

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2007

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: Virginia S. 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.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Williams

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of July 31, 2007, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to adopt the August 21, 2007, meeting agenda as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RECOGNITION

- RETIREES

There were no retirees present.

- ALACHUA COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

Mrs. Mary Chance, Director, Alachua County Public Schools Foundation, reported that \$70,000 in grants were recently awarded to 138 teachers and principals. She also provided a list of Foundation Board members.

- PROGRESS ENERGY

Mrs. Chance commended Progress Energy for their continuing generous grant contributions, particularly noting this year's \$20,000 contribution. A good part of these funds will be used for Scholastic Brain Bank, which was explained to be a collection of non-fiction books aimed at building elementary literacy skills by focusing on the content area of science.

Mrs. Childs would like the public to be made aware of the community's generosity to the Foundation.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Williams announced that she visited ten schools over the first two days. She particularly noted initiatives at Hawthorne Middle/High School, the Professional Academies Magnet at Loften and at Prairie View Academy.

Mrs. Childs expressed appreciation to Mrs. Kathy Shewey and her staff for a great job on the Teacher Induction program, as well as to those who worked on the Back-to-School event for employees.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen commented on what he believes are textbook errors and omissions concerning Black History. Mr. Eubank then read a letter written by curriculum supervisor Debbie Gallagher, related to the teaching of multiculturalism.

A citizen encouraged the purchase of wind-up laptops for all students and provided a Website address for information.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as described in Items 1-20.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendment No. 22 – General Fund, Budget Amendment No. 23 – Special Revenues, and Budget Amendment No. 24 – Capital Projects, include changes for the period of June 1, 2007, through June 30, 2007.

Motion by Mrs. Williams Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Budget Amendment Nos. 22, 23, and 24, as presented.

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

AMENDMENTS TO
POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES FOR
THE PROVISION OF
SPECIALLY DESIGNED
INSTRUCTION AND
RELATED SERVICES
FOR EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS: 2004-2005
THROUGH 2006-2007,
WITH EXTENSION
FOR 2007-2008 —
FIRST READING

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Board approve for advertising the Amendments to Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students: 2004-2005 through 2006-2007, with extension for 2007-2008.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-07,
SPORTSMANSHIP

The Florida School Boards Association encourages promotion of exemplary sportsmanship to all students and student athletes, by adopting a resolution to be presented to all principals, coaches and student athletes. Resolution 07-07, Sportsmanship, was read into the record by Mrs. Childs.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 07-07, Sportsmanship, as presented.

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

EDUCATIONAL SPOT
SURVEYS FOR SCHOOLS

The 2007 Educational Spot Survey has been prepared for classroom additions at Alachua Elementary School and New Elementary Schools F, G & H. Mr. Ed Gable, Executive Director, Facilities, reviewed the changes on this update of the 2005 Survey.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Educational Spot Survey as presented, for submission to DOE.

In response to a request from Mr. Eubank, Mr. Gable stated that he will provide the Board with all options, from a planning standpoint, a financial standpoint, and a physical plant standpoint.

Mrs. Roy expressed concern for the funding for these schools.

For the benefit of the public, Mrs. Childs explained that prior state restrictions precluded the possibility of constructing what the District actually needed. The state has now made some concessions that would allow such construction, should funding become available.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

DISCUSSION

2007-2008

CAPITAL OUTLAY
PROJECTS –

Mr. Gable provided a list of capital projects that are recommended to be included in the 2007-08 budget, which has 25.6 million dollars available.

Mr. Eubank made suggestions for modifying some budget designations.

Mrs. Roy pointed out that the information on the Capital Projects list provided at this meeting differs from that which is on the Website (May 29, 2007, Worksheet). For the benefit of the public, Mr. Gable reviewed the projects on the updated Capital Projects list.

At a question from Mrs. Roy, it was affirmed that newly purchased buses have the capacity to run on biodiesel, although its use would bring the bus fuel system warranty into question. Warranties cannot be negotiated because the District purchases buses under the state contract.

It was noted that no funding is included in this budget for property acquisition.

Mrs. Rose Koenig, Williams Elementary PTA president, addressed the Board with a request to fully fund the Williams addition this year, rather than just the renovation. Mrs. Roy also advocated that change, if funding should become available through decreased costs in other projects.

While project priorities are a Board decision, Mr. Gable stated that after the renovation, he believes the Williams library will be able to house a collection of books comparable to any other elementary school. He also

stated that the Master Plan calls for the library expansion at Williams and he does not intend to recommend that be changed.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mrs. Koenig pointed out that a library should provide space for functions other than just housing books, and Williams does not have such space.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy pointed out that a hard copy of the minutes of the last meeting was not provided, nor were the minutes accessible on the Website. She requested that, in the future, they be put on the Website or in the Board packet.

Superintendent Boyd reported a smooth school opening and commended the Assistant Superintendents and Deputy and complimented all the Divisions on good planning.

Mrs. Childs gave a reminder of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.