

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 20, 2015

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: Leanetta McNealy, Chairman; Eileen Roy, Vice-Chairman; April Griffin, Rob Hyatt, and Gunnar Paulson, members; Owen Roberts, Superintendent; and Ryan Gilbert, Board Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McNealy. Musical entertainment was provided by the Rawlings Elementary School Chorus.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<u>Motion by</u> April Griffin	<u>Seconded by</u> Mr. Hyatt
	<u>Moved to</u> adopt the agenda for the January 20, 2015, School Board meeting, as presented.	
	Action Item H.1., Employee Case, was deleted.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<u>Motion by</u> Mrs. Roy	<u>Seconded by</u> Mrs. Griffin
	<u>Moved to</u> approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014, School Board meeting, as presented.	
	Mrs. Roy noted a correction to a name on one of the votes.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
SCHEDULED AGENCIES	Ms. Rosalyn Levy, President of the Alachua County Medical Alliance, and Dr. Sally Lawrence, Executive Director of the Alachua County Medical Society, addressed the Board regarding Project COACH ( <i>Combatting Obesity for Alachua County's Health</i> ) and the Weekly Wellness Walks.	
ALACHUA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY AND THE ALACHUA COUNTY MEDICAL ALLIANCE	Board members and Dr. Roberts spoke highly of this program.	
ONE MILL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	Mr. Perry McGriff, chairman of the One-Mill Oversight Committee, conducted the Annual Update to the Board. Committee members, community leaders Harvey Budd, Albert White and Janie Williams were also in attendance to show their advocacy for the one-mill programs.	
	The Update included background, responsibilities, expenditures, appropriations, magnet program funding, academic, career tech, and music honors; and classroom technology information.	
	Total one mill expenditures from July 2009 through December 2015 were \$67 million. That included teachers for Academic/Career Tech Magnets, elementary music and art, band and chorus, media specialists, guidance counselors and classroom technology.	

Mr. McGriff expressed appreciation for Board leadership. He informed the Board that the committee is planning to take the Annual Report to the community to increase awareness of the significance of One-Mill funding.

Committee member Harvey Budd, who has a background in media, briefly addressed the Board, stating that there is a great story to tell about the One-Mill. He has ideas concerning “branding,” creating a logo, and establishing an ongoing community awareness.

Mrs. Roy suggested the Ilene Silverman show as an avenue to pursue.

Mr. Hyatt stated that the success of the One-Mill is due to the Board’s accountability to the voters.

Mr. McGriff emphasized that the committee makes sure the One-Mill dollars are being spent in accordance with the Ballot language.

Dr. Roberts agreed with Mr. Budd, stating that the One-Mill must be marketed so people understand the significance. He affirmed his support.

Dr. McNealy suggested showcasing students as part of the community effort and expressed confidence in the finished plan.

#### BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Paulson

- thanked ACEA President Karen McCann for her work on the One-Mill campaign.
- commented on various Martin Luther King Day celebrations he and other Board members attended and complimented Dr. McNealy on a speech she gave.

Mrs. Griffin attended the Career Academy Showcase at Gainesville High School, where the rollout of the new Education Academy at BHS was celebrated.

Mr. Hyatt expressed pride in his former student and now SFHS senior Joni Perkins on being the recipient of the Edna M. Hart *Keeper of the Dream* scholarship.

Dr. Roberts:

- attended the Career Academy Forum at BHS, where he was very impressed with the turnout and the quality of the program. He commended Dr. Dave Edwards, Career Tech Director, and his staff.
- reported that graduation rates were released, with Alachua County rising to 84% and six of the seven high schools rated as high performing. He commended all school leaders.
- congratulated Daniel Zheng, LMS, for a perfect score on a Mathematical Association of America annual competition. Also congratulated Jake Frazer, Talbot Elementary, for earning the highest score of any elementary student in Florida in that same competition. Both boys are coached by Will Frazer, national championship BHS Math Team coach.

Deputy Superintendent Hershel Lyons provided information on suicide prevention strategies that are being put in place at the schools. He also provided information on the Education Summit planned for instructional leaders, to be held June 10-11, 2015, which will also be open to Charter Schools.

Dr. Roberts commented on Boardroom improvements, expressing appreciation to Mr. Raymond Fayo, as well as the Instructional Technology Department for creating an improved environment for Board members to conduct their work.

Mrs. Roy commented on the excellent forum recently held in Alachua and the upcoming Education Foundation's fundraiser: *Night in the Big Apple*.

Dr. McNealy commended:

- Maria Maroll on being first runner up for the Martin Luther King Scholarship.
- Terry Robinson, who won the 2015 Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest.
- Dr. Candace White, for her outstanding work at several schools by helping students realize their dreams, setting goals, and discussing nutrition and the ABCs of success.
- teacher Latoria Mosley, Howard Bishop Middle School, and her students on a recent project.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Kali Blount, Black History Task Force, expressed appreciation to Dr. Roberts for addressing the group who came for the Curriculum meeting today. He then continued an ongoing history lesson.

A citizen addressed the Board regarding a transportation issue.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-7.

Mr. Andrew responded to Mrs. Roy's question by stating that the hydraulic lift would be able to be used in a new bus repair facility.

Secondary Director Donna Jones responded to questions and comments from Mrs. Roy on the School Improvement Plans, including enrollment information, number of suspensions, using Restorative Justice techniques, and sharing successful strategies.

In response to Mr. Hyatt, Mr. Andrew provided information on the sunshade structure at Meadowbrook.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

#### 2015-2016 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT/TRIM CALENDAR

Motion by Mr. Hyatt

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2015-2016 Tentative TRIM Calendar, establishing Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at 6 p.m.,

for approval of the tentative budget for advertising; Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 5:30 p.m., for the Public Hearing and adoption of the Tentative Budget and Millage, and Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., for the Public Hearing and adoption of the Final Budget and Millage.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

#### CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

#### BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS

Board members will provide information regarding scheduling a Head Start Regional Training.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.