

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Administrative Appointment(s)
July 9, 2009

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in Special Session duly called at 10:30 a.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Tina Pinkoson, Chairman; Wes Eubank, Vice-Chairman; Eileen F. Roy, and Barbara Sharpe; and W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and Susan Seigle, Board attorney. Ginger Childs joined the meeting by phone.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pinkoson.

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

Moved to adopt the July 9, 2009, meeting agenda as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0
(Mrs. Roy was not present at the beginning of the meeting.)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S) Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Lynn McNeill as principal of Terwilliger Elementary School, effective July 13, 2009.

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

Motion by Mr. Eubank Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Kathleen Valdes as principal of Finley Elementary School, effective July 13, 2009.

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

DISCUSSION Mr. Eubank presented a request for information, based on his budget concerns about grant funding, use of Title I funding, and technology spending without appropriate planning. He expressed overall concern for the District's financial future.

Mrs. Sharpe reported on an FSBA Conference presentation that highlighted technology use as an 'equalizer' among students, with accountability showing rising performance.

Mrs. Childs spoke in support of even greater technology goals and clear communication with employees hired through grant funding.

Mrs. Roy concurred with the matter of communication concerning grant-funded positions. She also had brief questions on the technology program and funding for reading coaches.

Deputy Superintendent Sandy Hollinger stated that she will respond to Mr. Eubank's request by memo to all Board members.

ADJOURNMENT The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.