

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 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 (*by phone*), and Eileen F. Roy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

The Board enjoyed a presentation by Lincoln Middle School's jazz ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Todd Eckstein.

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

Moved to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Workshop Minutes of July 30, 2008
- Workshop Minutes of October 16, 2008
- Informal Board Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2008
- School Board Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2008

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mrs. Williams announced that discussion will be held on Item 9.a., Certificate of Final Inspection for Project SBAC A0603.

Motion by Mrs. Pinkoson Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to adopt the October 21, 2008, meeting agenda as presented.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Williams expressed condolences to the family, friends and students of Carol Schmitt, Newberry Elementary School teacher, who passed away recently. Ms. Schmitt was a veteran teacher of 47 years, 43 of them at Newberry Elementary.

Mrs. Childs announced an upcoming Buchholz High School Veterans Day concert, to be held at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Childs presented roses to departing Board member Mrs. Williams, expressing appreciation for her contributions and for her passion for children.

RECOGNITION—
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHERS OF THE
YEAR Sharon Ketts, fifth grade teacher at Archer Community School, was recognized as the Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year. Richard Sheets, Oak View Middle School, was recognized as the Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

RECOGNITION—
HEAD START POLICY
COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members of the 2008-2009 Head Start Policy Council were introduced and recognized for their commitment to the endeavors of the Head Start program.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

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 – 9, with item 9.a., Certificate of Final Inspection for Gainesville High School Media Center Addition and Renovations, being pulled for discussion.

Mr. Ed Gable, Executive Director, Facilities Department, was commended by Board members on the Gainesville High School Media Center Addition and Renovation. It was said to be a lovely, contemporary, energy efficient building, that not only was completed ahead of schedule, but at more than \$35,000 under budget.

The question was called on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

Mrs. Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer, presented the 2009 Legislative Priorities. She noted that a line will be added requiring the return of any operating funds, when a charter school closes.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the 2009 Legislative Priorities, with the addition as noted.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mrs. Pinkoson requested that the picture on the front of the brochure be replaced by one that includes children.

BID AWARD FOR
PROJECT SBACD0604 –
KIRBY-SMITH
ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING PARKING
UPGRADES

Bids for the construction of this project were received on October 9, 2008.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Board accept the second low base bid of \$410,145 and additive alternate two in the amount of \$22,000 and award a contract for construction totaling \$432,145, to Harlis R. Ellington Construction, Lake Butler, Florida. Completion of this project shall be within two hundred twenty-five (225) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed." The low base bid has been withdrawn by the Bidder.

Board members expressed that this project has been delayed but needs to be completed, citing the many guests and conference attendees who visit the premises.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

REVISIONS TO POLICY
5517.01, INTIMIDATING
BEHAVIOR TOWARD
STUDENTS –
FIRST READING

Revisions are proposed in order to comply with the 2008 Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act. The law prohibits the bullying or harassment of any public K-12 student or employee, and requires the adoption of a policy with specific elements included.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved to approve revisions to Policy 5517.01, *Intimidating Behavior Toward Students*, as presented, for advertising and to schedule a public hearing for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mrs. Pinkoson commented on the nice job that was done with this document.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Pinkoson thanked Superintendent Dan Boyd and Public Information Officer Jackie Johnson for working relentlessly to educate the public about the One Mill referendum, conducting countless highly effective presentations. Mrs. Roy echoed those sentiments and also extended thanks to Dr. Gunnar Paulson, teachers, and all in the ACEA, for their tireless efforts on the referendum. Mrs. Pinkoson requested that all involved be recognized at an upcoming Board meeting, including members of the millage oversight committee.

Mr. Eubank stated that, regardless of the millage outcome, serious economic challenges will be faced. He enumerated various issues to be considered, including possible school closings/reconfigurations, information he has provided to the Board on Osceola County, and student uniforms.

Mrs. Childs would like to look at scheduling budget meetings to consider possible cuts or reductions through attrition, as previously discussed.

Mrs. Pinkoson suggested the possibility of scheduling a day retreat, to focus on these issues as soon as possible. Mr. Eubank suggested the possibility of holding the retreat at Camp Crystal, if it doesn't impact students and if the fact that it is just over the county line would not prohibit such a meeting.

It was confirmed to Mrs. Roy that the November 11 Informal Board meeting was cancelled, due to the holiday, and has not been rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.