

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES - **BUDGET** WORKSHOP  
June 11, 2013

The Board met in workshop session duly called at 1 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Ave., Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Eileen Roy, Chairman; Gunnar Paulson, Vice-Chairman; April Griffin, and Leanetta McNealy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and staff. Board member Carol Oyenarte was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman. Roy. Superintendent Boyd stated that the meeting will be conducted by Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent, Planning and Budget; and Chief Financial Officer Scott Ward. Following the budget portion of the meeting, a Zoning presentation will be made by Dr. Steven Stark, Director, Research and Zoning.

Mr. Birkett opened with a statement that the last 4-5 budget years have been the most difficult and complicated in the 42 years he has been here. 2012-13 has been a transitional year, and funding levels for 2013-14 are still well below 2007-08 levels. He commented that there is growing concern about replenishing the Capital Improvement Millage fund. Maintenance costs have reduced it over time, and capital improvement needs are developing. Mr. Birkett stated that this year's estimated tax roll has a slight increase over last year. He reviewed a history of FEFP, including the one-mill, beginning with 2007-08.

Mr. Ward continued the presentation, including:

- 2012-13 Calc 4 Compared to the 2013-14 Conference Report
- 2013-14 Conference Report Analysis
- Estimated General Fund Balance 2012-13
- Estimated General Fund Balance 2013-14
- History of Capital Outlay
- Instructional Units
- Problems are soon expected because of dwindling dollars for Capital needs.

Deputy Superintendent Hershel Lyons reviewed the realigned District Organizational Charts.

Dr. Paulson raised a strong concern about the discrepancy in the budget transfer from the Capital Improvement to the General Fund, which differed from the amount reported to the Board at the last budget workshop in April.

Dr. Paulson expressed concern about the budget process not beginning earlier. He would also like to see more long-range planning, including for capital outlay needs.

Dr. Paulson and Dr. McNealy expressed some thoughts about eastside schools and would like to have a workshop scheduled as soon as possible where frank discussions can be held about some of the changes that need to be made. Dr. McNealy stated that she hopes that it would be agreed that alternatives would be found to ever going to the extreme of closing another school. She stated that if the state would go back to three as the proficiency score for writing, we would not be facing all the Fs that we have. She also stated that opting for neighborhood schools has resegregated schools. She hopes that planning sessions will be held to address the issues of low enrollment, low scores, and personnel.

Chairman Roy interrupted the discussion to ask Staff Attorney Brian Moore if the remarks relative to eastside schools would be appropriate to discuss at this meeting. Mr. Moore indicated that it would still be appropriate given the purpose of the meeting. He did not interrupt to stop the discussion thereafter.

Mrs. Griffin reminded the Board that the discussion must be limited to the topics on the agenda.

The Budget Workshop was adjourned.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES - **ZONING** WORKSHOP, Weschester Neighborhood  
June 11, 2013

The Board continued in workshop session following the Budget Workshop. Present were: Eileen Roy, Chairman; Gunnar Paulson, Vice-Chairman; April Griffin, and Leanetta McNealy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and staff. Board member Carol Oyenarte was absent.

When Meadowbrook Elementary School was opened, elementary students in the Weschester neighborhood were rezoned from Talbot to Meadowbrook. Middle and High students remained zoned to Newberry schools.

Dr. Steven Stark, Director, Research and Evaluation, gave a brief presentation to address zoning questions concerning the Weschester neighborhood.

Dr. Stark noted the following:

- Feeder patterns actually do not exist in the District, except in the case of Chiles Elementary.
- There is a huge Choice program in the District. Almost 20% of students go to schools they are not zoned to.

He then showed by maps and charts that rezoning would exacerbate the problem of overcrowding in already overcrowded schools. It would also further decrease enrollment in underenrolled schools. While the number of students is relatively small at this time, the problem would increase, since these are areas of growth.

Superintendent Boyd stated that rezoning the middle and high school students will not be recommended.

The Zoning Workshop was adjourned.