

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES  
**BOARD WORKSHOP**  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESENTATION: SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  
**Policy 5120.01 – School Zone Boundary Descriptions**  
March 17, 2015

The Board Workshop was duly called to order at 3 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Leanetta McNealy, Chairman; Eileen Roy, Vice-Chairman; Robert Hyatt, April Griffin, and Gunnar Paulson, Board members; staff members, and citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McNealy, who invited Dr. Roberts to begin the presentation of his Alachua County Public Schools System Improvement Plan. The presentation highlights included:

Goals from 100-Day Community Presentation	Alachua County Education Compact
Guiding Principles for School Improvement	Structural Changes – Reorganization
Project Management	Budgetary Impact
Transformation Strategies:	Staffing Allocation
Early Childhood Education	East Gainesville Reconfiguration/Repurposing
Language Development	Waldo/Shell Elementary Consolidation
STEAM Education	Proposed New Zone Lines
Parent Academy	Policymaking Process
Global Education Magnet	

The Superintendent's PowerPoint presentation will be placed on the SBAC Website.

**Policy 5120.01 School Zone Boundary Descriptions**

Staff Attorney Brian Moore opened the Policy portion of the Workshop, in which he will present Policy 5120.01 – School Zone Boundary Descriptions, and receive public input. He reviewed the Rulemaking procedure, which includes a Public Hearing on May 5 and a vote at the May 19, 2015, School Board meeting.

Mr. Moore presented and reviewed maps of proposed boundaries, with input from the Board. It was the consensus of the Board that a Workshop will be held to hear from the public and answer questions. It was scheduled for April 1, 2015, at 6 p.m.

Ms. Dionne McGraw, President of the African American Accountability Alliance Political Action Committee, stated the group's wholehearted support for Dr. Roberts and this reconfiguration. They stand ready to assist in getting the word out by taking it to where the parents are.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Cynthia Chestnut spoke in support of the zoning plan, drawing a comparison to the closing of Lincoln High School in the past, difficult, but it was for the good of the community. She noted that there is a lack of needed information on the maps.

Dr. Marie Herring, Pastor of Day Spring Missionary Baptist Church, expressed support of the repurposing of Duval Elementary School and Dr. Robert's vision.

Parent Susan Thomas questioned numerous issues, including estimated cost savings, budget items, length of time for busing in general, and in particular, its impact on such things as Morning Mile and tutoring.

Ms. Sonya Rudenstein, a Duck Pond parent, spoke about the need for integration of students, as well as programs. In response, Dr. Roberts commented on the Global Magnet at Metcalfe.

Ms. Evelyn Foxx, president of the local branch of the NAACP, assured the Board and Dr. Roberts of the support of the NAACP.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.