

District Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
February 11, 2014

The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* was called to order at 5 p.m. in Conference Room E of the Kirby-Smith Center, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present:

Melanie Aultman, Waldo Comm.	Henry Kinsey, Horizon Ctr.	Clay Reddick, Kanapaha MS
Adam Boukari, Mebane MS	Sue Legg, Board App't.	Sherry Sakai, Terwilliger Elem.
Kathryn Lehtola, Irby Elem.	Donna Sheffield, PAM at Lofton	Elizabeth Washington, EHS
Scott Costello, Board App't.	Andrea Mousa, Archer Comm.	Tom Cowart, BHS
Joseph Swails, Westwood MS	Robert Clark, NHS	Rick Nesbit, Board App't.
Sarah Freedman, Ft. Clarke MS Parent	Aimee Oelrich, Board App't.	Patricia Yancey, Bishop MS
Meredith Henry, Shell Elem.	Janine Plavac, GHS	Cynthia Chestnut, Board App't.
Sandra Sullivan, Finley Elem.		

DAC Members Absent: Joshua Jett; SFHS; Rebecca Cassels, Hawthorne Jr./Sr. HS; Shannon Zvoch, Talbot Elementary; and Xiomara Mosely, Metcalfe Elementary.

Staff Members Present: Jackie Johnson, PIO; Everett Caudle, Director of Project Development; Interim Superintendent Lyons; and Karen Clarke, Assistant Superintendent.

WELCOME

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, School Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and Interim Superintendent Hershel Lyons thanked DAC members for attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Swails Seconded by Mrs. Chestnut

Moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014, DAC meeting.

The question was called. Motion passed: Unanimous

SELECTION OF
SUBCOMMITTEE
MEMBERS

Dr. Paulson requested DAC members select a sub-committee to review the applications provide input on each candidate's qualifications.

DAC members discussed the need for a broad representation of members on the sub-committee to include teachers, parents, business and community leaders.

The following DAC members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee for the Superintendent Search:

1. Janine Plavac – High School teacher
2. Scott Costello – Business leader/parent/Gainesville area
3. Adam Boukari – Assistant City Manager, City of Alachua
4. Sarah Freedman – Elementary School teacher
5. Sherry Sakai – Elementary School teacher
6. Rick Nesbit – Business leader/Alachua area
7. Cynthia Chestnut – Community leader
8. Clay Reddick – Middle School teacher
9. Donna Sheffield – High School teacher
10. Sue Legg – Community, League of Women Voters
11. Aimee Oelrich – Business leader/parent

Moved by Ms. Yancey Seconded by Dr. Sullivan

Moved to approve the members of the subcommittee, as presented.

The question was called. Motion passed: Unanimous

SELECTION OF
CHAIR AND
VICE-CHAIR

Moved by Mr. Boukari Seconded by Mrs. Freedman

Moved to appoint Janine Plavac as Chair of the DAC.

The question was called. Motion passed: Unanimous

Moved by Mr. Reddick Seconded by Mrs. Oelrich

Moved to appoint Scott Costello as Vice-Chair of the DAC.

The question was called. Motion passed: Unanimous

Ms. Plavac and Mr. Costello thanked everyone for their vote of support.

DISCUSSION—
FORMAT/QUESTIONS
FOR FINALIST
INTERVIEWS

DAC members discussed the type of questions, format, and interview process they would like to follow.

Chairman Plavac stated that the subcommittee will develop a very structured format for the interview process and urged all DAC members to submit ideas for questions and format. She encouraged members to contact her by email.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the **DAC subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 5 p.m.**, Conference Room E, Kirby-Smith, and the entire **DAC will meet as a group on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 5 p.m.**, Conference Room E, Kirby-Smith.

Mrs. Oelrich noted that due to the costs involved in searching for a new Superintendent, she asked if the School Board was vetting people in this community. Dr. Paulson responded that the School Board is conducting a national search and encouraged everyone who is interested to apply.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.