

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 21, 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: Leannetta 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Mr. Hyatt Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the April 21, 2015, School Board meeting, as presented.

Mrs. Roy will comment on Consent Agenda Item 4, Monthly Financials, and Item 5, Budget Amendments.

Dr. Paulson will also comment on Item 4.

Action Item 3, Employee Case No. E-14115-11, was deleted.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Dr. Paulson Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the April 29, 2015, Elected Officials Meeting, (Concurrency), as presented.

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

Motion by Mrs. Roy Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015, Superintendent's System Improvement Plan Workshop, as presented.

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

Motion by Mrs. Griffin Seconded by Mr. Hyatt

Moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015, Waldo Community Workshop, as presented.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hyatt:

- Announced a showing of *Rise Above the Mark* at the Finley auditorium.

Mrs. Roy commented on:

- Lanier's Prom

- GHS concert in the University Auditorium

- Gainesville Youth Orchestra performance

- High Springs Community Environmental Fair with Teresa Spurling Wood and Judith Weaver. Focus: Water

Mrs. Griffin commented on:

- Spring plays: Newberry High, *Grease*; Hawthorne High, *Show-Off*, which an HHS teacher wrote and produced; Gainesville High, *Into the Woods*.
- Solar Challenge

Dr. McNealy commented on:

- Seeing the performance of *Show-Off* by HHS
- 15th Anniversary of the Star Gala

Dr. Roberts commented:

- Buchholz won its 11th straight state math title at the Mu Alpha Theta competition. GHS ranked 13 and EHS 20, out of nearly 60 teams.
- BHS junior Beverly Ge won first place at Intel Science and Engineering Fair and will go on to the International competition.
- Lincoln Middle School Science Bowl team won the state championship this Spring and will compete in the National Science Bowl in Washington DC later this month.
- BHS DECA won top awards in the state conference and will compete in the International Conference in Orlando
- Will present a Plan to the Board on May 5 regarding the STEAM initiative.

PRESENTATION

GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION SUMMIT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MULTIAGE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Donna Schroeder, Glen Springs 2014 Teacher of the Year, addressed the Board concerning Early Childhood Education. She emphasized the importance of establishing a strong foundation on which children can build. Ms. Schroeder then conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which included a look at Multiage Classrooms, Differentiated Instruction, Student-Led Learning, and the *Project Friends* program. She stated that if the joy of learning is kept in the classroom, the children will keep learning.

- Dr. Paulson praised the Multiage program, from his family's experience.
- Dr. McNealy recalled the beginning of Project Friends at Glen Springs when she worked there and applauded the Early Childhood Ed team.
- Mrs. Roy echoed others' comments and commented on the Literary Tea.

Dr. Roberts thanked Ms. Schroeder and shared his enthusiasm for the Early Childhood Education program. He informed the Board that he will be bringing something concerning this to them soon, as best practices are expanded. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Schroeder.

CITIZEN INPUT

Three citizens spoke in favor of providing condoms to students.

A Waldo parent spoke against closing the school, citing the burden it puts on children to have such a long commute.

Waldo teacher/parent spoke about financial stewardship of district resources, including over- and under-enrolled schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-7.

Mr. Scott Ward, Assistant Superintendent, Planning and Budget, offered to research information requested by Mrs. Roy and Dr. Paulson on Items 4 and 5.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

APPROVAL OF SECOND
RENEWAL CHARTER
CONTRACT – HEALTHY
LEARNING ACADEMY,
INC., GRADES K-5

Approval of the Second Renewal Charter Contract with Healthy Learning Academy Inc., was tabled at the April 7, 2015, School Board Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved that Approval of the Second Renewal of the Healthy Learning Academy Charter Contract be taken from the table.

Attorney Brian Moore provided the explanation as to what appeared to be a contract formatting error at the last meeting.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the Second Renewal of the Healthy Learning Academy Charter Contract.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROCLAMATION –
SCHOOL LIBRARY
MEDIA MONTH

Ms. Martha Jost, President of the Professional Association of Library Media Specialists (PALMS), read the proclamation on behalf of Media Specialists.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as "Library Media Month" in Alachua County Public Schools, as presented.

Mr. Hyatt thanked Media Specialists for all they do.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PROPOSED JOB
DESCRIPTION—
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF SCHOOLS
SUPERVISION

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the proposed job description for Executive Director of Schools Supervision, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE
EMPLOYEES—

Each job description sets forth the minimum qualifications; knowledge, skills and abilities; job goal; performance responsibilities, and physical requirements for the position.

FIRST READING

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the proposed, amended, or new Job Descriptions for Administrators, as presented, for advertising.

Mrs. Roy pointed out that the writing of these descriptions for advertising does not mean they are being hired presently.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

School bus driver and parent spoke about a website solution to employees and the public being able to submit ideas to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy:

- requested we work with teachers in special areas who are in their last year of Extended Drop. Noted a particular instructor that has some ideas that should be explored regarding succession.
- stated that for the June 2 Budget Workshop, Board members should be provided the latest Fund/Object Reports so they can interact with the Presenter.
- commented on working with the party interested in Prairie View.
- suggested that cafeteria employees be trained to use the Heimlich maneuver.

Dr. Paulson:

- requested a Budget workshop be held in the next few weeks, to get an update prior to the scheduled June 2 Workshop.
- requested a Staffing report for the units we have now and what is expected.
- requested the survey for money-saving ideas be sent out.

After discussion, it was determined that Dr. Roberts will discuss with staff the format for a budget meeting to be held prior to the June 2 Workshop.

Dr. McNealy reviewed a proposed schedule for required meetings for Master Board Training. Ms. Ramos will contact Board members individually for their availability.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.