

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF
Joint Public Meeting with City of Gainesville
August 18, 2015

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in a Special Meeting, held jointly with the City of Gainesville Commission, duly called at 1 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. School Board members present were: Leanetta McNealy, Chairman; Eileen Roy, Vice-Chairman; April Griffin, Rob Hyatt, and Gunnar Paulson, members; Owen Roberts, Superintendent; and David Delaney, Board Attorney.

City Commission members present were: Mayor Ed Braddy (arrived after the meeting was called to order), Harvey Budd, Craig Carter, Helen Warren, Charles Goston joining the meeting later. Absent: Randy Wells.

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McNealy. Superintendent Roberts welcomed the group and introductions were made.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Hyatt

Seconded by Mrs. Griffin

Moved to adopt the agenda for the August 18, 2015, School Board Joint meeting with the City of Gainesville Commissioners, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

In the absence of Mayor Braddy, City of Gainesville Mayor Pro-Tem Craig Carter noted that their agenda order was modified, to accommodate the court schedule of Chief Tony Jones. Dr. McNealy will adapt the School Board's agenda to the change.

**SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICERS (SROs)**

Mr. Everett Caudle, Director, Project Development, conducted a presentation on the School Resource Officer Program, including:

- Historical Overview
- Changes in the Program
- Currently Proposed Configuration

Chief of Police Tony Jones spoke and introduced GPD Captain Campos for comments.

REICHERT HOUSE

Mr. Caudle provided an Update on the Reichert House and the merging of the Horizon and A. Q. Jones Centers. Mr. John Alexander, Reichert House Executive Director, expanded on the subject with information on the Great 8 Model, which he developed.

**ALACHUA COUNTY
EDUCATION COMPACT**

Ian Fletcher, Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, conducted a presentation on the Alachua County Education Compact, which is a collaborative work to improve systemic change in education and mobilize the community around education.

Susan Davenport, Interim CEO and President of the Chamber of Commerce, also addressed the School Board and Commissioners.

Questions were responded to and discussion was held.

PARENT ACADEMY

Superintendent Owen Roberts reported on the Alachua County Public Schools *Five in Five Plan*: Early childhood Education Initiative, Language Development, STEAM Initiative (Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics), Global Education Magnet, and most extensively, the Parent Academy, which will soon name a director.

Dr. Roberts emphasized that the Parent Academy will empower, engage and involve parents, through various opportunities. He stated that he hopes to hear offers of assistance through tangible resources, as we strive for preeminent status in the state, nation and world.

Mayor Braddy and other commissioners made statements, all very supportive of education initiatives. Mayor Braddy commented particularly on the mobile classrooms and stated that he felt others may also become stakeholders.

Dr. Roberts requested that the new Parent Academy director be able to present at the first possible City Commission meeting after appointment.

Mrs. Griffin reported on *Career Discoveries*, a Chamber event scheduled for October 17. It will provide an opportunity for students and parents to learn about emerging career opportunities in the region.

There was general agreement to have a follow-up meeting.

At a question from Ms. Roy, Mr. Fletcher reported that the Chamber is in the midst of a survey project on internships.

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen made comments on the importance of parent participation.

School Board member Rob Hyatt commented on the significance of this initiative to involve parents and the importance of the collaborative efforts.

A citizen commented on the School Resource Officer agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.