

Mrs. Roy announced:

- The opening of the Neighborhood Resource Center, a new partnership between the Library District and the Partnership for Strong Families. It is located on NE 16 Ave. near Bishop Middle School and Metcalfe and Rawlings Elementary Schools. A Grand Opening is scheduled for July 8.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Gladys Wright was recognized by the Board, school and community members upon her retirement, after 40 years of service. She has served as principal of Shell Elementary School since 1987. Dr. Wright was warmly thanked for her dedicated service and best wishes were extended.

PRESENTATION

Recipients of Servin-Ellis Memorial Scholarships, sponsored by the Florida Credit Union, were introduced and the Board was informed of their future academic plans. The Chairman extended thanks to the Florida Credit Union for their generosity as a business partner.

CITIZEN INPUT

Captain Tony Jones, Gainesville Police Department, commended the Board and Superintendent for their support of The Reichert House and presented them with a recognition plaque. This year's graduating class had eight students, six of whom were in the audience. Captain Jones reported that some graduates already have jobs, four have Santa Fe College scholarships, one has a Florida A&M University scholarship, and one is entering the military. They were all roundly applauded.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-9 and 11-19, with the understanding that Item 10, Contract(s) With DES of Florida, has been moved to an Action Item.

Mr. Everett Caudle, Supervisor, Project Development, responded to Mrs. Roy's request for more information on Item H.19., Formal Request for Waiver of Non-Federal Share (Match) for Head Start COLA.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE
APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Mrs. Denise Schultz as principal of Shell Elementary School, effective June 17, 2009.

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

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Mrs. Veita Jackson-Carter as principal of Hawthorne High School, effective June 17, 2009.

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

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Mr. Shane Andrew as principal of Mebane Middle School, effective June 17, 2009.

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

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Ms. Valdenora Fortner as principal of Williams Elementary School, effective June 17, 2009.

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

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

EXTENSION OF
CONTRACTS FOR
SCHOOL-BASED AND
DISTRICT-LEVEL
ADMINISTRATORS –
JULY 1, 2009 - JULY 31,
2009—ATTACHMENT E

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the extension of contracts of School-Based and District-Level Administrators for the period of July 1, 2009, through July 31, 2009, as presented in Attachment E.

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

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mr. Eubank

RENEWAL OF PROPERTY
AND CASUALTY
INSURANCE PROGRAM
FOR THE 2009-2010
FISCAL YEAR

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance Program with the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year, in the amount of \$3,754,440.

Mr. Eubank explained that the invoice will be for approximately \$4.2 million, but the deduction of a prior-year surplus brings the cost to \$3,754,440. He also explained that there is a \$1700 increase, due to a decision to raise theft coverage from a quarter-million to a half-million dollars.

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

REVISIONS TO THE 2009-
2010 CODE OF STUDENT
CONDUCT –
FIRST READING

Mrs. Kathy Black, Executive Director, Student Services briefly listed changes to the 2009-2010 Code of Student Conduct. (See Supplementary Minutes Book).

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule a Public Hearing for 6:30 p.m., July 21, 2009, to consider revisions to the 2009-2010 Elementary and Secondary Code of student Conduct, as presented.

Mrs. Bev Jones, District employee, stated that some teachers did not receive a copy of the proposed revisions, as required by contract. She suggested it be sent prior to any decision being made. She further addressed the Board regarding her concerns about cell phone use before and after the instructional day, particularly their use being extended taking photos, texting and videos.

Mr. Eubank felt the wording related to 'telecommunication device' should be adjusted, expressing concern about cameras and student privacy. He emphasized the importance of enforcement of the dress code and conveyed

appreciation for the policy changes.

Mrs. Roy stated that since the use of cell phones on campus is related to safety issues, there is no reason to include their use for photos and videos. She believes use should be restricted to phone calls only.

Mrs. Childs was pleased with changes regarding the dress code, as well as driving regulations. She feels there should be a concerted effort to notify parents of these important changes and that school personnel should be required to enforce the dress code. She suggested that schools have a supply of T-shirts that a student in violation of the Code would be required to wear.

Mrs. Sharpe commented that the dress code has been an issue for too long and that there needs to be accountability for enforcement.

Mrs. Pinkoson concurred with Mrs. Sharpe, feeling there has not been an adequate effort toward enforcement and that accountability must include administration and school personnel. Regarding opinions that enforcement will require excessive time, Mrs. Pinkoson feels that concerted efforts will minimize the time required to see results. She also strongly feels that cell phones, should be used as communication devices only, not for games, cameras and videos, etc.

Mrs. Sharpe was interested in what teeth can be put into enforcement.

Mrs. Jones commented on difficulties of enforcing the Code change against wearing baggy pants, since it is a matter of style and the only type of pants many students own. She noted some specific problems related to cell phone use, which she referred to as a much more significant issue.

Mrs. Childs suggested the following language as the opening sentence related to cell phone use: *You may possess wireless communication devices at school for communication with parents or guardians for safety purposes. This use must be limited to before and after school with permission from an authorized school adult.*

Mrs. Black confirmed Mr. Eubank's assertion that the matter of obscene photos/musical lyrics is already covered in another area of the Code.

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

Bids for the construction of this project were received on June 9, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the low base bid of \$459,000 and Additive Alternates 1 and 2 in the amount of \$16,000, and award a contract for construction totaling \$475,000 to Rauh-Co Construction Services, Inc., New Port Richey, Florida. Completion shall be within two hundred ten (210) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in the "Notice to Proceed."

BID AWARD FOR
PROJECT SBAC A0801 –
LINCOLN MIDDLE
SCHOOL SCIENCE
CLASSROOM
RENOVATIONS

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

FIRST AMENDMENT TO
CHARTER SCHOOL
CONTRACT WITH
MICANOPY MIDDLE
SCHOOL, INC.

