## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVED MINUTES

## **Special Board Meeting**

Public Hearing on the 2014-15 Budget and Approval of the Tentative Budget and Millage July 29, 2014

The Board met in Special session duly called at 5:01 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Ave., Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Gunnar Paulson, Chairman; Leanetta McNealy, Vice-Chairman; April Griffin and Carol Oyenarte, members; Superintendent Owen Roberts; and Jaime White, substituting for Board Attorney David Delaney. Board member Eileen Roy joined the meeting by phone.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Dr. McNealy

Moved to adopt the agenda for the July 29, 2014, Special School Board

meeting.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBER/ **SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**  There were no Board Member or Superintendent announcements.

a. Rolled Back Millage Rates: Required Local Effort Revenue;

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER:

2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET

Mr. Alex Rella, Director, Budget, encouraged members of the public to visit the updated Budget/Finance website. He then conducted a PowerPoint presentation to review the following:

Discretionary Operating Revenue; Capital Outlay Revenue; Voter Approved

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-01, TENTATIVE MILLAGE

Operating Revenue. b. Budgeted Ad Valorem Tax Revenues

**ADOPTION OF** RESOLUTION NO. 15-02, TENTATIVE BUDGET

There was no public input.

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 15-01, Tentative Millage for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 15-01, Tentative Millage for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, as presented.

The question was called. **Upon Vote**: Motion passed 5-0 2. Adoption of Resolution No. 15-02, Tentative Budget for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte Seconded by Mrs. Roy

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 15-02, Tentative Budget for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, as presented.

The question was called. <u>Upon Vote</u>: Motion passed 5-0

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

- POLICY 5410 STUDENT PROGRESSION A public hearing was held on July 15, 2014.

- PUPIL PROGRESSION PLAN

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- CODES OF CONDUCT

SECOND READING

The amendments in Policy 5410 align with the policy language to the current revisions in state statute and set forth the minimum requirements that must be included in the District's comprehensive plan for student progression. Policy 5410, *Student Progression*, also requires the School Board to annually adopt the Pupil Progression Plan, which is incorporated by reference herein. The revisions to the 2014-15 Pupil Progression Plan reflect the recent changes to the state assessments and graduation requirements.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin Seconded by Mrs. Oyenarte

Moved to approve the proposed revisions to Policy 5410, *Student progression*, and the proposed revisions to the *Pupil Progression Plan for 2014-15*, incorporated by reference therein, and the proposed revisions to the Elementary and Secondary Codes of Student Conduct for 2014-15; and the proposed new policies and proposed amendments to policies, as presented.

Mr. Brian Moore, Staff Attorney, provided some of the specifics of the Policy changes.

Mrs. Roy requested that the Uniform Policy clearly designate that jeans are acceptable.

The question was called. <u>Upon Vote</u>: Motion passed 5-0

## SCHEDULE BOARD RETREAT

Dr. Roberts proposed:

- A Board Retreat be scheduled for September 10 11, 2014.
- Board members each submit five top priorities they would like to have considered at the Retreat. The priorities should drive the Strategic Plan, as well as the Superintendent and Board evaluation.
- A Facilitator be secured for the Retreat. Dr. Roberts has someone in mind that has his full confidence to ensure that all issues concerning the work of the school system are carried forward.

Motion by Mrs. Oyenarte

Seconded by Mrs. Roy

<u>Moved to</u> approve the Superintendent's proposal that a Board Retreat be scheduled for September 10-11, 2014; that Board members each submit their five top priorities; that a Facilitator be secured.

Dr. Roberts suggested a time of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the location to be determined. He will submit the Faciltator's bio to Board members.

At Mrs. Griffin's question, the Superintendent stated that a new Board member would also be extended an invitation.

Board members indicated they are looking forward to the Retreat, where Dr. Roberts stated that the course for the year ahead would be set.

The question was called. <u>Upon Vote</u>: Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD MEMBER/ SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS There were no Board Member or Superintendent requests.

Dr. McNealy made a request pertaining to student classroom needs being provided as early as possible next year. Mrs. Jackie Johnson, PIO, agreed with the importance and explained the many places that information is presently available.

Mrs. Roy commended the Buchholz Math Team on winning the Math title again this year and expressed appreciation to Dr. Roberts and Mrs. Karen Clarke, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, for attending the competition.

Dr. Roberts also extended congratulations to the BHS Math Team, pointing out that they have taken the top honors for the past ten years, as well as being the *Best of the Best* in the nation for the past eight years. He also congratulated Eastside High School.

Dr. McNealy announced that the African American Accountability Allowance is holding a Reception for Dr. Roberts on August 4.

Dr. Roberts reported that department updates from district level staff will soon begin, and be presented as necessary, to keep the Board well informed.

Dr. Lyons commended Assistant Superintendent Scott Ward and Facilities Director Shane Andrew on a well-coordinated and well-planned renovation to the Board Room, with no Board meetings having to be relocated.

Dr. Paulson gave a reminder of the August 5 Workshop on the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument and the Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:35 p.m.