

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 5, 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 Michael Pierce, 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 Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Dr. Paulson

Moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013, School Board meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Dr. Paulson

Moved to adopt the agenda for the March 5, 2013, School Board meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

RECOGNITION

Khary Khalfana, 6th-grader at Oak View Middle School, was recognized for winning Florida's middle school Black History Month Essay Contest. He was awarded a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship.

FLORIDA BLACK HISTORY
MONTH AWARDS

Angela Jones, Terwilliger Elementary School, was recognized for being the elementary school winner of the state's Excellence in Education Award, winning \$1500. She created mentoring/tutoring programs for students to learn more about Black history and culture.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Boyd introduced Mr. Michael Pierce of the Dell Graham Law Firm, announcing that he will be the School Board's representative.

Mrs. Griffin highlighted the following:

- Idylwild Elementary School was this year's recipient of the UF Project Makeover. She thanked the UF team for their hard work and the Gainesville Women's Club for donating the money for new playground equipment.
- The Thomas Center Art Show is showcasing student art.
- Newberry Elementary School has a very successful Inclusion Program.
- Newberry High School participating in the National Lexus Echo Challenge.
- Buchholz High School DECCA is going to international competition.

Dr. McNealy:

- commented on her recent viewing of the film *Bully*. It is her opinion that all employees should be provided the opportunity to view it, followed by conversation about the District Help Line and how to eradicate the problem.
- thanked Sweetwater Academy for allowing her to share in their Black History Month celebration.
- commended the success of the informational Spring Festival at Sidney Lanier Center.
- thanked the African American Accountability Alliance for bringing all facets of the community together in a forum concerning Eastside High School students taking part in the making of a video. Another meeting will take place the first week of April.

Mrs. Oyenarte requested that the past practice of recognizing student art in the Boardroom be resumed.

Mrs. Roy:

- Congratulated EHS students who qualified for the International Science Fair.
- Congratulated Jennifer Li and Keshav Vemuri, winners of the annual Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, a national program that recognizes outstanding achievement in math and science.
- Commended NHS Climate Change Corps and sponsor Dr. Cynthia Holland on being National Lexus Eco Challenge Winners, once again.
- Florida ranks first in the nation for the percentage of high school graduates in AP courses and 4th in the percentage of 2012 graduates that pass at least one AP exam. Alachua County leads the state.
- Expressed condolences to the families of employees who recently passed away: Glen Springs Media Specialist Nancy Peterkin and Idylwild second grade teacher Glenda Douglas.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen addressed the Board regarding the Kanapaha roof leaks, questioning why it was not considered the responsibility of the leaseholder. He and two other citizens then addressed issues pertaining to the GRU biomass project.

A representative of the African American Alliance for Accountability thanked the Board and staff for attending the forum they hosted concerning EHS. He made the following recommendation: 1) increase the number of Career Tech programs, 2) more career-based programs are needed (i.e., DECCA), 3) opt for in-school support, not suspension, 4) develop new teacher recruitment incentives, 5) initiate a community dialogue to solve issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-4.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE PROJECT, INC. – MIDDLE	The One Room School House is requesting that its Charter Contract (2010-16) be amended to allow them to adopt a year-round calendar.	
FIRST AMENDMENT TO INITIAL CHARTER CONTRACT	<u>Motion by</u> Mrs. Oyenarte	<u>Seconded by</u> Mrs. Griffin
	<u>Moved the</u> Superintendent's recommendation to approve the First Amendment to the Initial Charter Contract with The One Room School House Project, Inc., as presented.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE PROJECT, INC. – ELEMENTARY	The One Room School House is requesting that its Second Renewal Charter Contract (2004-14) be amended to allow them to adopt a year-round calendar and to increase their enrollments in K-5 and the VPK Program.	
THIRD AMENDMENT TO SECOND RENEWAL CHARTER CONTRACT	<u>Motion by</u> Mrs. Oyenarte	<u>Seconded by</u> Dr. Paulson
	<u>Moved the</u> Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Third Amendment to the Second Renewal Charter Contract with The One Room School House Project, Inc., as presented.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
EMPLOYEE CASE NO. #1213-11	<u>Motion by</u> Mrs. Griffin	<u>Seconded by</u> Mrs. Oyenarte
	<u>Moved the</u> Superintendent's recommendation to terminate the employment of this employee, effective February 20, 2013.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0
CITIZEN INPUT	There was no citizen input.	
BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS	Mrs. Griffin: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- congratulated principals Brad and Lina Burklew on the birth of their son.- announced upcoming activities at Newberry High School: Multicultural Show, First Annual Pi Day5K to raise money for technology, and Relay for Life.	
	Dr. McNealy requested information on the status of recycling, specifically the new programs at Glen Springs and GHS, and the current one for the other schools.	
	Dr. Paulson pointed out that the Strategic Plan will include a number of issues that have previously been brought up, e.g., recycling, diversity, mentoring and increasing Career Tech Academies. He stated that community forums will provide a chance for discussion.	
	Dr. Paulson also stated that the biggest obstacle to increasing Career Tech Academies is the state graduation requirements. Dr. Boyd concurred.	
	Dr. Paulson encouraged the community to become involved\ with Strategic Planning.	

Mrs. Roy:

- requested that the film *Bully* be ordered for all middle and high schools and asked that all administrators view it. CREATE points could be offered for teachers, especially guidance counselors and deans.
- recommends a 12-hour course concerning spotting mental illness, and knowing how to respond to people in crisis, which is being offered by Meridian Behavioral Health Care. She requested looking into the possibility of awarding CREATE points and a stipend for guidance counselors, deans, and perhaps teachers, for taking the course during the summer. She feels this would be an investment in student safety.
- requested information on both in-school and out-of-school suspensions. She inquired if there are guidelines for when each is merited.

Dr. Paulson made a request regarding to Board approval of units

Regarding citizen comments on energy rates, Dr. Paulson stated that the Board is aware of rates from all companies that serve our schools. They will discuss money-saving matters with GRU, as appropriate, and in a professional manner. He pointed out the benefits GRU provides.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman announced upcoming meetings and declared the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.