

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 6, 2009

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; Wes Eubank, Vice-Chairman; Ginger Childs, Eileen F. Roy, and Barbara Sharpe, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and Susan Seigle, Board Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pinkoson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES     Motion by Mrs. Sharpe                     Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to approve the following meeting minutes, as presented:

- Informal School Board Meeting, September 8, 2009
- School Board Meeting, September 15, 2009

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

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

Moved to adopt the October 6, 2009, meeting agenda.

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

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Roy attended the Job Corps Fair and reported that there are many free career programs that are open to anyone ages 16 to 24.

Mrs. Pinkoson reported that the state recently completed an annual audit, and submitted favorable comments in the exit meeting, including that Alachua County 'sets the bar.'

RECOGNITION

• FIVE STAR SCHOOLS

Mrs. Liz Stark, Volunteer Coordinator, reviewed the extensive criteria for the Five-Star School Award and announced the 2008-2009 award winners: Wiles Elementary for their ninth straight year and A. Quinn Jones Center for their eighth straight year. The Board and Superintendent extended congratulations.

• SIVANCE ALACHUA  
COUNTY SCIENCE  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD

Mr. Brian Soucek and Mr. Paul Kremer of SiVance presented the Science Teacher of the Year Award to Steven Everett, Eastside High School teacher since 1990. His many achievements were noted and the Board and Superintendent extended congratulations.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen invited Board members to attend the Radiant Hands Fourth Annual Dinner on October 24 and provided information on the charitable group.

ACEA President Gunnar Paulson expressed concern about (1) an air conditioning issue at Idylwild Elementary School and (2) a policy change that he feels will be detrimental to the District, regarding political matters.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-10.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

[Board attorney Susan Seigle affirmed that this vote holds no conflict of interest for the chairman, who raised a question.]

EMPLOYEE CASE  
NO. E09010-02

Charges against this employee are outlined in an administrative complaint provided to Board members. The recommendation is that the Board suspend the employee with pay for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days, and that the suspension would continue thereafter, without pay, pending termination proceedings.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve suspension of the employee with pay, for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days, and that the suspension will continue thereafter, without pay, pending termination proceedings.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Mrs. Childs  
Mr. Eubank  
Mrs. Pinkoson  
Mrs. Sharpe  
No: Mrs. Roy

PROPOSED 2010-11  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

A public hearing was held on the proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar on September 15, 2009. Deputy Superintendent Hollinger noted the changes.

SECOND READING

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2010-2011 School Calendar as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

AMENDMENTS TO  
POLICIES AND  
ADOPTION OF NEW  
POLICIES

A public hearing was held September 15, 2009, on the proposed amended and new policies.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

SECOND READING

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the amended and new policies as presented.

Mrs. Roy stated that Staff Attorney Tom Wittmer indicated that changes to the policy concerning political matters would not have had a negative impact on activities conducted for the One-Mill referendum.

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PUBLIC HEARING–  
2009-10 PUPIL  
PROGRESSION PLAN

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

There was no public input.

Mrs. Roy questioned why conduct grades were eliminated for elementary schools, and Dr. Sandi Anusavice, Secondary Curriculum Director, indicated she was not certain, but would review and update the Code as necessary.

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

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AMENDMENTS TO  
POLICIES/ADOPTION OF  
NEW POLICIES  
SECOND READING

The question was called on adoption of the Amendments to Policies and Adoption of New Policies as presented.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

DISTRICT FACILITIES  
FIVE-YEAR WORK  
PROGRAM

This program has been prepared as required for submission to the Department of Education. The Program represents a five-year schedule of major repair, renovation and capital outlay projects, together with projects of available revenue. The District must submit this program annually and may revise the program at any time to reflect new project priorities and available revenue.

A presentation was conducted by Mr. Ed Gable, Executive Director, Facilities.

Mrs. Childs inquired as to whether any under-capacity schools maintain relocatables on campus. Mr. Gable responded that the inventory and need for relocatables is regularly monitored. He also responded to a question from Mrs. Childs, stating that one of the present media centers at High Springs will be changed to an alternate use.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the program for submission to the Department of Education.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
OAKMONT AT  
GAINESVILLE, LLP,  
ALACHUA COUNTY,  
SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ALACHUA COUNTY AND  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
D/B/A GAINESVILLE  
REGIONAL UTILITIES

The Oakmont Planned Development is a 999-unit single-family residential development located in SW Alachua County. As a requirement of the development approval, Oakmont voluntarily agreed to convey an approximately 18.28 acre portion of the property to the School Board for use as an elementary school site. This agreement also includes the use of an approximately two-acre offsite stormwater retention facility for accommodation of drainage from the school site.

Mr. Gable conducted a presentation.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the agreement as presented.

Brief discussion was held on Mr. Eubank's contention that there may be a discrepancy in the property description in a County Zoning Resolution. Mr. Gable will check into it.

Mrs. Childs pointed out that this is a donation of property, contrary to what was recently reported in *The Gainesville Sun*.

Mrs. Roy commented on the generous donation of property but expressed concern that the District not be locked into construction on the site. Mr. Gable assured that this vote is merely acceptance of the donation. Input on all sites will be received from the School Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC).

Mrs. Sharpe felt this property is an extraordinary gift. Mr. Gable concurred with her suggestion that Item 6 may explain the question of a discrepancy in the property description.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2010 LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION

Mrs. Pinkoson announced that there will be an Alachua County Legislative Delegation hearing on November 10, from 2-7:30 p.m. She informed Board members that the Superintendent has proposed that Mr. John Mixon of *Mixon Associates* be hired to work on legislative issues with the School Board of Alachua County and the *Citizens for Strong Schools* committee. The expenditure of \$8,000 is within the purview of the Superintendent, but he asked for Board input. It was noted that Mr. Mixon, himself, would be working on the Board's behalf, not an associate.

Mr. Eubank questioned what gain is expected from a lobbyist, since he feels that legislators already know what is needed. He feels that good information is being provided daily by the Florida School Boards Association.

Mrs. Sharpe expressed disappointment in the results from the previous lobbyist, at a cost of \$25,000. However, she feels that tailored and productive

results can be expected, if Board and administration requirements are appropriately expressed. If benefits are not realized, the relationship need not be continued.

Mrs. Roy expressed satisfaction with the present FSBA information.

Mrs. Childs believes an effective lobbyist is needed to convey face-to-face the 'paramount duty' of the legislature. She believes that the Alachua County tax base makes our needs unique in the state. She values the FSBA information, but feels a lobbyist with Mr. Mixon's credentials could be a valuable asset.

Mr. Eubank again inquired about what specifically is expected, and whether it is worth the investment. He expressed appreciation for previous lobbying efforts.

Mrs. Pinkoson stated that the question at this meeting is only whether the Board wishes to pursue this affiliation. She will present more specific information at the next meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS**

There were no Board member or Superintendent requests.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10.