

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 6, 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, Leanetta McNealy, and Gunnar Paulson, Board members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and Susan Seigle, Attorney for the Board. Board member Carol Oyenarte was 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 Dr. Paulson

Moved to approve minutes of the July 11, 2013, Alternatives to Suspension Workshop, as presented.

Mrs. Roy provided an additional statement for inclusion in the minutes regarding Family and Behavioral Health Services (former Corner Drug Store):
Rahda Sylvester, of the Family and Behavioral Health Services (former Corner Drug Store), reminded the Board and audience that CDS sponsors Interface, a short-term teen residential program that will enroll suspended students for the duration of the suspension. While at Interface, students will receive academic help and counseling, and it is free to the parents and school district.

Motion by Dr. Paulson

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved to amend the motion to approve minutes of the July 11, 2013, Alternatives to Suspension Workshop, by including the statement provided by Mrs. Roy.

The question was called on the amendment to the motion.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

The question was called on the original motion as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the Consent Agenda:

Item I.8. - SBAC K1201, Hawthorne Middle/High School Auditorium,
ADA Stage Ramp

Item I.9. - SBAC R1205, Camp Crystal Reroof/Extension Building 2,
Certificate of Final Inspection

Motion by Dr. Paulson

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to adopt the agenda for the August 6, 2013, School Board meeting, as amended.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

RECOGNITION

Chairman Roy expressed the Board's extreme pride in the most recent accomplishment of the Buchholz Math Team: National Champions of the Mu Alpha Theta National Math Competition, for the seventh consecutive year.

BUCHHOLZ
MATH TEAM

Superintendent. Boyd recognized Mr. Will Frazer, Team Coach, and his assistant, Mr. Ziwei Lu, and stated that he knows of no higher honor in the history of Alachua County Academics than this seventh consecutive championship.

The following students were in attendance and were recognized by the Board: Steve Han, Matthew Pearson, Caleb Summers, Alex Song, and Keshav Vemuri.

Mr. Vince Perez, Buchholz High School principal, was included in the recognition, with Dr. Boyd stating that he runs an exemplary high school.

PRESENTATION

Representing Friends of Elementary Arts, Inc., Co-chairman Cheryl Poe announced that this year, \$5000 will be given to Music programs, so students will be able to attend live concerts at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. This is the second year for the \$5000 gift; last year the funding went to Art programs, and students attended the Harn Museum.

Mrs. Roy conveyed the Board's appreciation for the funds, as well as the group's commitment to Arts in the schools.

SCHEDULED AGENCY

Ms. Debbie Mason, President and CEO, United Way of North Central Florida, presented a School Program Update, showing accomplishments of the partnership between the School Board and United Way.

Ms. Mason thanked all District employees who have gone above and beyond in their service to United Way, specifically mentioning Hershel Lyons, Jackie Johnson, Dan Boyd and Everett Caudle.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McNealy:

- Commended the Board of Directors for the PACE Center for Girls on their recent *Saved by Grace* faith-based Fundraiser.

CITIZEN INPUT

The Reverend Kevin Thorpe introduced himself as a candidate for the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, District 4. He stated he is currently conducting a 'Listening Campaign.'

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Roy pulled Item I.4., Credit Retrieval Contract with Edmentum, Inc., for questions. Mr. Charley Wise, supervisor over the CROP program, explained that the total cost is borne by the District, but this contract saves \$292,550 over three years. In addition, it includes unlimited and reusable student access, technical support, and onsite teacher training.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-9.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

2014 RENEWAL OF
HEALTH, LIFE AND
125 PLANS

Dr. Paulson commended the Insurance Committee, reporting that there was no increase this year, and 5% is being paid into the Self-Insurance Reserve Account. He stated that the committee has saved the District millions of dollars. Mrs. Roy also highly complimented the group.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2014 contracts for Life Insurance with Mutual of Omaha, the 125 Cafeteria Plans with Fringe Benefits Management Company, and an increase of 5% paid into the District's Self-Insurance reserve account for health insurance, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

2014 RENEWAL OF
PROPERTY AND
CASUALTY INSURANCE
PROGRAM WITH
FLORIDA SCHOOL
BOARDS INSURANCE
TRUST (FSBIT)

Motion by Dr. Paulson

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal of the Property and Casualty Insurance Program with the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) for the 2014 fiscal year at a cost of \$4,001,298.

Dr. Paulson noted that Mr. Scott Ward, Assistant Superintendent, Planning and Budget, is on the FSBIT Rates Review Committee, which will vote in October on a rebate of \$250,000. That would significantly lower the renewal cost and more than offset this year's 3% increase.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

AMENDMENTS TO
POLICY 5410, *STUDENT*
PROGRESSION, AND
REVISIONS TO THE
PUPIL PROGRESSION
PLAN FOR 2013-14—

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

Policy 5410, *Student Progression*, requires the School Board to annually adopt the Pupil Progression Plan. The revisions to the 2013-2014 Pupil Progression Plan reflect the recent changes to the graduation requirements and the options for virtual instruction programs.

SECOND READING

Motion by Mrs. Griffin

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Policy 5410, *Student Progression for 2013-14*, incorporated by reference therein, as presented.

Mrs. Roy pointed out some grading issues that are not handled uniformly across the District. She referred them to Assistant Superintendent Karen Clarke for clarification.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

ANNUAL REVISIONS TO
POLICY 5500, *STUDENT*
CONDUCT, AND THE
CODES OF STUDENT
CONDUCT FOR THE
2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

The School Board adopts Codes of Student Conduct for Elementary and Secondary each school year. Revisions to the Codes for 2013-14 include recommendations from the Discipline Committee.

FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY—	<u>Motion by</u> Dr. McNealy	<u>Seconded by</u> Dr. Paulson
SECOND READING	<u>Moved the</u> Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Policy 5500, Student Conduct, and the Elementary and Secondary Codes of Student Conduct for 2013-14, incorporated by reference therein, as amended.	
	Three additional changes have been made in response to input at the Public Hearing.	
	The question was called.	<u>Upon Vote:</u> Motion passed 4-0
CITIZEN INPUT	There was no citizen input.	
BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS	<p>Dr. Paulson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- is waiting for budget figures, [italicized phrase is an amendment from September 3 Board meeting:] <i>that were supposed to be provided to the Board at the August 6 Board Meeting</i>, in order to consider a change to the Board's decision to freeze units.- <p>Mr. Ward stated that the information will be provided the next day. Attorney Brian Moore pointed out that since there was no official action taken to freeze the units, it would not require a special meeting to reverse the decision.</p> <p>Dr. McNealy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- thanked staff for conducting an informative workshop earlier today on School Grades.- Recognized the passing of Joyce Hathcock, longtime educator. <p>Mrs. Roy noted that Dr. Paulson requested earlier that employees in Extended DROP, Post-DROP, or DES employment, pay the added cost imposed this year by the legislature. She agrees with his request, stating that it would help the District budget greatly and does not have to be bargained.</p> <p>Mr. Lyons responded that legalities are being looked into. Potential logistics are also being considered in the meantime. Information will be provided as soon as available.</p>	
ADJOURNMENT	The Chairman announced upcoming meetings and declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.	