

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 led by Mr. Ray M. Davis, National Sojourners, Inc.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 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 September 6, 2005, as presented.

Add as Action Item H. 8, Employee Settlement Agreement, and pull Consent Agenda Item I. 14, Approval to Use E-Rate Funds to Purchase Deep Freeze Enterprise Licenses, for separate vote.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Roy announced the opportunity available to college-bound juniors and seniors to earn money and intern with the Alachua County Library District.

Mrs. Williams noted that she recently attended a meeting of the High Springs Planning Board and shared community concerns regarding the growing number of developments taking place in the community, and their wishes that their children remain zoned to schools in the High Springs community.

Chairman Pinkoson extended the Board's condolences to the family and friends of Johnnie Ross, custodian, Rawlings Elementary School; Denver Miller, student, Alachua Elementary School; Marilyn Modell, paraprofessional, Westwood Middle School; and Bud Seymour, teacher.

She made the following announcements:

- Operation Teddy Bear is accepting donations of toys, crayons, books, etc., for children of the devastated Gulf Coast area.
- The Alachua County Public Schools has designated Friday, September 9, as “Help Make Change” Day, a fundraiser to assist Gulf Coast residents.
- Alachua County students Matthew Rambo and Elizabeth Gause were named semi-finalists in the prestigious Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge, which recognizes middle school students for outstanding achievements in science.
- Mrs. Debbie Gallagher, teacher on special assignment, was named a member of the Commissioner of Education’s Task Force on African American History.

RECOGNITION—  
BUCHHOLZ HIGH  
SCHOOL MU ALPHA  
THETA MATH TEAM

Twenty-three students of the Buchholz High School Mu Alpha Theta Math Team and sponsors were recognized for placing second in the nation at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mu Alpha Theta National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

CITIZEN INPUT

A High Springs community resident urged the Board to address the busing and safety issues in the High Springs community. It was noted that a meeting with staff members and the community is scheduled on September 8, 3 p.m. The Board was urged to reschedule the time of the meeting to allow more residents to attend.

PRESENTATION—FIVE  
STAR SCHOOL  
AWARDS

The following schools received the Department of Education’s Five-Star School Award for exemplary community involvement:

- Hidden Oak Elementary
- A. Quinn Jones Center
- Chiles Elementary
- Wiles Elementary

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

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RESOLUTION NUMBER  
05-06—ADOPTION OF  
THE MILLAGE LEVY  
FOR THE 2005-2006  
FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Keith Birkett, assistant superintendent, Planning/Budgeting, presented a brief overview of the following Rolled Back Rates for 2005-06:

- Required Local Effort (RLE) – 5.355 Mills
- Discretionary – 0.510 Mills
- Supplemental Discretionary – 0.250 Mills
- Capital Outlay (2 Mill) – 2.000 Mills
- Total Millage Rate to be levied exceeds the Rolled-Back Rate computed pursuant to Section 200.065(1), F.S., by 7.84 percent.
- 2005-2006 Budgeted Positions

- July 1, 2005, Fund Balance Detail--State Restricted Grant/Project Balances - \$433,669.59
- Summary of All Funds
 

General -	\$198,880,934.71
Special Revenue -	\$ 27,112,440.26
Debt Service -	\$ 13,149,791.24
Capital Projects -	\$ 70,220,099.23
TOTAL:	\$309,363,265.44

Mr. Birkett pointed out that due to the recent fuel crisis, the district has been proactive by requesting schools to conserve, but there continues to be concern with the level of money available for fuel and utilities and adjustments may be necessary in the future.

Chairman Pinkoson opened the public hearing to citizen input:

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, president, ACEA, expressed his continued desire to meet with the Board to discuss and review the School Food Service fund balance for energy, which continues to go up.

Motion by Mr. Eubank                      Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration's recommendation to adopt Resolution Number 05-06, Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied, as presented.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER  
05-07—ADOPTION OF  
THE 2005-2006 BUDGET

Motion by Mrs. Childs                      Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the administration's recommendation to adopt Resolution Number 05-07, Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006, as presented.

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

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

REVISIONS TO THE  
ALACHUA COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT  
DEVELOPMENT  
(HRMD) PLAN—

A Public Hearing was held August 2, 2005, to consider revisions to the HRMD Plan.

Motion by Mrs. Childs                      Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the HRMD Plan as presented.

SECOND READING

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RENEWAL OF  
CONTRACTS FOR  
HEALTH, LIFE AND 125  
PLAN AND APPROVAL  
OF DEPOSITORY FOR  
125 FUNDS

Mr. Dave Hotary, director, Risk Management and Benefits, provided the Board with a brief overview of Cost and Rate Information for Health Insurance for the 2006 Plan year. He also pointed out that consultants would be brought in to explain benefit changes to all employees.

