

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 20 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 and Eileen Roy, members; Hershel Lyons, Interim Superintendent; and Board Attorney David Delaney. Board member Carol Oyenarte was absent.

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Dr. Paulson announced deletion of Action Item H.3., Buchholz High School—Jessie B. Heard Field. He also announced that Mrs. Roy has a question on Item G.3., Attachment B, Item C.

Motion by Dr. McNealy

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the May 20, 2014, School Board meeting, as amended.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014, Budget Workshop, as presented.

Dr. Paulson requested deletion of a reference to units at the April 8, 2014, Budget Workshop, as he felt that reference was not made.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014, School Board Meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

**RECOGNITION -  
GHS AdvancEd  
ACCREDITATION**

Gainesville High School has been recognized by AdvancED Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement for attaining 100 years of continuous accreditation. This honor demonstrates the GHS commitment to educational quality, operational effectiveness and student achievement. Their succession of leaders at the helm include F.W. Buchholz, Joe Hudson, Dan Boyd, Ginger Childs, Charles Hall, Wiley Dixon and current principal, David Shelnutt. Mr. Shelnutt was in attendance to accept the recognition and the congratulations of the School Board. GHS 1914 – 2014: A Century of Excellence.

**BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

With Memorial Day approaching, Interim Superintendent Hershel Lyons read a poem to honor our Veterans.

Dr. McNealy:

- Commented on Newberry High School's Criminal Justice Program ceremony, Citizen of the Year ceremony, the Education Foundation Scholarships, and Eastside High School's Award Banquet at Mt. Carmel church. She extended congratulations to all students on their achievements.
- Thanked community for their participation in the community receptions held for our superintendent finalists.
- She expressed appreciation to the community for attending the Superintendent Finalist Receptions and announced the upcoming reception for Dr. James Browder, at the Matheson Museum.

Mrs. Griffin:

- The Education Foundation is giving away over \$280,000 to 73 high school seniors at all seven public high schools.
- She received a behind-the-scenes tour of GHS Hospitality Program students at the Hilton.
- Attended the *Horse Tails* performance at Canterbury, which was attended by District fourth graders.
- Attended the Elementary Chorus performance.

Mrs. Roy:

- Congratulations to BHS on Academy of Finance and Entrepreneurship's twenty year anniversary.
- Mr. Lyons received a letter from the National Secretary of Energy, commending ACPS for progress in meeting the goal of cutting energy waste in our nation's buildings by 20% over the next ten years. She thanked schools and Energy Specialist Theresa Spurling-Wood.

Dr. Paulson:

- EHS Award Banquet at Mt. Carmel.
- Twenty-year Anniversary of BHS Academy of Finance and Entrepreneurship.
- Education Foundation Scholarships.
- ESP of the Year award ceremony.

Mr. Lyons reported that Mrs. Oyenarte is ill and unable to be in attendance for this meeting.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

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

In response to Mrs. Roy's question on Attachment B, Item C., Assistant Superintendent Scott Ward responded that the cost for this BusPlanner, Trip Tracker, and GPS fleet management system cannot be charged to Capital Outlay because it is a license fee; we do not own the system.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

EMPLOYEE CASE  
NO. E-1314-11

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate the employee, effective May 21, 2014.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
ALACHUA  
MYCROSCHOOL

This item was tabled at the May 6, 2014, School Board meeting.

Alachua MYcroSchool of Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc., is requesting that their charter be amended to increase maximum enrollment. The current 2014-15 projected enrollment is 275. The school would be serving a maximum of 350 students in grades 9 through 12.

Motion by Dr. McNealy

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to approve the first Amendment to Alachua MycroSchool of Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc., Charter School contract, as presented.

Mrs. Roy noted that letters have been received from students in support of the school. She inquired whether the facility is safe and appropriate to accommodate the increased number of students requested.

Randy Starling, MYcroSchool principal, stated that based on scheduling, the current facility will accommodate the increase. He also explained that the school has entered into negotiations for leasing a second building next door.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
REQUESTS

Dr. McNealy commented on attending a UF presentation on *Reach to Teach*, a new initiative to work with teachers and staff on a program for boys of color. It would be at no cost to the district, with a stipend provided by UF. There is a potential for training to take place the first week in August.

Mrs. Roy pointed out that other similar endeavors are also taking place in the community, through such organizations as the River Phoenix Foundation and GPD small group sessions.

SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH UPDATE

Mrs. Jackie Johnson provided reminders concerning Finalist James Browder's visit beginning tomorrow morning.

Dr. Paulson reviewed upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.