

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 16, 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; April Griffin, Leanetta McNealy, and Carol Oyenarte, 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. Jazz music and singing was then presented by Littlewood Elementary School under the direction of Erin Cushing, Elementary Music Teacher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><u>Motion by</u> Mrs. Oyenarte <u>Seconded by</u> Dr. McNealy</p> <p><u>Moved to</u> approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013, School Board meeting, as presented.</p> <p>The question was called. <u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0</p>
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<p><u>Motion by</u> Mrs. Oyenarte <u>Seconded by</u> Mrs. Griffin</p> <p>Chairman Roy noted a change to the agenda: Item I.8., <i>Resolution No. COP-13-08</i>, will be moved up to immediately follow Item I.2., <i>Proclamation - Library Media Month</i>.</p> <p><u>Moved to</u> adopt the agenda for the April 16, 2013, School Board meeting, as amended.</p> <p>The question was called. <u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 5-0</p>
RECOGNITION	State Attorney Bill Cervone was presented with a plaque, in recognition of his continued support of <i>Fund the Bus</i> . This support makes it possible to charter a bus for a special field trip for students, so they can see various entities of City government in action.
BILL CERVONE, STATE ATTORNEY - <i>FUND THE BUS</i>	
LEXUS ECO-CHALLENGE AWARD - NHS	A Newberry High School group, the <i>Climate Control Corps</i> , was recognized for winning first place and \$15,000 in the Lexus Eco Challenge, having conducted a variety of environmental projects in the Air and Climate category.
ONE MILL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT	Mr. Perry McGriff, Chairman of the One Mill Oversight Committee , presented the Annual Report to the School Board [see Supplementary Minutes]. Thanks were expressed to the Committee.
BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Dr. McNealy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - commended the Arts Celebration at Duval Fine Arts Academy, the proceeds of which will establish the first elementary orchestra. - Pleasant Street Historical Society awarded two Alachua County students for their outstanding essays. - attended an event where four Alachua county students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements and talents.

- congratulated elementary students whose outstanding artwork was displayed at the Thomas Center and thanked teachers and Mrs. Debbie Gallagher, District supervisor.

Mrs. Griffin commented on:

- meetings with Student Government groups.
- Spring Arts in the high schools.
- Newberry High School Culinary Arts Program.
- Sidney Lanier Drumline, which took second place in the Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit Championship. There was no special consideration for being students with disabilities.

PUBLIC HEARING --
POLICIES - NEW AND
AMENDED RULES

The regular Board meeting was recessed and a Public Hearing convened.

There was no public input.

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular Board meeting was reconvened.

BOARD MEMBER /
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS
(continued)

Dr. Paulson commented on:

- *Spotlight on Youth* at Santa Fe College Performing Arts Center
- Common Core Boot Camp
- Princesses of Substance, fourth and fifth grade girls from Lake Forest Elementary School

Mrs. Oyenarte provided information on the Boardroom artwork.

Mrs. Roy reported that the Buchholz Math team won the 2013 Rubin Award, which recognizes math community service projects.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mrs. Karen McCann, ACEA President, provided information about a federal lawsuit that has been filed by the National Education Association and the Florida Education Association, concerning teacher evaluation policies. Defendants are the Florida Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education and three school boards, one being Alachua. It was noted that there was regret at Alachua having to be included.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-11.

The chairman stated that Dr. Paulson wishes to comment on Items 9, 10 and 11.

Dr. Paulson stated that he has shared with Mr. Birkett his concerns about Item H.9., Financial and Federal Single Audit, and Item H.10., Internal Account Auditor's Report. He then noted specific concerns with Charter School Audit Reports for Hoggetowne Middle School, Inc., Healthy Learning Academy, Caring and Sharing Learning School, Alachua Mycroschool of Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc., and Micanopy Middle School. Lease agreements are a particular concern to Dr. Paulson. Mrs. Roy also expressed concern about leases.

Dr. McNealy questioned the voting process for the audits, since concerns have been raised.

