

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 4, 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; April Griffin and Leanetta McNealy, Board members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and Susan Seigle, Attorney for the Board. Board members Gunnar Paulson and Carol Oyenarte were absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Dr. McNealy Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to approve the May 21, 2013, School Board meeting minutes, as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 3-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Mrs. Griffin Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the May 21, 2013, School Board meeting, as amended.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 3-0

SCHEDULED AGENCIES
HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPIY)
Ms. Yolanda Hagley, Executive Director, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (Hippy), conducted a presentation on HIPPIY, a parent-based, school-readiness program. A parent gave a testimonial about her positive experience with HIPPIY. HIPPIY Board Chairman Kevin Thorpe requested that the School Board consider the idea of a pilot program for all three- and four-year-olds, so the impact of the in-home service that HIPPIY provides can be more accurately measured. His hope would be that this would become a systemwide initiative.

RECOGNITION
LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS CLUB
The Lincoln Middle School Chess Team, and Mr. Britt Ryerson, Coach, were recognized by the Board on their winning first place in the K-8 Division of the Florida Scholastic Chess League SuperState Championships.

BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS
Board members announced/commented on recent activities/events:

- Mrs. Griffin:
- attended the Chess Challenge at Williams Elementary and saw many of the Lincoln Chess Team members working with Williams students. The event was organized by Kelley Kostamo.
 - commended our Head Start program, which she pointed out is a part of our school system in Alachua County, as opposed to many districts. She commended their work, as well as the HIPPIY program, which she said would also be a great partnership.
 - Praised academic scholars, stating their awards were at least \$5 million this year. She would like to have more exact figures, if possible.

Dr. McNealy

- congratulated all Alachua County graduates and conveyed what an honor it was to attend the many ceremonies as a Board member, including those at the elementary level.
- gave kudos to High Springs Media Specialist Judith Weaver, and to the students, whose project on water led to cutting water usage at High Springs Community School by 70%. They saved the school \$13,000 and were recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- thanked District teachers, Education Support Personnel and staff, who had an incredible year.
- congratulated Mr. Rod McNealy, who was named Coach of the Year by *The Gainesville Sun*, for the second year in a row.

PUBLIC HEARING --
 AMENDMENT OF
 BYLAW 0156,
 LEGAL COUNSEL

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

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. for the proposed Amendment of Bylaw 0156, *Legal Counsel*, which provides the Board with a mechanism for reviewing and evaluating the services provided by the Board's attorney. The evaluation instrument has been incorporated by reference (Form 0156F1, *Performance Evaluation*) in Bylaw 0156, as presented.

There was no public input.

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

BOARD MEMBER/
 SUPERINTENDENT
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 (continued)

Dr. McNealy

- drew attention to the artwork on display in the Boardroom, thanking students from High Springs Community School, Idylwild Elementary School and Waldo Community School.

Mrs. Roy:

- on behalf of the Board and Kirby-Smith staff, offered sincere condolences to the families of Glenda Good and Randy Shadburn, two longtime, respected and well-loved Alachua County educators, who recently passed away.
- thanked Ms. Judith Weaver, High Springs Community School Media Specialist, and her colleagues for an outstanding project on the value of water, which earned the school third place in an Environmental Protection Agency national competition. The school reduced its water usage by 70%. J. J. Finley and Shell Elementary Schools also placed in the competition. Mrs. Roy thanked Ms. Teresa Spurling-Wood, District Energy Conservation Specialist, who entered the schools in the competition.
- reported on the Reichert House Baccalaureate service, with speaker Jacob Atem, one of the *Lost Boys of Sudan*, who walked a thousand miles to escape wars in Sudan and Ethiopia. Mr. Atem is now a Ph.D. student at UF. She commended the Reichert House students, as well as all those involved with Reichert, on the students' continuing academic success.

