

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 3, 2006

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: F. Wesley Eubank, Chairman; Virginia S. Childs, Vice-Chairman; Tina Pinkoson, 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 Eubank, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by the P.R.E.S.T.I.G.E. organization at Metcalfe Elementary School, a group of young men with leadership goals. The Board awarded certificates to the students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES      Motion by Mrs. Childs                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of September 19, 2006, as presented.

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

ADOPTION  
OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Attachment A, page 9: Glen Springs was changed to Terwilliger.
- Item F.6.: Add a student case. Separate discussion.
- Item F.7.: Delete Bus Use Agreement.
- Item F.9.: Move Professional Services Ranking for Project SBAC W0601 – Districtwide Energy Conservation Project to Action Item G.5.
- Item F. 10.: Revised Agreement, Boys and Girls Club
- Item G.4.: Add Petition for Hearing, Casey Carlisle, Case No. 0607-01
- F.13., Agreement with UF Dept. of Psychiatry: Separate discussion.
- F.14., Agreement with Dr. Janet Greene, Ed.S.: Separate discussion.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to adopt the October 3, 2006, meeting agenda as amended.

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

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Roy complimented Doug Jossi, Westwood P.E. teacher, for a recent event called *Game On, the Ultimate Wellness Challenge*, which included many activities, as well as nutritional information. She also congratulated everyone involved with a recent Williams Elementary project, *Stars Over East Gainesville*, which included soul food, stargazing with the UF Astronomy Department, ethnic dance and Spanish music.

CITIZEN INPUT

- Regarding the issue of under-performing students and economic status, a book was recommended by a citizen.
- A Lofton High School sophomore expressed concern about changes at Lofton, including the competency-based program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Regarding Item F. 6, Student Case(s), Mrs. Childs and staff members provided background information.

Information was also provided to Mrs. Roy on Items F.13., Agreement With University of Florida Department of Psychiatry, and F. 14., Agreement With Dr. Janet Greene, Ed.S.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROCLAMATION -  
MEDIATION WEEK  
AND CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION DAY

Motion by Mrs. Roy

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Proclamation proclaiming the week of October 15-22, 2006, as Mediation Week and October 19, 2006, as Conflict Resolution Day.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PUPIL PROGRESSION  
PLAN 2006-2007

A Public Hearing was held on September 19, 2006, to consider revisions to the 2006-2007 Pupil Progression Plan.

SECOND READING

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2006-2007 Pupil Progression Plan as amended.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RESOLUTION NO. 06-07 -

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

RETAIN EXCLUSIVE  
AUTHORITY TO  
AUTHORIZE  
CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution 06-07, providing exclusive authority to authorize Charter Schools within the District's geographic boundaries of the School District of Alachua County.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PETITION FOR HEARING-  
CASEY CARLISLE,  
CASE NO. 0607-01

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to grant the hearing and request that the Division of Administrative Hearings assign an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES RANKING FOR  
PROJECT  
SBAC WO601 -

Interviews were conducted on September 20, 2006, for the design professional on this project. It is requested that the School Board accept the following ranking: 1) BCA, Inc., Maitland, Florida; 2) Ameresco, Inc., Tampa, Florida; 3) BGA, Inc., Tampa, Florida.

DISTRICTWIDE ENERGY  
CONSERVATION  
PROJECT

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to accept the ranking of 1) BCA, Inc., Maitland, Florida; 2) Ameresco, Inc., Tampa, Florida; 3) BGA, Inc., Tampa, Florida, as presented.

Mrs. Roy addressed the Board to request that they vote against the recommendation, and instead choose the second ranking company, Ameresco, Inc. She stated that she attended the meeting of the Selection Committee but was not allowed to speak. However, she believes Ameresco is a superior company, a real energy consultant, as opposed to BCA, Inc., which she believes is an engineering firm that designs systems and bids them out. Mrs. Roy distributed a GRU Energy Audit of the District's Schools.

Mr. Eubank clarified that it was inappropriate for Mrs. Roy to be appointed to the Committee, since the Board would be voting on the issue. He stated that it was a fair and equal process, with five of the six Committee members independently choosing BCA as first ranking.

Mr. Ed Gable, Executive Director, Facilities, conveyed that BCA meets all the requirements, including ESCOs (Energy Service Companies), and he stands by the recommendation.

Discussion continued, with UF Professor Emeritus Dwight Adams offering information on thermodynamics.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Mrs. Childs  
Mr. Eubank  
Mrs. Pinkoson  
Mrs. Williams  
No: Mrs. Roy

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs commended the Lofton student who addressed the Board earlier. She also asked Assistant Superintendent Joan Longstreth to look into a Gainesville Sun report that a teacher had been unpaid for a five-week period.

Mrs. Roy reported on a Cooper Institute activity and fitness assessment tool she has recently been informed about, which would cost only \$8,995 for all students in the district. She suggested looking into the possible purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Williams

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.