

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 1, 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: Leanetta McNealy, Chairman; Eileen Roy, Vice-Chairman; Rob Hyatt, and Gunnar Paulson, members; Owen Roberts, Superintendent; and School Board Attorney David Delaney. April Griffin was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. 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 September 1, 2015, School Board meeting, as presented.

Staff Attorney Brian Moore stated that Discussion Item H.6., Appointment of a New Member to the One Mill Citizens Oversight Committee, was changed to an Action item, after the original agenda was published.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Mr. Hyatt Seconded by Dr. Paulson

Moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015, Special School Board meeting, as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Roy Seconded by Mr. Hyatt

Moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015, School Board meeting, as presented.

Mrs. Roy noted that a change was made to the August 18, 2015, Draft Minutes, to better reflect her specific comments on Item I.1., Agreements With Local Law Enforcement agencies for a School Resource Officer/Deputy Program.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Roy thanked GRU, Williams Elementary School Business Partner, for their donation of \$13,500 from their 16th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. GRU adopted the school in 1997 and since then has donated \$169,000.

Dr. Roberts

- has visited 20 schools since opening day
- received ACT reports
- reported that 2015 Teacher of the Year Susan Bowles was honored on the field before a Gator game.
- received verification that says FSA is a valid assessment.

At the Superintendent's request, Facilities Executive Director Shane Andrew gave a brief update on hurricane preparedness and Transportation Director

James Speer gave an update on department matters they have been dealing with. As they work through these present issues, plans are also being made for next year, including improved communication and earlier publication of route plans.

Mr. Hyatt thanked the directors, referring to the thorough and quick responses he has always received on any question. He is confident the transportation problems will be solved. Mrs. Roy commented on the difficulty of this job.

Dr. Roberts commented on the status of Transportation matters, stating that safety and customer satisfaction are priority. Reports on Energy Conservation and Charter School Oversight will be coming soon.

Dr. Roberts requested that Item H.1., Administrative Appointment, be moved to this point of the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Motion by Mr. Hyatt

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to appoint Mrs. Natalie Strappy as Director - Parent Academy program, effective August 31, 2015.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

Dr. Paulson stated that Mrs. Strappy is a very impressive choice. Other Board members also welcomed her.

PRESENTATION –

A.Q. JONES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A.Q. Jones Principal Dan Ferguson conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which included information on History, Combining Two Schools, Mission, Vision Statement, Goals, Enrollment, Curriculum, Outside Services and Partnerships, the Great Eight Model, Professional Development, and Support Services.

Upon Dr. McNealy's inquiry, Mr. Ferguson affirmed that financial practices are included in their curriculum. Mr. Hyatt commended the presentation.

Dr. Paulson stated that Mrs. Roy has been a catalyst for System of Care and Board members applauded that work.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION UPDATE

Dr. Catherine Barnes and Mrs. Jennie Wise conducted an update on School Supervision matters. The three major components of their work are (1) Visibility and Support; (2) Simplicity and Alignment, and (3) Supervisory. They reviewed the Principal Meeting structure, other responsibilities and Expected Outcomes. School Leaders offer positive feedback on the impact of the new Director position.

STUDENT ENROLLMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

Assistant Superintendent Karen Clarke provided up-to-date student enrollment Counts. Dr. Paulson would like to see last year's enrollments on an equivalent day.

Dr. Roberts stated that the administration will be as prudent as possible with allocations, while being sure we have the right resources.

CITIZEN INPUT

A parent told the Board that there had been a breach in protocol during the recent Lockdown at Williams Elementary. Dr. Roberts stated that the reported incident will be looked into, and all protocols will be reviewed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Roy

Seconded by Mr. Hyatt

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-5.

Regarding Item G.5., Interlocal Agreement with the City of Newberry, Dr. Paulson spoke highly of the Diamond Sports Park endeavor.

Interim Assistant Superintendent Alex Rella responded to questions from Mrs. Roy regarding Lawn/Grounds Maintenance expenditures, as itemized on Attachment C.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

EMPLOYEE CASE
NO. E-1516-01

Motion by Mr. Hyatt

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved to terminate the employee, effective September 2, 2015.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CITIZEN
REAPPOINTMENT TO
2015-16 VALUE
ADJUSTMENT BOARD.

As provided for in Chapter 194, Florida Statutes, the Value Adjustment Board is comprised of two citizens (business owners), one appointed by the School Board and one appointed by the County Commission. Mr. Kirk Smith, Owner of Crystal Water & Air, previously served as the 2014-15 School Board citizen representative and has agreed to be reappointed for 2015-2016.

Moved to reappoint Mr. Kirk Smith to serve as a citizen on the 2015-2016 Value Adjustment Board.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR
MENTOR – PROGRAM
SERVICES, *HIPPY*
(EDUCATION SUPPORT
PROFESSIONAL) AND
COORDINATOR –
PROGRAM SERVICES
HIPPY (PROFESSIONAL/
TECHNICAL)

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

Motion by Mrs. Roy

Seconded by Mr. Hyatt

Moved to approve the creation of the two new positions and approve the proposed job descriptions for *Mentor – Program Services, HIPPY* and *Coordinator – Program Services, HIPPY*, as presented.

—SECOND READING

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW
MEMBER TO THE ONE
MILL CITIZENS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The following citizens currently serve on the One Mill Citizens Oversight Committee: Harvey Budd, Sam Goforth, Mike Kline, Perry McGriff, Lillian Swanger, Albert White, and Janie S. Williams. Mr. Eric Godet can no longer serve and a new member is being recommended as a replacement.

Motion by Mrs. Roy

Seconded by Mr. Hyatt

Moved to approve the appointment of Mrs. Debbie Gallagher as a member of the One Mill Oversight Committee to replace Mr. Eric Godet, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

AMENDMENT TO THE
STRATEGIC PLAN -
OUTCOME (6-E)

Moved to amend Outcome 6-E to have the DAC make their recommendations to the Board instead of the Superintendent.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

EMPLOYEE COMPLAINT
NUMBER C201415-19

School Board Attorney David Delaney recommends that the School Board approve the recommendation, as presented.

Dr. Roberts made a statement concerning the matter.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

DISCUSSION -
2015 ALACHUA COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Discussion was held on the Legislative Program draft, which will be placed on the September 15 meeting agenda for final approval.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy requested for the next agenda:

- Impact Fees, discussion and vote.
- Custodial positions update
- Sunshine Solution discussion

Board members will be polled for dates to schedule a Board Retreat. Chairman McNealy suggested that Dr. Lannon return as facilitator.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.