Mr. Delaney, Board Attorney, stated that the vote is only to acknowledge that proper audits have been conducted.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROCLAMATION
JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

Mrs. Debbie Gallagher, curriculum supervisor, read the proclamation and introduced Mr. Scott Koons, president, Gainesville Friends of Jazz. Mr. Koons thanked the Board for their continued support and recognition of arts in schools, particularly at the elementary level. He invited the Board to the Annual Jazz Festival on May 4.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Oyenarte

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Proclamation, which proclaims the month of April as *Jazz Appreciation Month* in Alachua County Public schools.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROCLAMATION -
SCHOOL LIBRARY
MEDIA MONTH

Debbie Bruner, President, Professional Association of Library Media Specialists, read the proclamation from the Governor and thanked the Board for their support.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as *School Library Media Month* in Alachua County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. COP-13-08

Mr. Scott Ward, Chief Financial Officer, briefly explained the procedure.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Oyenarte

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Resolution No. Cop-13-08, "a Resolution authorizing the issuance on behalf of the School Board of Alachua County, Florida, of not exceeding \$25,000,000 refunding certificates of participation, series 2013, for the purpose of refinancing certain educational facilities leased to the School Board of Alachua County, Florida; approving the leases and other major financing documents; approving a negotiated sale of the certificates to the purchaser, subject to certain conditions; and providing an effective date."

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

GENESIS PREPARATORY
SCHOOL –
SECOND RENEWAL
CHARTER CONTRACT

Mrs. Oyenarte stated that she has grave concerns about some of the charter schools, but noted that the state is in charge, not the district.

Genesis Preparatory School of Gainesville, Inc., located at 207 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, is a charter elementary school serving students in grades K-3 and has operated continuously since the 2000 school year.

The school's current charter contract (2003-2013) expires on June 30, 2013. The proposed second renewal charter contract sets forth the terms and conditions for operation of the school, and follows the state template and has a term of ten (10) years, July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2023.

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Second Renewal Charter Contract with Genesis Preparatory School of Gainesville, as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Dr. Paulson commented that the school is doing a good job, and particularly commended them on employees being enrolled in the Florida Retirement System. Genesis Director Charmaine Henry responded to questions.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

WAIVER REQUEST FOR
A. QUINN JONES
CHARACTER COUNTS

A. Quinn Jones is requesting a waiver of Article IX, Section 12(c) of the collective bargaining agreement in order to implement a seven-period day schedule. The waiver has been approved by the School Advisory Council, the faculty, and the ACEA Executive Board. The waiver is contingent upon the school meeting mandated class size requirements within their allocated instructional units.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the waiver request for A. Quinn Jones *Character Counts*, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

WAIVER REQUEST FOR
EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Eastside High School is requesting a waiver to Article IX, Section 12(c) of the collective bargaining agreement in order to provide a block schedule for 9th grade students in the major program. The block schedule will involve 200 students and 11 teachers. The remainder of the school will be unaffected and will continue to follow the traditional six-period schedule. The school will only use the block schedule if they can implement it with no additional allocation from the District and maintain class size. The waiver requested has been approved by the School Advisory Council, the faculty, and the Executive Committee of the ACEA.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the waiver request for Eastside High School, as presented.

Dr. Paulson commented on the collaboration between faculty and administration in establishing block scheduling, as well as other innovative ideas.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

WAIVER REQUEST FOR
HIGH SPRINGS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

High Springs Community School is requesting the renewal of a waiver to Article IX, Section 12(c) of the collective bargaining agreement in order to allow for early release on Wednesdays for middle school teachers. The waiver is necessary to allow for effective busing and cohesive scheduling. Middle school teachers will actually exceed the required number of contact minutes per week. The waiver request has been approved by the School Advisory Council, a majority of the faculty, and the Executive Board of the ACEA.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the waiver request for High Springs Community School, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

WAIVER REQUEST FOR
PROFESSIONAL
ACADEMIES MAGNET AT
LOFTEN HIGH SCHOOL

The Professional Academies Magnet at Loften High School is requesting a waiver to Article IX, Section 12(c) of the collective bargaining agreement to continue using a 4 x 4 block schedule. The waiver request has been approved by the School Advisory Council, the faculty, and the ACEA Executive Board. The waiver is contingent upon the school meeting mandated class size requirements within their allocated instructional units.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Oyenarte

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the waiver request for the Professional Academies Magnet at Loften High School, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Dr. Boyd thanked David Stanley, Rose Ramos and Jackie Johnson for their efforts in preparing the signs that encouraged passage of the One Mill referendum. He stated that nothing has been more important in his tenure as Superintendent, because passage of both referendums has ensured a high quality program for students, when many Florida programs have suffered because of budget cuts.

Mrs. Griffin announced an upcoming GRU scholarship banquet, Brighter Tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman announced upcoming meetings and declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.