

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Kirby-Smith Center

MARCH 4, 2003
Tuesday, 6 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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2003

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. RECOGNITION(S)

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| 1. Character Education Student Artwork | Spreen |
| 2. Governor's All-Star Program—Best High School Junior in District | Wise |
| 3. Arts in the Schools Month | Shaw |
| 4. Commissioner of Education Business Recognition Award Recipients | Kostamo |
| 5. Governor's Mentoring Recognition Award | Kostamo |

E. CITIZEN INPUT *(Fifteen (15) minutes will be provided for citizens to address the Board prior to the regular business meeting. It is requested that citizens keep their comments to approximately three (3) minutes.)*

F. SCHEDULED AGENCIES *(This provides agencies the opportunity to address the Board prior to the regular business meeting. Approximately ten (10) minutes will normally be scheduled for each agency.)*

G. PRESENTATION(S)/REPORT(S)

Budgeting/Financial Update Birkett

H. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regular Board Meeting will be recessed.

PUBLIC HEARING--*(This is the opportunity for the public to present testimony on this issue. It is requested that speakers keep their comments to approximately three (3) minutes.)* A public hearing has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. to consider contracts for the SIATech Charter School and the DeSoto High School, Inc., Charter School.

The Public Hearing will be adjourned and the Regular Board Meeting reconvened.

I. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Rezoning Task Force Tougaw
- 2. Bid Award for Project SBAC CD634--Mebane Middle School Classroom Renovations, Buildings 2, 3, & 4 Gable

Bids for the construction of this project were received on February 25, 2003. Recommendations will be presented.

- 3. Design Development/Construction Documents for Project SBAC B0046—Hawthorne and Newberry High Schools Gymnasium Air Conditioning Gable

Tilden Lobnitz Cooper Engineering, Jacksonville, Florida, has prepared Design Development/Construction Documents for the construction of this project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve these plans and that a bid date for this project be established.

- 4. Student Case No. 03-01-X Dukes

J. CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-6.

- 1. Employment of Personnel--Attachments A & B..... Pratt
- 2. Bid(s) and Requisition(s)--Attachment C Hackett
- 3. District Consultant Services--Attachment D Hackett
- 4. Middle School Language Arts (Grammar & Composition) Adoption Buchanan

The Textbook Adoption Committee has unanimously recommended Holt, Rinehart & Winston's Elements of Language (2001 copyright) as the district's new middle school language arts program. Approval is recommended, authorizing purchases for implementation, growth and replacement, in 2002-2003 and thereafter, subject to availability of funding.

- 5. Inventory Droppage Report McNeal

A list of equipment submitted for droppage from property records due to fair wear and tear, vandalism, theft, trade-ins sales, etc. The droppage report is reported by property number, school and classification summary.

- 6. Extended School Year Packet Anusavice

The Extended School Year packet provides a description and guidelines for educational opportunities that will be offered during the summer of 2003.

K. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- 1. Rising Stars Middle School Athletic Program Wise
- 2. Talbot Traffic Issue Gable

L. CITIZEN INPUT (cont'd) *(This provides citizens the opportunity to address the Board following the regular business meeting. It is requested that citizens keep their comments to approximately three (3) minutes.)*

M. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS

N. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: An Executive Session is scheduled for 4 p.m., March 4, 2003.

A Board workshop to discuss the Rezoning Task Force is scheduled for 9 a.m., March 4, 2003.

An Informal Board meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m., March 11, 2003.

Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in the meeting are requested to notify the Office of the Superintendent at (352) 955-7527 (Voice) or (800) 955-8771 (TDD) at least 48 hours in advance, so their needs can be accommodated.