

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2014

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: Gunnar Paulson, Chairman; Leanetta McNealy, Vice-Chairman; April Griffin, Carol Oyenarte and Eileen Roy, members; Hershel Lyons, Interim Superintendent; and Board Attorney David Delaney.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paulson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the February 18, 2014, School Board meeting, as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014, School Board Retreat, as presented.

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

Motion by Dr. McNealy Seconded by Mrs. Oyenarte

Moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014, Strategic Planning Workshop, as presented.

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

Mrs. Oyenarte Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014, Policy Workshop, as presented.

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

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014, School Board Meeting, as presented.

Mrs. Roy asked that the minutes be corrected to include under the Energy Whiz competition the solar cooking contest that was mentioned in the announcement made by Mr. Lyons

Motion by Dr. McNealy Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014, School Board Meeting, as amended.

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

RECOGNITION

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Liz Stark, Director of Volunteer Programs, reported that last year 26,500 volunteers provided over 682,000 hours of service in our schools. The Board recognized the District's 2013-2014 Outstanding School Volunteers, as representatives of the exceptional dedication of all the volunteers in Alachua County schools:

- Anna Burton, Littlewood Elementary School – Youth Category
- Mae Liza Carter, Loften High School – Senior Category
- Sue Berg, Eastside High School – Adult Category

Ms. Berg was also named one of the state's top five adult volunteers of the year by the Florida Department of Education.

PRESENTATION

QUARTERLY ENERGY REPORT

Mr. Shane Andrew, Executive Director, Facilities, presented the Quarterly Energy Report for October 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. He believes continued savings will be shown for the next quarter. Mr. Andrew thanked Ms. Theresa Spurling-Wood for her work in putting this report together.

BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Griffin:

- appreciates Mr. Lyons' weekly update publication.
- congratulated him on being selected to participate in Governor Scott's roundtable for superintendents.
- noted that the DOE has asked Mr. Lyons to be the keynote speaker at the Education Support Personnel of the Year awards in Orlando.
- commended SFHS production of *Grease*, EHS production of *Outsiders*, and Science Fair participants.
- reported that the Foster Grandparents valentine social raised over \$1000, which allows them to attend their convention this year.

Dr. McNealy

- congratulated Tristany Cram, GHS senior, on maintaining an A average this year.
- congratulated students of the first-ever elementary orchestra of the Duval Elementary Fine Arts Academy, on their performance at the District's School Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. She thanked the honorees of the luncheon for their great service.
- thanked Gennette Gailey, Teacher Specialist, for informing her about the responsibilities of a tech coach.
- Expressed pride in the students who participated in the Black History program presented at the Youth Day service, Spring Hill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Oyenarte

- Congratulated the students and the District on the number of students who earned National Merit Scholar status again this year.
- Congratulated Mr. Lyons on being part of the FADSS Leadership Program and looks forward to Mrs. Griffin being successful in being named to an FSBA position.

Mrs. Roy:

- congratulated EHS students who won an international math competition. Out of 580 teams, only 8 earned the Outstanding distinction.
- commended National Merit Scholars and students involved in Eastside's play, *Outsiders*.

Dr. Paulson:

- thanked Mr. Lyons and Mr. Andrew for the lights at SFHS baseball field.
- recommended seeing the 100-Year Celebration of the Chestnut Family, an exhibit at the Smathers Library East.
- congratulated Liz Starke and all involved with the Volunteer Luncheon.
- enjoyed a performance of the Duval Orchestra and credited Dr. McNealy for starting this program.
- spoke highly of the Spring Hill Black History Month program.
- reported that the retirement program of the Alachua County Retired Educators Association was informative and entertaining, with Dr. Patricia Nunn, UF, as the speaker.
- encouraged participation in the Weekly Wellness Walk on Saturday morning at SFC. He credited Dr. McNealy for her involvement with the Walk, as well as her support of the Employee Health Fairs.

CITIZEN INPUT

Karen McCann, ACEA President, addressed the Board regarding the recent ACEA Legislative Barbeque, and thanked all who attended. She also expressed appreciation for those working on the budget process.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-11, with Item 10, Agreement with UF Lastinger Center for the Certified Instructional Coach Program, being deleted.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

EMPLOYEE CASE NO. E1314-09

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to approve the recommendation, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROPOSED 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The proposed calendar is subject to change, upon receiving statewide assessment scheduling information from FLDOE.

Motion by Dr. McNealy

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to approve the proposed 2014-15 School Year Calendar, as presented.

Mrs. Griffin raised the same concerns as last year to the two extra days off during Thanksgiving week: parent difficulties with childcare and employees having to take additional vacation days. She also felt that although a First Reading and Public Hearing are not required, the history of going through those procedures should be continued.

Dr. Paulson stated that even if something has been done in the past, if it's wrong, it's wrong. This issue is decided by contract negotiation.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1

Yes: McNealy

Oyenarte

Paulson

Roy

No: Griffin

2014-2015 BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT/TRIM
CALENDAR

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Board approve the 2014-2015 Tentative TRIM Calendar, establishing Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 3 p.m., for approval of the tentative budget for advertising; Tuesday, July 29, 2014, 5:30 p.m., for the Public Hearing and adoption of the Tentative Budget and Millage, and Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., for the Public Hearing and adoption of the Final Budget and Millage.

In response to a question from Mrs. Roy, Mr. Ward explained that there is no allowance in the TRIM calendar for changing the date of the July 22 meeting.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy reported on a push to further increase the corporate tax voucher scholarships beyond the 25% per year. This she expects will result in more students leaving public schools to attend private and religious schools. She would like to convey to legislators that this District is against the increase in this voucher program.

Dr. McNealy encouraged attendance at the SFC Weekly Wellness Walk and to bring the children. She commended Maria Eunice for School Food Service efforts to fight obesity.

Referred to an article about the Chicago Board of Education's spending mistakes during the time their enrollment was decreasing.

SUPERINTENDENT
SEARCH UPDATE

Mrs. Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer, reviewed the District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting schedule. She reported that Janine Plavic was selected Chair and Scott Costello Vice-Chair of the subcommittee that will meet with finalists to ask them questions submitted by DAC members.

Mrs. Johnson also reported that she advertised the Superintendent's position with the American Association of School Administrator's membership during their National Conference. The deadline for applications is February 28.

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings were reviewed and Dr. Paulson gave a reminder that another Budget Workshop will be scheduled in March. He declared the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.