

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 16, 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: Tina Pinkoson, Chairman; F. Wesley Eubank, Vice-Chairman; Ginger Childs, Eileen F. Roy; and Barbara Sharpe, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and James F. Lang, Board attorney.

Holiday carols were performed by Glen Springs Elementary students, Debby Des Forges, Instructor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pinkoson.

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

Moved to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting and the regular Board meeting of November 18, 2008, as presented.

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

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

Mrs. Pinkoson announced the following changes to the Consent Agenda: Item H.9.c., Bus Use Agreement, has been deleted; Item H.18., Student Case 08-01-X, has been added.

Moved to adopt the December 16, 2008, agenda as amended.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no Board member or Superintendent announcements.

RECOGNITION

MARCHING BAND Buchholz, Gainesville, and Santa Fe High School Marching Bands were
CHAMPIONSHIPS recognized for their recent State Championship Awards.

ALACHUA Jim Brandenburg, Alachua Elementary School Principal, highly
ELEMENTARY commended the leadership and commitment of several people involved in
SCHOOL the school's recent building construction, including architect Paul Stressing,
M. M. Parrish Site Superintendent David Tiffin, and School Board Project
Coordinator, Jimmy Sweat.

OTHER AGENCIES

DIAMOND SPORTS Mr. Richard Blalock, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of
PARK UPDATE Newberry, provided an update on Diamond Sports Park, including programs,
tournaments, special events, donations/in-kind services, and an end-of-year
financial report.

Mrs. Childs thanked Mr. Blalock for what he has done for the youth and many adults in the community. She expressed appreciation for the proactive financial strategies.

Mrs. Roy stated that she enjoyed the presentation and questioned whether teams that practice at Diamond have an advantage over those that don't. She requested an opportunity to view more in-depth financial information, which Mr. Blalock was open to arranging.

Tina expressed appreciation for the manner in which this program has been conducted and the need that it has met for both students and adults in the community.

Mr. Blalock confirmed to Mrs. Sharpe that Hawthorne, Lincoln Middle and Eastside High Schools all have their own fields.

Dr. Boyd extended greetings to the governing officials of the City of Newberry and expressed appreciation for the Diamond Sports Park joint initiative, and particularly Mr. Blalock's management.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen emphasized the importance of teaching African-American history and invited the community to attend an upcoming Kwanza Celebration.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-17, with the deletion of H.9.c. and H.18.

In response to a question from Mrs. Childs on Item H.11., Mr. Jim Utley, Information Resources Director, reviewed the additional software requirements and increased network traffic, which has resulted in the need to upgrade to a Cisco 6500 core network switch.

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

AMENDMENT TO POLICY 5517.01, INTIMIDATING BEHAVIOR TOWARD STUDENTS --

This policy amendment was developed to fulfill the requirements of F.S. 1006.147, The Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act, and to address bullying and harassment in our schools. The School Board held a public hearing on November 18, 2008.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

SECOND READING

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the amendment to Policy 5517.01, *Intimidating Behavior Toward Students*, as presented.

Mrs. Roy inquired as to why specific enumeration of transgender and gay students was not added to the policy, as requested by several people at the public hearing.

Mrs. Kathy Black, Director, Student Support Services, explained that a committee of students, teachers, counselors, and parents considered the matter, reviewed Policy 5517.01, and studied policies from other counties. The amendment as presented was their recommendation.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4 – 1

Yes: Childs
Eubank
Pinkoson
Sharpe
No: Roy

BID AWARD FOR
PROJECT SBAC A0701,
WESTWOOD MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENT
SERVICES ADDITION
AND RENOVATIONS

Bids for the construction of this project were received on October 30, 2008.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$1,425,000 and additive alternates one and two in the amount of \$51,000 and award a contract for construction totaling \$1,476,000, to J. A. Standridge Construction, Inc., Melrose, Florida. Completion of this project shall be within three hundred fifty (350) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

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

CAMP CRYSTAL
FEE INCREASE

During the 2007-08 school year, Camp Crystal served 8,000 students, 6800 students throughout the academic year and 1200 students during the Camp's summer program. It was noted that Camp Crystal has not had a fee increase since 2005.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the proposed fee increase as presented.

In response to a question from Mrs. Childs, Camp Director Tony Oyenarte affirmed his belief that the fee increase is sufficient for the Camp to be self-supporting. He went on to say that nearly 500 people attended the Camp's recent 60th Anniversary event, which raised \$12,000.

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

CANCELLATION OF
THE JANUARY 6, 2009,
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to cancel the January 6, 2009, School Board meeting.

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

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Pinkoson:

- The County Commission is seeking a School Board member to serve as a non-voting member on the Economic Development Advisory Committee. If a Board member is interested, Mrs. Pinkoson has the application form.
- Requested that Board members place budget meetings on their calendars for the following dates: January 27 and February 10, both at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.