

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 6, 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 preceded by the Buchholz High School Wind Symphony playing patriotic music in honor of Veterans Day. Principal Vince Perez announced that the group was the winner of the 2007 National Wind Ensemble award. Chairman Childs called the meeting to order and the students led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 16, 2007.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION
OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

- Mrs. Childs added Item H.3., Adoption of the 2007-2008 Administrative and Professional/Technical Personnel (Non-Bargaining Unit Members) Salary Schedules.

The reason for adding this item is to permit these two groups of employees to begin receiving their compensation under the new schedules without further delay. This constitutes “good cause” under Board By-Law 0165.1 and section 120.252(2), Florida Statutes.

- Mr. Eubank requested that Attachment D, Purchased Products/Services between \$12,500 and \$24,999, be pulled for separate discussion.

Moved to adopt the November 6, 2007, meeting agenda as amended.

The question was called on approval of the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of Board members, Mrs. Pinkoson expressed condolences to Dr. Boyd on the recent loss of his mother.

Mr. Eubank reminded Board members of their scheduled visit to view some construction in Osceola County this Friday.

Mrs. Childs announced that this meeting is her last as Chairman and thanked Board members, Superintendent, staff members, and particularly Secretary Rose Ramos, for all the assistance she has been given during her tenure as chairman.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen addressed the Board concerning what he termed *Imperial Arrogance*, as related to the Black Male graduation rate and poverty.

ACEA President Gunnar Paulson spoke to clarify an article in The Gainesville Sun concerning Bargaining.

CONSENT AGENDA

Regarding Item G.4., Flood Insurance Renewal purchased from Arthur J. Gallagher and Co., Mr. Eubank requested that in the future, this insurance be purchased through Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) and the broker of record for the School Board.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve Items 1-15 of the Consent Agenda and that, in the future, required flood insurance be purchased through the School Board's broker of record and Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT).

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

PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO
POLICIES 1430.01 AND
4430.01, FAMILY
MEDICAL LEAVE OF
ABSENCE --

These two policies were adopted by the School Board on July 17, 2007. They pertain to Family and Medical Leave for employees, as provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq. ("FMLA"). Amendments are proposed to correct some inadvertent phrasing.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Williams

FIRST READING

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve for advertising the proposed amendments to Policies 1430.01 and 4430.01, Family and Medical Leaves of Absence, as presented.

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

TIME CHANGE FOR
REGULAR BOARD
MEETING ON
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board reschedule the time of the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. Mrs. Roy requested earlier notice in the future.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to reschedule the time of the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.

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

ADOPTION OF 2007-2008
ADMINISTRATIVE AND
PROFESSIONAL/
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL
(NON-BARGAINING
UNIT MEMBERS)
SALARY SCHEDULES

The 2008-08 fiscal year began on July 1, 2007. The Board gave final approval to the District budget on Sept. 4, 2007. Employees may only be paid according to an adopted salary schedule. Compensation under the new schedules is provided for in the 2007-08 District budget.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Salary Schedules for (1) Administrators and (2) Professional/Technical Personnel (Non-Bargaining Unit members) as presented. It is further recommended that salary schedules adopted continue from year-to-year until amended by action of the Board.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy requested that principals be reminded of paper/cardboard recycling, to ensure that these materials are placed in the appropriate receptacles rather than the dumpster.

Mrs. Childs reported that an Executive Session has been scheduled for November 13, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. The Board then scheduled an information session on zoning for 9 a.m. on November 15.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.