

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED WORKSHOP MINUTES

Strategic Planning

July 20, 2015

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in workshop session duly called at 3 p.m. in the Kirby-Smith Boardroom, 620 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Leanetta McNealy, chairman; April Griffin, Robert Hyatt, Gunnar Paulson, and Eileen Roy members; Superintendent Owen Roberts; and staff members.

Chairman McNealy called on Mr. Everett Caudle, Director, Project Development, and Ms. Jackie Johnson, Community Communications, to conduct an update on the Strategic Plan.

The Chairman requested that Mrs. Roy open the meeting, since she had suggested the workshop. Mrs. Roy then suggested the Goals and Outcomes: Action Plan be reviewed from the beginning, with items then being prioritized. She stated that she noted a number of things that might be funded by adult education funds.

Superintendent Roberts stated that an evaluation of the Strategic Plan is being prepared by staff, with a report planned for the August 18 meeting.

Dr. Paulson stated that Priorities are the most important thing and turned to Outcome 7-E, *The district budget will undergo annual review, in terms of Board Priorities being aligned to the district's Strategic Plan*. He expanded on its importance.

Dr. Paulson pointed out that a change has been made to Outcome (6-E): *The district will increase communication opportunities for community stakeholders' engagement in educational issues*. . . He said that the original language stated that the DAC makes recommendations to the Board. The revised version states that the DAC makes recommendations to the Superintendent. The intention when the Strategic Plan was written was that the DAC recommendations would be made to the Board, not the Superintendent.

Mrs. Roy stated that she wants to know which things are being done and which are not.

Discussion was held on how to proceed with the prioritization.

Mr. Hyatt mentioned FSBA *BoardDocs* as a possible means to assist in tracking budget to the Strategic Plan, as Mrs. Griffin reported after her last FSBA meeting.

Mrs. Karen Clarke Assistant Superintendent, Instruction, provided an overview of information and timelines for the Goals and Action Plans. Questions were responded to throughout the overview. Brief comments were made by Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer, and Dr. Steven Stark, Director of Research, Assessment, and Student Information, about the information that will be shared at the August 18 Strategic Planning presentation

Mr. Hyatt expressed appreciation to staff, stating that he had gained a lot of information. Other Board members concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.