

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP
for the development of amendments to Bylaw 0156, *Legal Counsel*

April 2, 2013

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in workshop session duly called at 1:30 p.m. in the Kirby-Smith Administration Building Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Eileen Roy, Chairman; Gunnar Paulson, Vice-Chairman; Carol Oyenarte; April Griffin; and Leanetta McNealy, members; David DeLaney, Board Attorney; Dan Boyd, Superintendent; Hershel Lyons, Deputy Superintendent; Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent; and Brian Moore, Staff Attorney.

Chairman Roy called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to the Superintendent. Dr. Boyd stated that the purpose of the workshop is to provide the Board with the opportunity to review and make comments concerning the proposed amendments to Bylaw 0156, *Legal Counsel*, and evaluation form.

Mr. Moore provided an overview of the new language that has been added to Bylaw 0156 and the creation of an Evaluation Form for the Bylaw. The language in the Bylaw and the evaluation form are the same documents, which were presented to the Board for a vote in July 2012. It was noted that the form is new and "*Needs Improvement*" has been added at the bottom of the form to make it consistent with language similar to other evaluation forms.

Dr. Paulson stated that the evaluation is not a punishment but a way to communicate with other Board Members.

Mr. DeLaney stated that the firm values the relationship it has maintained with the Board and they welcome feedback, whether on the evaluation form, or by phone. He noted that the firm would always prefer personal communication by phone so that they may address concerns in an efficient and timely manner.

Mrs. Griffin questioned whether it was a violation of the Sunshine Law to share the information regarding an issue that will come to the School Board for a vote. Mr. Moore responded that it is permissible to share the evaluations, but cautioned Board Members about adding language on how the Board Member will vote on the Board Attorney Contract. Mr. Moore stated that the evaluations should be informational only and not detail how the Board Member will vote.

Discussion focused on the submission of the evaluation form and confidentiality issues. Mrs. Griffin preferred turning the evaluation form in to the Superintendent, rather than Chairman. Mr. Moore stated that the evaluations were open to the public, and if the Board prefers to turn them in to the Superintendent they can be screened individually for confidentiality issues.

The Policy Workshop adjourned at 2 p.m.