

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 7, 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; and W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent. James F. Lang, attorney for the Board, was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eubank, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by the Archer Junior City Council from Archer Community School. Certificates were awarded.

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

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 17, 2006, as presented.

Mrs. Roy requested that a question she had asked be added to the minutes.

The question was called on the minutes as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION
OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Add Action Item H.8, Establish 2006-07 Salary for Board Members.
- Delete Consent Item G.8., Inventory Droppage Report.
- Delete Consent Item G.14., Leasing of Relocatable Classrooms for Project SBAC Q0602.
- Amend Attachment D., Page 5, Item 4., Requested by Title I, not the Facilities Department.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the November 7, 2006, meeting agenda as amended.

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

RECOGNITION

Ms. Pat Lopez, Buchholz High School, was recognized as the Florida Foreign Language Association's 2006 French Teacher of the Year. Ms. Lopez was also inducted into the FFLA Hall of Fame at the state conference in October.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

At Mrs. Childs' request, Mr. Dave Hotary, Employee Benefits Director, provided facts concerning the School Board's 403B investment providers, companies that were discussed in a recent Gainesville Sun article that included significant misinformation. Chairman Eubank requested that clarification be provided to City and County officials who may have received incorrect information.

Mrs. Roy congratulated Junior Achievement on their recent breakfast, which she called 'a professional and inspirational event'. She invited the business community to share their experience with JA students.

Mrs. Pinkoson commented on the Take Stock in Children program and thanked those who have made this six-year commitment to students. She also stated that the closing has been completed on the Diamond Sports Park property and commended staff for a job well done.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen disagreed with the Board's choice of energy consultants and commented on the Board's democratic process.

This portion of the meeting was interrupted to convene a public hearing. Further citizen input will be accepted following the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING --

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

PROPOSED 2007-08
SCHOOL CALENDAR

The proposed 2007-08 School Calendar was presented and two options for a flex day were noted. There was no public input.

Mrs. Childs favored Thursday, December 20, for the flex day, since there are ample days off earlier in the Fall, and it would provide a better opportunity for holiday travel without student or employee absences being incurred.

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the Board meeting reconvened.

CITIZEN INPUT (continued)

Citizen comments included:

- a request for a School Resource Officer at Duval Elementary.
- commendation for Duval's programs and principal.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda as described in items 1-13.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-08 --
EDUCATION PLEDGE

Alachua County Education Association (ACEA) representative Mrs. Sande Calkins explained that this pledge is a statewide initiative to increase public awareness of education funding needs. The goal statewide is to present a million signed petitions to the legislature on the opening day of the session.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to Adopt Resolution No. 06-08, Education Pledge, as presented.

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

RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR TEACHERS

ACEA President Gunnar Paulson reported that the ratification vote was overwhelmingly in favor - Yes: 1250 No: 34

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve ratification of the 2006-2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Teachers as presented.

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

RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

ACEA Representative Sande Calkins reported the ratification vote on Salary Schedules was overwhelmingly in favor - Yes: 1058 No: 8 Abstain: 1

Motion by Mrs. Roy Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve ratification of amendments to the 2004-2007 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Education Support Professionals, as presented.

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

ADOPTION OF 2006-2007 SALARY SCHEDULES

Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the process of developing the salary schedule. An updated version of the Administrative Salary Schedule was provided to the Board. The 2005-06 Administrative Salary footnotes will remain in effect until a Board Workshop can be scheduled.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent'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 2006-2007, as presented.

Availability of salary schedules on the School Board Website was noted. A teacher commented on the need to increase substitute teacher pay.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 6 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Budget Amendment Nos. 1 and 2, as presented.

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

DISTRICT FACILITIES FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

A program prepared as required for submission to the Department of Education was presented by Facilities Director Ed Gable. It represented a five-year schedule of major repair, renovation, and capital outlay projects,

together with projections of available revenue. The district must submit this program annually and may revise the program at any time to reflect new project priorities and available revenue.

Mr. Gable reported there are \$133 million in needs, with only \$47 million in anticipated revenue that can be applied toward these needs.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the District Facilities Five-Year Work Program for submission to the Department of Education as presented.

Mrs. Roy pointed out that the cost of some projects has risen dramatically in the past year, particularly noting the Williams Elementary Media Center renovation and expansion. She requested that the Williams project be moved up to 2007-08 from 2008-09. She also requested that the Sidney Lanier project be moved up from 2009-10.

Mr. Gable explained that the original cost for the Williams project was based on outdated information. In this Five-Year Work Program, every attempt has been made to update figures as accurately as possible.

Mrs. Childs explained that this document is a comprehensive needs assessment, with information that has been assembled and reviewed by staff, schools and SACs. Since moving some projects up will delay others, she feels it is unrealistic to consider rearrangement.

Mrs. Roy stated that the Board had discussed possible rearrangement of projects and she felt that those that have been on the list for a long time should be given priority.

Williams PTA President Rose Koenig spoke in support of a priority status for the Williams Media Center renovation and expansion. She suggested that staff compile an analysis of project funding over the recent past to show how funds have been distributed.

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

SCHEDULE FINAL
HEARING, EMPLOYEE
CASE NO. 3-0405-11,
MICHAEL K. SCOTT

The Superintendent recommends scheduling a Final Hearing in Employee Case No. 3-0405-11.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to schedule a final Hearing in Employee Case No. 3-0405-11 for January 9, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

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

ESTABLISH PROPOSED
2006-07 SALARY FOR
BOARD MEMBERS

Florida law provides that each school board must annually vote to establish a salary for Board members at the first regular meeting following the organizational meeting. The proposed salary should be advertised along

with the notice of the regular meeting. At the regular meeting, the Board sets the actual salary. However, the actual salary may not be greater than the proposed salary that was advertised.

A regular meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2006, immediately following the organizational meeting. In order to approve a salary at that meeting, it is necessary that the Board first establish a proposed salary so that the proposed salary can be advertised prior to the November 21 meeting. The Board should take action to establish the proposed salary so that final action on the salary may be taken at the November 21 meeting, as required by law.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to establish a proposed salary in accordance with the recommendation of the Florida School Boards Association.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT

Chairman Eubank noted that the first item of the Superintendent's contract states that the term of the contract is automatically renewed for one year, following a satisfactory evaluation by a majority of the Board. Since a majority of the evaluations were satisfactory, the Superintendent's contract is automatically renewed for one additional year.

CITIZEN INPUT

A teacher addressed the Board regarding problems with the student cell phone policy. It was noted that policy revisions might be in order, since technology has changed rapidly, and includes the advent of camera phones.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

[Mrs. Pinkoson left the meeting.]

Superintendent Boyd thanked the Alachua County Sheriff's Office for participating in the National Child Identification Program and sending a check for \$14,345.56 to the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. With a match from the School Board, every parent will be provided a child identification kit.

Chairman Eubank reported that Gainesville Sun reporter Tiffany Pakala will be moving to Jacksonville. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Pakala for her reporting on the Alachua County Public Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved that the meeting be adjourned. (7:34 p.m.)

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