

- commended the BHS Wind Symphony, under the direction of Alex Kaminsky on receiving an invitation to the 2009 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic. Only five Florida bands have made it in the last decade. Mr. Kaminsky led one of those bands, Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, which attended in 2005.
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on extending an invitation to all elected and appointed officials for a special service.

Mrs. Childs commended everyone for their hard work in getting the new school year off to such a positive start.

Mrs. Roy noted that the award from the *Alliance for a Healthy Generation*, which was mentioned by Ms. Sharpe, was won by Gainesville High School. She noted that a tremendous amount of work went into earning the award.

CITIZEN INPUT

A number of citizens commented on the recent situation of a few students wearing t-shirts with inappropriate and unacceptable messages concerning Islam. Appreciation was expressed to the District for its handling of the matter, and vigilance was urged, to prevent any escalation.

Mrs. Pinkoson expressed appreciation for the input and she expressed a commitment that one family will not be allowed to upset the positive nature of diversity in our school communities.

Dr. Boyd commended the excellent leadership in our schools. He stated that behavior such as was demonstrated by these few students will not be tolerated in our schools, and he committed to the safety of all students. He thanked the citizens for sharing their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

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

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2009- 2010 THROUGH 2011-1012

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures 2009-2010 through 2011-2012.

SECOND READING

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROPOSED 2010-11 SCHOOL CALENDAR --

Mrs. Hollinger provided information on the Draft calendar.

FIRST READING

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule a Public Hearing for 6:30 p.m., September 15, 2009, to consider the proposed 2010-11 School Calendar.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ANNUAL CONTRACT
RENEWAL OF 2010
GROUP PROGRAMS
(HEALTH, 125 PLAN AND
LIFE) AND APPROVAL OF
DEPOSITORY FOR THE
125 PLAN

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida (Health), MetLife Insurance Company (Life), and Fringe Benefits Management Company (125 Plan, and the approval of Wachovia Bank, N.A. (Depository) as presented.

Mrs. Childs commended the committee for their diligence in developing the plans and preparing the information. She was concerned, however, that employees may find it difficult to understand. She provided an example of a more simplified style, which Mr. Jim Sumner, Risk Manager, indicated could be implemented.

Mr. Sumner noted that the contracts to be approved also include the addition of BCBS and Medicare supplemental plans for retirees and Birth Control Prescription coverage in all the plans.

Mrs. Roy expressed appreciation that costs were kept to a minimum compared to most other districts.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

APPROVAL OF 2008-2009
GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND
RELATED COST REPORT

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to approve the 2008-2009 General Purpose Financial Statements and Related Cost Report for submission to the Department of Education.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

AMENDMENTS TO
POLICIES AND
ADOPTION OF NEW
POLICIES –

The School Board held a rule development workshop on July 28, 2009. The proposed amended and new policies are listed in the executive summary.

Dr. Boyd noted that policies will be updated throughout the year.

FIRST READING

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the proposed amendments to policies and adoption of new policies for advertisement, as presented, and schedule a public hearing for 6:30 p.m., on September 15, 2009.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

A teacher addressed the Board with concerns about what she feels is difficult-to-understand information from the SIMS Model used in the schools.

A Hawthorne citizen thanked the Board for what she called 'amazing things' going on at Hawthorne under the leadership of new Hawthorne High principal Veita Jackson-Carter, Vice-Principal Libby Hartwell; and Shell Elementary Principal Denise Shultz.

A Hawthorne Pastor also thanked the Board for the positive changes taking place at Hawthorne High.

The head of a national non-profit agency with the local branch name of *Slow Food Gainesville*, addressed the Board concerning their efforts on behalf of fresh, local, and sustainable food production.

HUNGER ABATEMENT
PLAN

DISCUSSION

Ms. Maria Eunice, Food and Nutrition Services Director, stated that the School Board of Alachua County was the co-sponsor for two Hunger Summits, held in September 2008 and June 2009. *The Alachua County Nutritional Alliance* evolved from these summits, with their purpose being to implement the *Hunger Abatement Plan*.

Mr. Jim Henson, *Alliance* member, explained the course of action planned for the *Hunger Abatement Plan*, as well as the goals that have been established. He reported that their plan has been adopted by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and presented to state officials associated with the Department of Children and Families.

This subject will be brought back to the Board as an Action Item at a later date.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Childs reported on gang information she recently received, including the fact that a student is actively recruiting on YouTube. She requested attorney opinions on whether that can be prohibited or other action taken.

Mrs. Roy inquired why energy efficiency upgrades at Buchholz and Eastside have not been implemented, though the Financial Report shows the funds are available. She also asked for an update on the previously discussed idea of working in conjunction with the Housing Commission on student attendance issues.

Mr. Eubank requested clarification of enrollment numbers and future updates, as well as a zoning matrix showing exceptions and NCLB choices.

The Chairman gave reminders of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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