The Board approved a charter contract for the Micanopy Middle Charter School on February 19, 2002. The charter school's governing Board has requested that the school be designated a public employer, instead of a private employer. The change will permit the school's employees to participate in the Florida Retirement System. A charter school can be either a public or private employer under s. 1002.33(12), Florida Statutes.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved to approve the First Amendment to the Charter School Contract with Micanopy Middle School, Inc.

Mrs. Roy stated that she is pleased with this amendment.

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

VIRTUAL SCHOOL
PROVIDERS

Florida Statutes requires each District to provide a K-12 Virtual School program by the 2009-2010 school year. The District solicited proposals from DOE-approved virtual school vendors through the RFQ process. Dr. Sandi Anusavice, Director, Secondary Curriculum, conducted a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the process and applications, as well as contract requirements, student eligibility and alternative student options.

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to approve K-12 Virtual School as the provider for grades K-5, and Educational Options as the provider for grades 6-12.

At Mr. Eubank's request, Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Budget, provided information related to the amount of FTE funding received per student.

In reply to Mrs. Roy, Dr. Anusavice stated that, while there may not be a restriction on the number of options that could be offered per level, an increase would complicate the program. Mrs. Childs feels that making virtual school an alternative is one more example of the DOE chipping away at public school systems. Dr. Anusavice responded to further questions.

At a question from Mrs. Jones, brief discussion was held concerning the use of free/reduced lunch applications to determine free equipment eligibility.

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

APPOINTMENTS(S) TO
THE COUNTYWIDE
VISIONING AND
PLANNING COMMITTEE
(CVPC)

In January 2008, the Countywide Visioning and Planning Committee (CVPC) was reconvened to continue to provide a forum for dialogue concerning annexation, future growth, and development in Alachua County. As a community stakeholder, the CVPC is requesting a School Board member and an alternate be appointed to serve. The CVPC meets on the fourth Wednesday

of each month at 4 p.m. Mr. Eubank volunteered to serve, and Mrs. Childs and Mrs. Roy will be alternates.

CONTRACT(S) WITH
DES OF FLORIDA, LLC

DES of Florida provides a means for administrators and professional/technical employees to be subcontracted to the School Board for a period of one year after their DROP period expires. The School Board previously signed an umbrella agreement with DES. It is recommended that the School Board approve DES contracts for the following employees: Cathy Costello – Sidney Lanier Center (7/1/09-6/30/10), and Leonard Weiss – A. Quinn Jones Center (7/1/09-6/30/10).

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Mr. Eubank stated that his previously voiced concerns prevent him from casting a supportive vote. However, he stated it is the most difficult vote he has had to make, since these are two of the finest principals in the District, and they serve a challenging population.

Mrs. Childs stated she will vote for contract approval exactly because the principals are uniquely qualified.

Mr. Eubank believes appointments have become automatic, and he is also concerned with the cost factor.

Mrs. Roy agreed with the accolades for these principals but expressed disagreement with the policy implementation in general, as well as the cost to the District. For these reasons, she cannot support the motion.

Mrs. Sharpe supports the vote exactly because of the principals' unique talents and devotion to their challenging student population.

Mrs. Childs noted that the DES policy has already been decided and Board member views are known. Since this vote is for the principals themselves and not the policy, she asked that Board members reconsider their position and vote on that basis.

Mrs. Roy expressed possible reconsideration but registered her discontent with the DES situation. Mr. Eubank reiterated his position and commented that he was disappointed when he viewed the agenda and did not see the changes that he sought.

At a comment from Mrs. Roy, it was pointed out that the Board is required to approve an over \$25,000 expenditure.

Mrs. Pinkoson expressed her agreement with the admiration for these principals. She further stated that she would be supporting the appointments for these critical-need schools.

Mr. Eubank reviewed his position, reiterating that he is not against these principals. He also pointed out that DES is a contract, not a policy. He defended his right to vote on a contract issue in the manner he feels is right for the District, as do the other members.

Mrs. Roy requested a more complete explanation of why this matter was brought to the Board, stating it is a subterfuge.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 3-2

Yes: Childs
Pinkoson

Sharpe
No: Eubank
Roy

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

INFORMATION ITEM – 2009-2010 MILLAGE OPTIONS

The Legislature has authorized school boards to levy an additional ¼ mill by a super majority vote. The Board was not in favor of this option, since they are so appreciative of the community passing the one-mill increase last Fall. However, Mr. Eubank suggested that a millage ‘swap’ might be done by levying the ¼ mill Legislative option and, at the same time, cutting the local property tax for construction projects by an equivalent amount. This ‘swap’ would result in an increase in operating revenue without an increase on property tax bills.

Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Budget, reviewed information related to the ‘swap’ proposal and reported that the result would be an increase of \$3.775 million in funding to the District, after proceeds are shared with charter schools. His recommendations for the handling of these potential funds were geared toward protecting against effects of possible future holdbacks.

Mr. Birkett stated that staff feels there is no reason not to proceed with this proposal, and reviewed related points. He emphasized that the proposal increases funding, without imposing additional property taxes. He also noted the importance of providing a clear explanation to the public.

Mrs. Pinkoson commended Mr. Birkett on his explanation of a complicated issue. Mrs. Sharpe recommended proceeding slowly.

BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs requested a report of upcoming capital outlay recommendations in September, after school begins and population trends are known.

Mrs. Roy would like to have follow-up information provided on the outcome of grant applications.

With FSBA reporting that construction bids are now being received at 20% reduced costs, Mr. Eubank noted the importance of preparing to move quickly on any construction projects. He also requested a report as soon as possible on what the minimum and maximum class size was last year for each school and grade level.

Mrs. Pinkoson reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.