

*It is now a requirement, and our responsibility, that **ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** are trained in program shared governance. This needs to be done before onsite review, since we will be interviewed individually. A trainer has dedicated a block of time from which our Board can choose. The dates are: between the 20th and 30th of October, for one and one-half hours of training. We need to make the decision on a date, because we will have to advertise this meeting, due to the Sunshine Law, and also the trainer needs the date and time for his arrangement to be made. I cannot impress upon you how important this is, regarding our remaining in **compliance**.*

Dr. Boyd suggested October 26 as the meeting date.

ONE MILL OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Perry McGriff, Chairman, One-Mill Oversight Committee, read the Ballot Authority language that was approved by the voters on November 4, 2008:

APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Alachua County School District’s ad valorem millage be increased by a total of one mill, beginning July 1, 2009, and ending four years later on June 30, 2013, for necessary operating expenses including funds to provide school nurses; maintain elementary music and art programs, middle school band programs, school library programs, elementary guidance programs, and academic/career/technical magnet programs; and update classroom technology; with oversight by an independent citizens’ committee?

Committee members are: Eric Godet, Vice-Chairman; Roland Daniels, Sam Goforth, Mike Klein, Lillian Swanger, Penny Wheat and Albert White. Mr. McGriff introduced Eric Godet and Albert White, who were in attendance.

Ballot categories and corresponding appropriations were noted:

<u>Ballot Categories</u>	<u>Budget Appropriations</u>
- School Nurses	- Medicaid for 2009-2010
- Elementary Music and Art	- 44.7 Teachers
- Middle School Band Program	- 6.4 Teachers and Supplements
- School Library Programs	- 22.0 Media Specialist
- Elementary Guidance	- 11.0 Counselors
- Academic/Career/Technical	- 64.8 Teachers
Magnet Programs	- 7.0 Technicians
- Classroom Technology	- Classroom Technology Equipment

Mr. McGriff commended the community on their support of the school system and thanked the Superintendent, School Board and teachers.

Mrs. Childs thanked the original One-Mill Committee, as well as those that serve on the Oversight Committee. She also credited assistance from the University of Florida.

Mr. McGriff noted that the one-mill provided for 155 people to continue employment, but pointed out the four-year time limit of the one-mill monies.

Mrs. Sharpe thanked the Oversight Committee, as well as those that worked on the original One-Mill Committee, in particular Chairman Mark McGriff.

Mrs. Pinkoson also expressed appreciation to Oversight Committee members, stating that we will be a better school district because of their service.

RECOGNITION

HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAM NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARD

The Superintendent congratulated Gainesville High School on being presented the Healthy Schools Program National Recognition Award at the Bronze Level. This award recognizes significant changes in the areas of healthy eating, physical activity, and staff wellness. Ms. Janine Plavac, GHS faculty member, addressed the Board concerning the school's endeavors and recognized the contributions of the University of Florida. Mrs. Pinkoson commended the collaboration.

Mrs. Roy commented on her interest in this collaboration with the University and commended Ms. Plavac for her dynamic leadership.

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Boyd introduced Mr. Bob Gasche from the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee. He stated that the school district reveres the men and women of the armed forces, are pleased to have a wonderful working relationship with their organization and are very interested in hearing about the installation of a memorial.

In reference to the earlier commendations for our AP students' achievements, Mr. Gasche reported that the Alachua County Young Marine unit is number one in the entire United States and also is honored to have the Young Marine of the Year. Alachua County's Veteran group is also the number one active Veteran group in the United States.

There will be a ceremony to dedicate a memorial to Veterans who have been faculty, staff or students from the Alachua County school district. The dedication will be held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2009, at Kanapaha Park. There will also be a memorial dedicated to those who have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. He expressed thanks to them all for the freedom we each enjoy.

Mrs. Pinkoson thanked Mr. Gasche for his service to this community and to our Veterans. She also thanked Dr. Boyd for getting involved in establishment of this memorial. Mr. Gasche reported that Citizens Field was named the Milton Lewis Stadium, after the first casualty of World War II from Gainesville High School. The Alachua County Young Marine Unit was also so named.

In response to a question from Mrs. Childs, Mr. Gasche reported that his military service was from 1943 to 1946 as a U.S. Marine in the Pacific, who fought in the battle for Iwo Jima, and 1951 to 1952 in the battle for Korea. He was thanked for that service.

Mrs. Childs commented on the large difference in bid amounts, which Mr. Gable indicated was due to some bids not being submitted appropriately for the project.

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

CANCELLATION OF
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETINGS

The December 1, 2009, meeting conflicts with the state meeting of the Florida School Board Association and the January 5, 2010, date does not provide an adequate timeframe to prepare for a meeting after the Winter break.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to cancel the December 1, 2009, and January 5, 2010, School Board meetings.

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

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the Head Start Shared Governance Training for October 26, 2009, at 9 a.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES —

Mrs. Pinkoson reported that she will be meeting with Mr. John Mixon tomorrow, regarding his proposal for representing the School Board of Alachua County on legislative issues.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer, referred to the annual hearing with legislators, which is scheduled for November 10, and which requires that the 2010 Legislative Program be ready at that time. She presented the Board with a draft.

Mrs. Pinkoson stated that the Board has presented important matters in their past legislative programs, but nothing makes a difference unless funding is increased to meet the national average. She suggested a single statement to that affect.

Mrs. Roy referred to an article by Representative Cretul, which she felt indicates he is proud of the fact that Florida is 49th in state spending on education.

Mrs. Sharpe concurred with the idea of limiting the Legislative Program to one or two points that hit the mark, hoping that legislators might read it.

Mrs. Childs favored putting emphasis on increasing per-pupil spending.

Suggestions were made regarding the format.

ACEA President Gunnar Paulson suggested that advanced degrees should be funded, as in other states. He also reported that the FEA supports a three-year penny sales tax. Ms. Karen McCann, teacher, felt that if the public would rally for the penny tax as a means to fund education, it may have influence with legislators. Dr. Paulson mentioned an effort to get the community together to go to Tallahassee in the Spring for Alachua County Legislative Day.

Mrs. Johnson reported that many groups are supporting an Internet Tax, which is believed could generate perhaps \$2 million.

Mrs. Pinkoson suggested that Dr. Paulson attend the November 10 Legislative meeting.

Mrs. Sharpe stated that the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) has supported an Internet Tax for a number of years. She will inform them of the Board's interest when she attends the FSBA meeting next week.

Mrs. Roy suggested the possibility of using online means, including social networking, for petitions.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

There were no Board member or Superintendent requests.

ADJOURNMENT

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