

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2008

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: Janie Williams, Chairman; Tina Pinkoson, Vice-Chairman; Ginger Childs, F. Wesley Eubank, 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 Williams, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Duval Elementary School Drummers performed and received a standing ovation. Students and teacher were commended.

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

Moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of February 19, 2008, as presented.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mrs. Williams announced the following changes to the agenda:

- Consent Agenda Item G.7., Extended School Year Programs 2008, is being deleted.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to adopt the March 4, 2008, meeting agenda as amended.

Mr. Eubank requested discussion on Item G.2.F., Bids and Requisitions, Fencing Services.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Roy commended the 500 UF students who recently completed a weekend “makeover” at Rawlings Elementary School, transforming it by painting classrooms and doors, painting murals, planting a butterfly garden and doing campus landscaping. They also presented over 1,000 books to the media center and donated \$1,000 to the school’s music program. Mrs. Roy thanked them for their generosity and hard work. She also commended staff coordinator Kelley Kostamo and Principal Emery Bishop.

Mrs. Roy thanked the Passages Family Church for their generous donation of \$6,199 to Metcalfe Elementary for a Paraprofessional for first grade and three male mentors, as well as to provide refreshments for Saturday school and professional development training for the teachers. The church also gave Rawlings Elementary \$4,700 to purchase classroom supplies and resource books for the media center.

Mrs. Williams concurred with Mrs. Roy’s comments and reported on a visit to Rawlings to see the “makeover.”

with \$25,000 being planning money that cannot be recouped if the school doesn't get off the ground by August 1. The state requires the District to be the fiscal agent for the grant, but no funds are provided for administration.

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

ALACHUA COUNTY
VALUE ADJUSTMENT
BOARD, 2008

As provided for in Chapter 194, Florida Statutes, the Value Adjustment Board is comprised of three County Commissioners and two School Board Members. It is requested that two School Board members and one alternate be elected to serve on the 2008 Alachua County Value Adjustment Board.

At the February 20, 2007, School Board meeting, Wes Eubank and Tina Pinkoson agreed to serve on the Alachua County Value Adjustment Board, with Eileen Roy as alternate.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to continue the appointment of Wes Eubank and Tina Pinkoson to serve on the Value Adjustment Board, with Eileen Roy as alternate.

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

EMPLOYEE CASE
NO. E-0708-05

The employee is charged with violation of School Board Policy 4210 "Code of Ethics." The basis of the charge is that on February 6, 2008, the employee willfully failed to complete her assignment to print FTE materials, yet documented that the assignment had been completed. The employee submitted a falsified job log, in violation of the Code of Ethics, Rule 6B-1.006(5)(h), FAC. She had previously been given verbal and written instructions that she is required to complete a job assignment before signing off that the job assignment is complete.

The employee was suspended with pay, effective February 12, 2008, and the Superintendent intended to recommend the employee be terminated. On February 27, 2008, the employee gave notice of her intent to file a grievance.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend the employee without pay, effective March 5, 2008, pending conclusion of the grievance process.

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

SCHEDULE A
LONG-RANGE
PLANNING WORKSHOP

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule a Long-Range Planning Workshop for March 19, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

INFORMATION ITEM

ENERGY
CONSULTANT
REPORT

Mr. Ed Gable, Executive Director of Facilities, introduced the District's energy consultant from BCA Engineers and a consultant from Gainesville Regional Utilities. Mr. Gable noted that the energy report is on the Website, as is the *Alachua County Public Schools Energy Awards and Incentive Program*. He then conducted a PowerPoint presentation: *Energy Conservation in Alachua County Public Schools*. Mrs. Williams expressed appreciation to Mr. Gable and staff.

Mrs. Roy thanked Mr. Gable for some specific items in the presentation but stated that she was disappointed in a lack of information pertaining directly to the progress of the energy consultant. She expressed dissatisfaction concerning the following specific issues:

- Solar panels installed at two middle schools should not be included in reported conservation measures, as they were installed several years ago as teaching tools for students.
- The work done by the energy consultant in the past year is almost nil.
- The “kick-start incentive plan” that the consultant said would begin immediately has not yet been started.
- The consultant's project planning phase has dragged on for a year.
- The result of all this is that the consultant has not saved any money for the district, as far as she can see, or the savings are miniscule.
- She feels the report is inaccurate and misleading and shows that the District is not serious about saving energy and money.

Mr. Eubank took exception to some of the issues and the manner in which he felt they were raised. He commended Mr. Gable on his report.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen who identified herself as an employee of the District expressed her views concerning Board member interactions.

ACEA President Gunnar Paulson expressed his views concerning Board interactions.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

There were no Board member or Superintendent requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.