Board members commended the Insurance Committee for their extensive efforts.

Mr. Eubank urged staff to provide employees with information regarding the options available prior to the enrollment process and consultant visits, and suggested scheduling regional meetings at the high schools.

Mr. Hotary noted that all savings are going directly to salary enhancements.

Mrs. Childs suggested simplifying the information for employees to an understandable level to insure that all employees understand what they are electing to sign up for, and are informed of the variety of options available.

Dr. Paulson suggested mandatory faculty/staff and worksite meetings for all employees to discuss changes in insurance coverage.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve renewal of contracts for (Health/Blue Cross Blue Shield, Life/American General and 125 Plan/Fringe Benefits Management Company) and approval of depository for the 125 Plan funds with Wachovia, N.A.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RATIFICATION OF  
AMENDMENTS TO THE  
2003-2006 COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT FOR  
TEACHERS

Dr. Joan Longstreth, assistant superintendent, Human Resources, thanked both negotiating teams in bringing resolution to this year's bargaining in such a professional manner.

Dr. Paulson stated that the teachers overwhelmingly approved the agreement and voted as follows: 1,053-Yes and 22-No.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve ratification of amendment to the 2003-2006 collective bargaining agreement for Teachers.

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

RATIFICATION OF  
AMENDMENTS TO THE  
2004-2007 COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT FOR  
EDUCATION SUPPORT  
PROFESSIONALS

Dr. Paulson reported that the vote from Education Support Professionals was as follows: 981-Yes and 7-No.

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve ratification of amendment to the 2004-2007 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Education Support Professionals.

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

ADOPTION OF 2005-  
2006 SALARY  
SCHEDULES

Mr. Birkett noted that the increase will appear in the September 15 checks and the goal for retro will be on October 15, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the administration's recommendation to adopt the Teacher, Education Support Professionals (bargaining unit members), Professional/Technical (non-bargaining unit members), Administrative, and Other Compensation Salary Schedules for 2005-2006 as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF 2004-  
2005 GENERAL  
PURPOSE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS AND  
RELATED COST  
REPORT

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the 2004-2005 General Purpose Financial Statements and related Cost Report for submission to the Department of Education.

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

SCHEMATIC DESIGN  
DOCUMENTS FOR  
PROJECT SBAC A0330—  
HORIZON CENTER NEW  
CLASSROOMS AND  
SUPPORT FACILITIES

PPI Construction Management Inc., and Brame Architects, Gainesville, Florida, provided a brief presentation on the Schematic Design Documents for the Horizon Center New Classrooms and Support facilities.

Board members preferred the early site package, which allows moving into the facility in August, prior to school starting.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the Schematic Design Documents as presented.

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

EMPLOYEE  
SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to approve the settlement agreement as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-13 and 15, with Item 14 being pulled for separate discussion and vote. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

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

APPROVAL TO USE  
E-RATE FUNDS TO  
PURCHASE DEEP  
FREEZE ENTERPRISE  
LICENSES

Mr. Eubank voiced concern that the money being used to purchase the licenses is being taken out of E-Rate funds, which are to go directly to the classroom, and he urged staff to work toward taking it out of operating money rather than E-Rate funds.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the administration's recommendation to authorize the use of \$32,310.70 of E-Rate funds to purchase 5000 Deep Freeze Enterprise Licenses with maintenance for use on student and staff computer workstations.

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

CITIZEN INPUT(cont'd)

A citizen requested information on the North Florida Education Consortium (NFEC) and the reason the district is not a member.

Mrs. Sandy Hollinger, deputy superintendent, explained that the district is too large to belong to NFEC, but does belong to the Crown Consortium.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mr. Eubank made the following requests:

- Issue picture IDs with new fingerprinting procedures.
- Superintendent and Chairman agenda a discussion item related to concerns with continuing requests from a single Board member

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investigating one particular school, and the ramifications of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) becoming involved. Requested a report as it relates to what it cost in money, staff time and incidental costs to provide the information requested.

Mrs. Childs made the following request:

- Schedule a Board workshop in October or November related to zoning and growth.

Chairman Pinkoson also expressed concern with the issue of a Board member investigating one particular school, and suggested the Board put this issue to rest and if not, the Superintendent will schedule a meeting. She felt it incumbent upon the Board to take care of all the district's schools and not hamper anyone's ability to perform their job.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.