE 1, ITEM C (Bid #05-48), AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve item C (Bid #05-48) on Page 1 of Attachment D.

Mr. Eubank noted that the bid for automated external defibrillators covers adult and pediatric pads for 27 schools and adult pads for 24 schools. He expressed concern that pediatric pads are not included in the bid for 24 schools and feels the district should go forward with pediatric pads for these schools, also, at a cost of \$75 each. It was pointed out there would be recurring cost of replacing the pads every two years and the batteries every five years.

There was Board consensus to go forward with the purchase of the additional pediatric pads.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

ITEM 5., STUDENT CASE(S)

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the student cases as recommended.

Responding to Mrs. Roy regarding an early intervention program, which is anticipated to be in operation during the 2005-06 school year, Mrs. Childs noted that she and staff have been talking about the development of an alternative program that would identify younger students and help to divert them before they get into such serious trouble. Staff is taking this under advisement as to cost and possible location. There is concern with an eleven-year-old being in the same environment as a nineteen-year-old with a history of repeated discipline problems.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES  
EDUCATION ACT  
(IDEA) PART B  
PROJECT; IDEA PART B  
PRESCHOOL PROJECT;  
AND IDEA PART B  
DISCRETIONARY  
SUPPORT SERVICES  
FUND

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve Item 13 of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mrs. Roy noted for the record that she is appalled with the rules that require the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) department under Child Find activities to oversee not only charter schools but private schools to ensure that their ESE students have the same advantages as those in public schools, and there is no compensation for this. Students in private schools also take advantage of McKay scholarships that have cost the district \$1.5 million in the last five years. In spite of this, the district is still required to oversee those private schools and their lengthy requirements of the district's responsibilities to make sure the private schools are doing what is needed to accommodate those exceptionalities.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CITIZEN INPUT(cont'd)

There was no additional citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs requested a verbal update on the edu-log system, if and how it is used to identify students for zoning and if it is being used with the bus system to identify stops.

Look at the after school program, particularly in elementary schools, and see if it is solvent enough to offer to employees for their children to participate at a reduced rate.

Mr. Eubank noted the Board was provided during the recent rezoning information on current and projected demographics of the various schools, and would like to see the same set of information that shows, historically, where we were, what we projected and what we had at the end of the year and what the projection is for next year.

Chairman Pinkoson noted that she and staff made a presentation to the County about bus schedules and what is happening there. She thanked staff for their participation and patience. She feels there will be a meeting with the County soon regarding school concurrency and the School Board's responsibilities in that regard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.