

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 29, 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. Ginger Childs joined the meeting via telephone.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams, followed by 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 July 15, 2008, and the Special Board meeting of July 22, 2008, as presented.

Mr. Eubank requested that the minutes reflect his statement that he had seen the Interlocal Agreement [Diamond Sports Park] prior to voting on it. He then presented the Board with an addendum to be included in the official record of the July 15, 2008, minutes. The Addendum clarifies statements made by Mrs. Roy at the July 15, 2008, meeting, which were inaccurate.

Mrs. Roy stated that she did not remember seeing the Interlocal Agreement because it was received so late. She feels the real issue of the School Board benefiting from the revenues made on the DSP property is being obscured. She still has questions about why the contract has not been renegotiated, as called for in the contract. She also pointed out that the appraisal from the Property Appraiser was \$263,600.

Mr. Eubank stated that the Addendum is merely to clarify statements made at the meeting, for the benefit of the public reading the minutes.

The question was called on the minutes of July 15, 2008, as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

The question was called on the minutes of July 22, 2008, as presented.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

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

Moved to adopt the July 29, 2008, meeting agenda as amended.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Williams announced that Mrs. Childs is on vacation but has joined the meeting via telephone.

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RECOGNITION –
MARY BROGAN
AWARD

The Board extended congratulations to Alachua County Teacher of the Year Petrina Leggon on being presented with the Mary J. Brogan Excellence in Teaching Award at the recent DOE statewide teacher recognition ceremony in Tallahassee.

ACEA

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, ACEA President, addressed the Board regarding ACEA efforts in support of the School Board's upcoming millage referendum. He emphasized the importance of other items on the ballot that will impact public education.

CITIZEN INPUT

Representing the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), Mr. Danarvis Thornton thanked the Board and Dr. Boyd for making the GHS facility available, which allowed for adequate space for principals and athletic directors from around the state to attend the annual FHSAA meeting.

A citizen shared highlights from the Inside Africa exhibit at the Florida Museum.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-11.

The question was called on approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE
APPOINTMENT

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the appointment of Mrs. Barbara Henry as principal of Idylwild Elementary School, effective July 30, 2008.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5 – 0

REAPPOINTMENTS OF
SCHOOL-BASED AND
DISTRICT-LEVEL
ADMINISTRATORS FOR
2008-09

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the reappointment of School-Based and District-Level Administrators for 2008-09, as presented in Attachment D.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

REVISIONS TO 2008-09
CODE OF STUDENT
CONDUCT –
SECOND READING

Florida law requires that the School Board adopt a Code of Student Conduct for all schools. A Public Hearing was held on revisions to the 2008-09 Code of Student Conduct on July 1, 2008.

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Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the revisions to the 2008-09 Code of Student Conduct, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

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

PUBLIC HEARING --

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent, Planning and Budget, briefly addressed the Board concerning budget procedures. He also explained that a letter was published in *The Gainesville Sun* in response to questions of why the millage rate is being reduced now, when the Board will be asking for a millage increase in November. In part, the letter explains that millage rates are established by the state.

Mr. Scott Ward, Chief Financial Officer, conducted a brief presentation to explain, review and discuss rolled-back millage rates, millage impact, and other budget information.

There was no public input.

- a. Adoption of the Tentative Millage for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution 08-04, Tentative Millage, for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

- b. Adoption of the Tentative Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution 08-05, Tentative Budget, for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

In reference to public interest, Mrs. Pinkoson confirmed with Mr. Birkett that the notice published in the newspaper concerning this millage and budget adoption are not related to the proposed millage that has been placed as a referendum on the November ballot.

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular Board meeting was reconvened.

CONTINUATION OF THE 2007-08 SALARY SCHEDULES

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the continuation of the existing 2007-08 salary schedules for teachers, education support professionals (bargaining unit members), professional/technical personnel

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(non-bargaining unit members), administrative personnel, and other compensation be readopted effective July 1, 2008, without provision for future amendments due to negotiations and/or salary schedule developments.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

POLICY 7110.01,
INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr. Terry Tougaw, Director, Community Planning/Zoning, addressed the Board concerning the Interlocal Agreement policy.

Florida law requires that the location of public educational facilities be consistent with the comprehensive plan and implementing land development regulations of the local governing body. The law also requires school boards to enter into interlocal agreements with the counties and cities to establish jointly the specific ways to coordinate the plans and processes of the school boards and the local governments.

The proposed interlocal agreement with Alachua County and the cities or towns of Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, LaCrosse, Micanopy, Newberry and Waldo. The agreement establishes procedures for holding joint meetings; coordinating and sharing of information; determining the need for supporting infrastructure; implementing and determining school facilities concurrency, including a Five-Year Facilities Work Program; and establishing and amending level of service standards. It also specifies criteria for school site selection and consistency determinations; for level of service standards; for capacity availability and school enrollment; for school concurrency service areas; for student generation rates and costs per student station; and for proportionate share mitigation.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Policy 7110.01, Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, as presented, and advertise for adoption as a rule.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mrs. Roy commended Mr. Tougaw on 'a much-improved agreement.'

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen requested and was provided a copy of Policy 7110.01.

A retired music educator made an inquiry about a Consent Agenda item purchase. Mrs. Roy offered to follow-up with the information requested.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

There were no Board Member or Superintendent requests.

Calendar adjustments were made and a workshop was added to review a Charter School application on September 9 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.