

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 5, 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: Ginger Childs, Chairman; Janie S. Williams, Vice-Chairman; F. Wesley Eubank, Tina Pinkoson, and Eileen F. Roy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and James F. Lang, Attorney for the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Childs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Norton Elementary School Safety Patrol members. Certificates were awarded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES     Motion by Mr. Eubank                     Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of November 21, 2006, and Reorganization meeting of November 21, 2006, as presented.

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

ADOPTION                     Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                     Seconded by Mr. Eubank  
OF AGENDA

Moved to adopt the November 21, 2006, meeting agenda as amended.

The following change was made to the agenda:

- Consent Agenda Item G.3., Bids and Requisitions, was pulled for separate discussion and vote.

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

RECOGNITION                     Board members recognized:

- retirees
- Talbot Elementary School on its NCLB Blue Ribbon Award for improving student achievement
- principals Cris Hirsch and Ann Mullally for their many years of service.
- schools that earned the Superintendent's United Way Challenge Award
- Head Start Policy Council Members
- Phyllis Erney, Florida School Counseling Association's Middle School Counselor of the Year
- Bill Goodman, Florida School Counseling Association's Administrator/Supervisor of the Year

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS                     Mrs. Childs reported that the three finalists for Teacher of the Year are: Sarah Freidman, Elementary; David Dixon, Middle School; and Kathy Gregory, High School.

She also reported that December 4 -8 is National Inclusive Schools Week and recognized staff member Tom Ringwood for leading the inclusion effort. A rotating award has been established in his honor to recognize outstanding teachers.

CITIZEN INPUT

On behalf of the North Central Florida Labor Council, Dr. Gunnar Paulson invited Board members to an upcoming spaghetti dinner, where Sheriff Sadie Darnell will be the guest speaker.

On behalf of the Duval Community Arts Council, Mr. Von Fraser reported on the many excellent things happening at Duval Elementary School and its magnet program. He cited a need for a School Resource Officer and requested financial support for Duval's growing strings program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda as described in items 1-14, with the exception of Item G.3.

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

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve Consent Agenda Item G.3., Bids and Requisitions.

Attachment D, Item D., Districtwide Data Communication and Transport Services was discussed. Mrs. Roy questioned why GRU was selected over Cox Communications to provide Data Communication Services to the District. Purchasing Director Wayne Hackett responded to questions and enumerated the technical services components of the committee's evaluation. Mr. Eubank spoke highly of Cox Communication and the many things they do for the school district and community. He expressed hope that they understand the reasons for the outcome of the bid process.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Barbara Henry as principal of Prairie View Academy, effective December 6, 2006.

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

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Lina Bedoya as principal of Irby Elementary School, effective December 6, 2006.

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

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Judy Black as principal of Chiles Elementary School, effective December 6, 2006.

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

DRAFT STAR PLAN

Motion by Mr. EubankSeconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the draft STAR Plan as presented.

Deputy Superintendent Sandy Hollinger explained that it was a difficult task to develop the STAR (Special Teachers are Rewarded) Plan, as the committee felt that the premise is flawed and does not achieve the outcome of recognizing highly effective teachers. Since it is required by state statute to have an approved performance pay plan, if one is not submitted, STAR funds will be lost. The District would then still have to comply with state statute and fund a performance pay plan from the general operating budget.

Mrs. Hollinger commended the committee members on their diligent work, in particular Dr. Gunnar Paulson, ACEA President, for his leadership. Dr. Paulson stated that this draft document will be sent to teachers and administrators and the ratification process will be followed.

Mrs. Hollinger reviewed the Draft Plan in some detail, including the Administrative Pay Plan, and responded to Board member questions.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BID AWARD FOR  
PROJECT SBAC R0506—  
GAINSEVILLE HIGH  
SCHOOL GYM AIR  
CONDITIONING AND  
ROOF REPLACEMENT

Motion by Mr. EubankSeconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$743,469 and additive alternates 1, 2, and 3 in the amount of \$76,469 and award a contract for construction totaling \$819,938 to Bonner Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Sanford, Florida. Completion of the project shall be within one hundred twenty (120) consecutive calendar days.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BID AWARD FOR  
PROJECT SBAC R0503—  
LINCOLN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL ROOF  
REPLACEMENT

Motion by Mr. EubankSeconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$1,234,469 and award a contract for construction to Bonner Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Sanford, Florida. Completion of the project shall be within one hundred eighty (180) consecutive calendar days.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

SCHEDULE  
WORKSHOP—  
2006-2007  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
SALARY SCHEDULE

Motion by Mrs. WilliamsSeconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule a workshop on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 9:30 a.m., in the Boardroom, to discuss the 2006-07 Administrative Salary Schedule.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ORDER OF PRE-HEARING  
INSTRUCTIONS,  
EMPLOYEE CASE  
NO. E-0405-11

Board Attorney James F. Lang reported that the employee’s attorney has a conflict and a new date must be scheduled. It was the consensus of the Board that the date will be January 30, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. He explained the procedure involved in the Hearing.

At the request of Staff Attorney Tom Wittmer, the date in paragraph 5 of the Order was changed from December 13 to January 4. The date in paragraph 6 was changed from January 4 to January 18.

Motion by Mr. Eubank                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to enter an Order of Pre-Hearing Instructions, to define the purpose of the hearing, to identify the documents in the record, and to establish the length of time permitted for oral argument as presented in the proposed Order as amended.

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

2007 LEGISLATIVE  
PRIORITIES

Superintendent Boyd reviewed the additions that have been made to the Legislative Priorities document and Board members directed staff to make several other modifications.

Motion by Mr. Eubank                      Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to adopt the 2007 Legislative Priorities as revised.

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

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Superintendent Boyd stated that the beautiful poinsettias at the podium were provided by the Lofton Eagles Floral Shop, instructor Dan McKinnon.

It was noted that Lofton High School graduation will be held on December 14 at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Roy provided Board members with an article from the New York Times magazine concerning helping students bridge the achievement gap. She requested that it be discussed at the next informal Board meeting.

Mrs. Pinkoson suggested that at the informal meeting the Board consider whether she should attend the FIRN Legislative meeting in Washington D.C. in January.

It was clarified that the December 7 Concurrency meeting is for elected officials of local municipalities. Board members are welcome but not required to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.