

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 5, 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, Carol Oyenarte, and Eileen Roy, members; Owen Roberts, Superintendent; and Board Attorney David Delaney.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Contract for Child Care Food Program was added to the Consent Agenda as Item G.8.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the August 5, 2014, School Board meeting, as amended.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014, School Board Meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Roy

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014, Special School Board Meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McNealy commented on how much she learned from the Gear-Up Workshop, recently held at Duval Elementary. She commended Facilitators and teachers.

PRESENTATION

FRIENDS OF
ELEMENTARY ARTS, INC.

Ms. Cheryl Poe, co-chairman of Friends of Elementary Arts, Inc., provided background of the organization and presented a \$5000 check to Alachua County Public Schools. Monies will support Art programs and students will be able to attend art exhibits at the Harn Museum. Last year, the Friends generous donation went to Music programs. and students attended the Alachua County Youth Orchestra at The Phillips Center, the ACPS All-County Honor Band at the Phillips center and a performance by the Gainesville Orchestra. This is the third year that the Friends of Elementary Arts, Inc. has presented the District with a \$5000 gift.

Ms. Poe announced that February 6, 2015, is the annual Musical Chairs event, where most of their funds are raised.

The Superintendent and Board extended their thanks.

GARDENING
EDUCATIONAL TRAINING
(G.E.T.) PROJECT

Ms. Kathy Black, Executive Director, Student Services, reported that when the resources of the High School ESE students' *Gardening Educational Training* (G.E.T.) Transition Program did not keep pace with the growth of students, the Patti Shively Foundation made two donations. The first was for \$10,000 during a fundraiser at Cymplify last fall, and another for \$12,000 in July. These funds will be used to renovate the electrical and evaporative cooling system for one of the two greenhouses at Lofton High School. Fundraising continues for the second one.

Representatives of the Foundation were sincerely thanked by Board members.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dr. McNealy

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-8.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Concerning Superintendent Roberts' intent to have transparency in the work of the District, he requested that a *Superintendent's Report* be designated a place on Board agendas as needed, beginning September 16 with a Facilities Report.

The Superintendent responded to a question from Mrs. Roy regarding QZAB funds.

Chairman Paulson recounted past Board member discussions concerning the building of an elementary school. Dr. Roberts commented on how the state School Plant Survey plays into any building plan and reminded the Board that a Facilities Report is upcoming. Dr. Paulson commented that the community will always be involved in any project.

Dr. Paulson requested an update on the Transportation funding appeal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.