

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Kirby-Smith Center**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2000  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.**

*The mission of the Alachua County school district, the vital force in the heart of northern Florida, is to guarantee each student will excel in every chosen arena through an education system characterized by compassion and integrity, an engaging curriculum tailored to meet individual needs and aspirations, application of innovative approaches, and the courage to continuously form and reform to meet every new challenge.*

**AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER--PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(Superintendent Presiding)

**B. OATH OF OFFICE**

- 1. Newly Elected Board Member Jeannine Cawthon..... Judge Nilon
- 2. Re-elected Board Member Barbara Sharpe ..... Judge Turner

**C. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

- 1. Election of Chairman
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman
- 3. Establishment of Board Meeting Dates and Times
- 4. Appointment of Board Attorney and Establishment of Fees

The Board will Recess and Reconvene with the New Chairman Presiding.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2000**

**E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**F. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**G. PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION**

- 1. Presentation/Recognition--Junior Achievement ..... Davis
- 2. Recognition--Florida Council for Social Studies Teachers of the Year ..... Sims

**H. CITIZEN INPUT** *(This provides citizens the opportunity to address the Board prior to the regular business meeting. It is requested that citizens keep their comments to approximately five minutes.)*

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Approval of Resolution No. 01-02, Certifying to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Required Assurances for the Application and Issuance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs); and Approval to File Application for QZABs with the FDOE ..... Birkett

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve the resolution and required assurances for the issuance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) to the Florida Department of Education.

- 2. Authorization to Proceed with the Process for Issuance of Certificates of Participation and the possible Refunding of Series 1993 General Obligation Bonds ..... Birkett

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board proceed with the Process for issuance of Certificates of Participation and the possible refunding of Series 1993 General Obligation Bonds.

- 3. Request to Advertise for Financial Advisor for the Issuance of Certificates of Participation and Possible Bond Refinancing ..... Birkett

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board proceed with requests for proposals.

- 4. Revision of the Pupil Progression Plan—First Reading ..... Griffith

The Pupil Progression Plan describes School Board procedures for implementing state and district pupil progression requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve the proposed revision of the Pupil Progression Plan for advertising.

- 5. Job Description for Dropout Prevention Specialist (omission correction)—Second Reading ..... Cliett

This job description was inadvertently omitted when the entire job description manual was revised and presented to the Board for adoption on February 7, 1995. The employee who previously occupied this position recently retired. In order to advertise the vacant position, a job description must exist. The School Board approved the job description for the position of Dropout Prevention Specialist on September 19, 2000, for advertising.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve the job description as advertised.

- 6. Student Case No. 00-57-HC ..... Wittmer

- 7. Contract for Professional Services with Joy Frank & Associates, P.A. .... Chambers  
 RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve the Contract for Professional Services with Joy Frank & Associates, P.A., for the period January 19, 2001 through January 18, 2002.
- 8. Schedule/Cancel Workshops/Board Meetings ..... Chambers
  - a. Schedule a workshop 9 a.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2000, to discuss the legislative platform and general legislative issues.
  - b. Schedule a workshop for a Capital Outlay follow-up January 22, 2001.
  - c. Schedule a workshop for an update on the Strategic Plan January 30, 2001.
  - d. Cancel Board Meetings Scheduled for December 19, 2000, and January 2, 2001, due to the Winter Holidays.
- 9. 2001-2002 School Calendar—First Reading ..... Dukes  
 RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board schedule a public hearing 7:30 p.m., December 5, 2000, to consider the 2001-2002 School Calendar.
- 10. Appointment of Administrators ..... Chambers

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-20.

- 1. Employment of Personnel--Attachments A & B..... Cliett
- 2. Change Orders Approved under Policy 8.5--Attachment C ..... Tougaw
- 3. Bids and Requisitions--Attachment D ..... Chambers
- 4. District Consultant Services--Attachment E ..... Chambers
- 5. Supplemental Worker's Compensation Pay (Illness-in-Line-of-Duty Leave) ..... Chambers  
 Consistent with Article X, Section 8, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, these requests are for the one-third supplemental pay for employees out on Worker's Compensation.
- 6. Donations ..... Birkett

It is requested that the Board approve the donations made to the district by the following individuals, businesses, and organizations:

Agostinho Rodrigues

Alachua PTA

Harlan Hall & Karen Kilgore  
 Osee Fagan  
 Karen Paige  
 Sharon Surrency  
 Hawthorne FFA Alumni Association  
 Lake Forest PTA

Bland Community Families, Inc.  
 Dr. Bill Martin  
 Stan Wilkinson, Inc.  
 Talbot PTA  
 Burdines/Federated Dept.  
 Stores Foundation

- 7. Inventory Droppage Report of Items Costing Less Than \$750 ..... Hackett

In accordance with Florida Statute 274.02 and School Board Policy 7.12, the droppage report of all items valued at less than \$750 is submitted for approval.

