

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2013

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: Eileen Roy, Chairman; Gunnar Paulson, Vice-Chairman; Leanetta McNealy, Carol Oyenarte, and April Griffin, Board members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and David Delaney, Attorney for the Board.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Paulson

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2013, Elected Officials meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Dr. Paulson

Moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2013, School Board meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McNealy:

- congratulated all Teachers of the Year and particularly Ms. Diane Reid, the District Teacher of the Year.
- Expressed gratitude to School Volunteers and commented that an excellent luncheon was held in their honor. She thanked the Ft. Clarke Middle School Jazz Ensemble for such great entertainment at the event.
- Congratulated the administration and staff at Stephen Foster Elementary School for blazing new territory by being the District's first elementary school to implement a National Elementary Honor Society.

Mrs. Griffin:

- just completed her goal of visiting all District schools.
- congratulated Shell Elementary on establishing a Morning Mile program.
- congratulated students on their Science Fair entries, as well as all those involved in making the Fair a success.
- enjoyed taking part in a driver's education driving session.
- gave a reminder of the upcoming visit from Gainesville's Sister City in Rzeszów, Poland.

Dr. Paulson:

- concurred with the congratulations and comments on the Science Fair and the Volunteer Luncheon.
- commented that Irby's *Jump Rope for Heart*, organized by Ray Crone, was a good event, despite the rain.

Mrs. Oyenarte expressed regret that she missed the Teacher of the Year program, which she has been part of since its inception. She commented on the phenomenal event it has grown into.

Mrs. Roy:

- reminded everyone of the film *Bully*, which is being shown at the Hippodrome this week. She feels it is a 'must-see' for those involved in the school system.
- distributed a report of the Head Start evaluation findings, received from the Administration for Children and Families.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mrs. Roy explained that Citizen Input is the time to address the Board on matters that are not on the agenda as Action Items. To those interested in giving input on the 2013-14 School Calendar, Ms. Roy reviewed that all employees were surveyed, Union and Non-Union, with results showing that 70% of respondents, which was more than 1200 employees, voted to take off the first two days of Thanksgiving week. While the Board is glad to receive opinions, she stated that the time for crafting the calendar has passed. She then explained the calendar process that was followed and the Rulemaking Law. She stated that the Alternative Calendar proposed by the ACEA is the only alternative open to the Board at this meeting.

A citizen addressed the Board concerning many problems he sees with the educational system.

Two representatives of the African American Accountability Alliance (4As), Mr. Darry Lloyd and Mr. Juliun Kinsey, addressed the Board with concern about a student-produced video about Eastside High School. They have scheduled a March 4 forum to screen the video and hold discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-10.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

2013-14 SCHOOL CALENDAR SECOND READING

A public hearing was held January 15, 2013, to consider the proposed 2013-14 School Calendar—Original Draft and ACEA Draft. On February 5, 2013, the 2013-14 Original Draft Calendar was presented to the School Board for approval on Second Reading, but was rejected. The 2013-14 ACEA Draft Calendar is presented to the School Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Dr. Paulson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2013-14 ACEA School Calendar, as presented.

Mrs. Griffin stated that, the calendar as presented at this meeting could be voted down tonight, just as the one was voted down at the last meeting. She therefore disagrees with citizen input being limited. She stated that she still

has the same reservations that she expressed at the last meeting about having the whole Thanksgiving week off. Even more emails have been received from parents in opposition.

Mrs. Oyenarte concurred with Mrs. Griffin's comments. She also pointed out that the issue of 'family time' has had considerable mention during this process and hoped that next year the Spring Break calendar could be viewed with the same vision of 'family time,' when it comes to coordinating calendars for Spring Break.

NAACP President Evelyn Fox addressed the Board regarding issues that have been shared with her about the proposed Thanksgiving Break. The main concerns were 1) two days less 'on-task' for students and 2) the financial hardship of childcare. She expressed displeasure that the public input will have no bearing on the matter, according to Ms. Roy's statement. She felt the survey was undocumented and she stated that people did not show up at the Public Hearing because they were not yet aware of the proposal. She feels the Board is responsible to get information of this importance to the people they represent.

In response to Mrs. Roy, Staff Attorney Brian Moore reviewed the process that was followed for adopting the 2013-14 School Calendar.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 3- 2
Yes: McNealy
Paulson
Roy
No: Griffin
Oyenarte

AUTHORIZATION TO
PROCEED WITH THE
PROCESS FOR A POSSIBLE
REFUNDING OF SERIES 2004
CERTIFICATES OF
PARTICIPATION

There is a potential savings in refunding the Series 2004 Certificates of Participation that may result in lower future debt service payments, estimated at \$2.6 million in present value savings.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte Seconded by Dr. Paulson

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to proceed with the Process for a Possible Refunding of Series 2004 Certificates of Participation.

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

2013-2014 BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT/TRIM
CALENDAR

Motion by Mrs. Griffin Seconded by Mrs. Oyenarte

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to. approve the 2013-2014 Tentative TRIM Calendar, establishing Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 3 p.m., for approval of the tentative budget for advertising; Tuesday, July 30, 2013, 5:30 p.m., for the Public Hearing and adoption of the Tentative Budget and Millage, and Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 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

BID AWARD FOR PROJECT
SBAC R1204—WALDO
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ROOF REPAIR/
REPLACEMENT,
BUILDING 2

Bids for the construction of this project were received on January 29, 2013.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the low base bid of \$170,000 and Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$5,000, and award a contract for construction totaling \$175,000 to Southland Rowe Roofing, Inc., Midway, Florida. Completion of this project shall be within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days from the date indicated in "The Notice to Proceed."

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

EMPLOYEE CASE
NO. #1213-10

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Oyenarte

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate the employment of this employee, effective February 20, 2013.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen addressed the Board about ideas for making curriculum more relevant to students and helping them become independent citizens.

A citizen commended Dr. McNealy on looking out for schools in her role as School Board representative to the City of Gainesville Planning Advisory Board.

ACEA President Karen McCann responded to the citizen who was concerned with curriculum issues.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

There were no Board member or Superintendent requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman announced upcoming meetings and declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.