





investment. She questioned whether the property value has depreciated since the purchase. She also questioned whether declining enrollment has affected the original premise of purchasing the property for a future school site. Over \$2 million could have been earned on investment if a school is not constructed for 20 years.

Mrs. Roy requested that detailed financial figures concerning Diamond Sports Park be provided to the Board routinely in the future. In addition, she noted that it cannot be known if another entity might make more money on the facility, since the contract was not originally bid out. For the reasons cited, she will vote no on the contract.

Mrs. Pinkoson expressed understanding of financial concerns but feels that a price cannot be put on the opportunities that have been offered our students and community, particularly in light of the concern for wellness issues. In addition, she believes millions of dollars have come into the community through DSP activities. She thanked the City of Newberry for being willing to take on the management of Diamond Sports Park.

Dr. Boyd expressed pride in the acquisition of Diamond Sports Park and the job that Newberry Recreation has done under the administration of Richard Blalock. He believes it well serves the needs of the community. He thanked Mr. Blalock and conveyed regards to the Newberry City Commission.

Mrs. Childs stated that it has been the tradition of this county for over 40 years to purchase land for future schools, and no income was involved. She feels the DSP property is being used in a positive way for the community and is also bringing economic benefit to the community at large, which helps with the sales tax in our community and, in turn, with the District's one-mill monies. She expressed appreciation to Newberry for taking on this project.

Mrs. Sharpe concurred that the history of the Board is that properties have been purchased for future school sites when the opportunity arose at a good price. She also sees value to the community, regardless of profit. She thanked Newberry for their management.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 3-1

Yes: Childs  
Pinkoson  
Sharpe  
No: Roy

Mr. Richard Blalock, City of Newberry Recreation Director, thanked the Board for allowing Newberry to manage DSP. He cited some opportunities for economic development that have resulted. He also noted the value of the property infrastructure, if and when a high school is built.

Mrs. Roy questioned Mr. Blalock concerning incidents reported to her that related to a particular team and player. Because of the nature of the situation, Mrs. Pinkoson asked that Mrs. Roy discuss the matter with Mr. Blalock

outside the meeting.

PROCLAMATION –

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

SEPTEMBER 2009  
AS FLORIDA  
ADULT EDUCATION AND  
FAMILY LITERACY  
MONTH

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation that the School Board adopt the Proclamation proclaiming the month of September as *Florida Adult Education and Family Literary Month*, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

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PUBLIC HEARINGS –

The regular Board meeting was recessed and a Public Hearing convened.

PROPOSED 2010-11  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Calendar:** A teacher posed questions regarding use of flex days and presented suggestions, which Deputy Superintendent Hollinger will look into. Mrs. Roy concurred with the importance of teacher workdays and would like the order of flex day use reviewed.

AMENDMENTS TO  
POLICIES AND  
ADOPTION OF NEW  
POLICIES

**Policies:** A teacher questioned 1) what criteria determines political attire; 2) lack of adherence to required SAC composition at some schools; 3) unequal application of policy infractions. Mrs. Roy concurred with the questions concerning criteria for political attire and SAC composition.

Regarding SAC composition, Mrs. Sharpe questioned whether minorities are attending the meetings and being overlooked for committee positions, or are they not attending or volunteering to participate.

ADOPTION OF THE  
MILLAGE RESOLUTION  
FOR THE 2009-1010  
FISCAL YEAR AND THE  
2009-2010 BUDGET

**Millage Resolution and Budget** - Mr. Scott Ward, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed information pertaining to the Millage and Budget.

A citizen addressed the Board concerning tax matters related to her personal situation.

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A business owner registered a complaint (via letter) about the amount of the school district’s tax increase, particularly in light of difficult economic times. Mrs. Pinkoson responded, asking that she contact legislators.

**Resolution No. 09-08**--Adoption of the Discretionary Critical Needs (Operating) Millage Levy for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve Resolution No. 09-08 as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

**Resolution No. 09-09**--Adoption of the Millage levy for the 2009-2010 Fiscal year.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Resolution No. 09-09 as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

**Resolution No. 09-10**-Adoption of the 2009-2010 Budget.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Resolution No. 09-10 as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular Board meeting was reconvened.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen expressed disappointment that the chairman had stopped a Board member from speaking on an issue. The chairman cited it as a point of civility.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy repeated a request she made at the last meeting for information on the progress of energy efficiency upgrades at Buchholz and Eastside High Schools.

The Chairman reminded members of the Capital Outlay Workshop scheduled for September 29.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.