- 8. Sick Leave Bank Annual Report ..... Utley

- 9. Certificate of Final Inspection and Payment for Project CB907—Howard Bishop Middle School Multi-Purpose Court ..... Tougaw

The facilities department staff has inspected this project. It is requested that the Board authorize final payment to the contractor upon total acceptance. Final contract amount is \$74,564.

- 10. Authorization to Pay Parent to Transport Student ..... Tougaw

Authorization is requested for parent to transport student from 9501 SW 91 Avenue in Gainesville to Terwilliger Elementary School. A bus is available but the trip is too long for the child. Cost to the School Board is \$.29 per mile for 36.8 miles daily, which is \$10.67 per day.

- 11. Agreement with Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County ..... Omer

A proposal has been approved by the Florida Department of Education, for an after-school project, in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County. A total of \$44,736.82 is allocated to provide mentoring services to at-risk children in the district. The program will provide after-school home work help, tutoring, mentoring, computer assisted instruction, and other activities that will help members at three sites—North West, South East, and Woodland park—improve their academic skills.

- 12. Alternative Schools/Public-Private Partnerships Incentives ..... Omer

A proposal has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of education to provide computers and educational software for classrooms at the Horizon/New Pathways Center. A total amount requested is \$50,000.

- 13. Early Head Start COLA ..... Omer

A revised budget has been prepared for sixth-year funding for the district’s Early Head Start program to incorporate Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), Quality Improvement funds, and Training and Technical Assistance funds. Local matching funds have been adjusted accordingly. The revised budget amount is \$782,448.

- 14. Goals 2000 Educate America Act ..... Omer

Three proposals have been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education for Goals 2000 Grants. One is for a program to assess student

achievement of learning objectives through student writing. A total of \$426,370 is requested. The second proposal requests funds totaling \$187,000 to continue the district's training program. The third requests \$426,309 to continue the district's "Rx for Reading" grant designed to ensure that all students in grades kindergarten through second attain skills necessary to read successfully.

15. Reading Enhancement Grants for Teachers and Library Media Specialists ..... Omer

A total of 85 minigrant proposals have been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education for Reading Enhancement Grants for Teachers and Library Media Specialists. Teachers and library media specialists representing 19 elementary schools, six middle schools, six high schools, two charter schools, three center schools, and the Alachua Regional Marine Institute have been prepared requesting funds to implement a variety of initiatives designed to enhance reading instruction. A total of \$364,444 is requested for stipends, materials, supplies, books, computer equipment, office furniture, software, and teacher training.

16. 2000-2001 Fee Schedule for Post-secondary Students ..... Edwards

Fees are required by the state for all post-secondary students who request enrollment in a class (either academic or vocational). The schedule reflects Adult Education academic and vocational classes, as well as SFCC Horticulture classes.

17. Multi-District Cooperative Agreement for Programs for Physically Impaired ..... Speisman

This is the Multi-District Cooperative Agreement with Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, and Union Counties. We agree to make available specified exceptional student education services to these districts within certain grade levels and at specified sites. This agreement shall take effect July 1, 2000, and continue until June 30, 2001.

18. Multi-District Cooperative Agreement for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students ..... Speisman

This is the Multi-District Cooperative Agreement with Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, and Union Counties. We agree to make available specified exceptional student education services to these districts within certain grade levels and at specified sites. This agreement shall take effect July 1, 2000, and continue until June 30, 2001.

19. Alternate Assessment Application for Funding ..... Speisman

This is a grant application to the Department of Education, Division of Public Schools and Community Education, Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services. The total amount of the grant is \$10,000 and these monies will be used for the training of teachers, scoring, statistical reports, software, testing, and the collection of data in the alternate assessment of Exceptional Students in Alachua County Schools.

20. Agreements with Law Enforcement Agencies—School Resource Officer Program.. Bryan

Agreements are requested with the following three law enforcement agencies to provide school resource officers at designated schools: (a) Gainesville Police Department, (b) Alachua County Sheriff's Department, and (c) City of Alachua.

**K. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Team Building Workshop ..... Board

**L. BOARD MEMBERS/SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

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