

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Kirby-Smith Center

MARCH 18, 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 MARCH 4, 2003**
- C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- D. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- E. RECOGNITION(S)**

- 1. Spelling Bee Winner Wise
- 2. Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl State Championship Brandenburg
- 3. Council for Exceptional Children Jodi Joseph
- 4. Office Depot Back to School Program Recognition Snyder
- 5. Clariant Science Teacher of the Year Anusavice

F. 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.)*

G. 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.)*

Alachua County Foster Grandparent Program Cindy Flowers

H. PRESENTATION(S)/REPORT(S)

- 1. District School Assistance Plan Update Lewis
- 2. Budgeting/Financial Update Birkett
- 3. Zoning Task Force Update Tougaw

I. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Bid Award for Project SBAC CC730—Archer Community School Renovations for Fine Arts Classrooms Gable

Bids for the construction of this project were received on March 11, 2003.
Recommendations will be presented.

2. Middle School Contract Waiver Requests Cliett

a. Six Middle School Contract Waiver Requests--Scheduling

Howard Bishop, Kanapaha, Mebane, Westwood, Oak View and Lincoln Middle Schools are requesting a waiver from the contract schedule of five contact periods in a six-period day. All of these requests raise the student/teacher ratio above the schedule specified in the contract. The requirement of Amendment 9 is to lower class size by two students in the 2003-04 school year. A return to the contract schedule in these schools will lower class sizes by approximately four students per period.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve a return to the contract schedule of five contact periods in a six-period day in these schools, thereby lowering class sizes by approximately four students per period.

b. Ft. Clarke Middle School Contract Waiver Request--Contact Minutes

Ft. Clarke Middle School is requesting a waiver from the contract requirement that a teacher's schedule not exceed 250 contact minutes per day. Ft. Clarke's contract time will be 265 minutes four days a week and 272 minutes one day a week. This request will increase the instructional time for students.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve Ft. Clarke Middle School's contract waiver request for 265 contact minutes four days a week and 272 contact minutes one day a week.

3. Contract for Florida SIATech at Gainesville, Inc., Charter School Lewis

A public hearing was held March 4, 2003, to consider the contract for Florida SIATech at Gainesville, Inc., Charter School.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve the contract for Florida SIATech at Gainesville, Inc., Charter School as presented.

4. Contract for DeSoto High School, Inc., Charter School Lewis

A public hearing was held March 4, 2003, to consider the contract for DeSoto High School, Inc., Charter School.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board approve the contract for DeSoto High School, Inc., Charter School as presented.

5. Student Cases Dukes

- 6. Schedule Workshops Chambers
 - a. Schedule a Workshop on Accountability and Audits
 - b. Schedule a Workshop on Budget
- 7. Superintendent’s Contract Jim Lang

J. CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1-13.

- 1. Employment of Personnel--Attachments A & B..... Pratt
- 2. Change Order(s) Approved under Policy 8.53(1)--Attachment C Gable
- 3. Requisition(s)--Attachment D Hackett
- 4. District Consultant Services--Attachment E Hackett
- 5. Donations Birkett

Alachua Elementary PTA	Rick, Jan & Michelle Motter	Jennifer Wingate
Wayne and Sarah Carswell	Wal-Mart	Newberry Elementary PTA
Cuttin Up, Rosemary Brookins	Albertson’s	Mrs. Stella Graham
Mary Ali	Kash N Karry	Best Drugs of Newberry
	Winn Dixie	Mac Johnson Roofing
	Publix	Sam’s Club
	Joey O’Brien	

- 6. Memorandum of Agreement the Department of Health Dukes

This agreement provides Health Services positions for 14 registered nurses at 14 schools and 5 clinic aides at various schools employed through the Health Department. These schools fall under the category of comprehensive school health sites. The agreement also provides for the School Board Supervisor of Health Services and the Health Department School Health Coordinator to jointly supervise and manage programs within the guidelines of the district and Department of Health.

- 7. Professional Services for Project SBAC A0232—Santa Fe High School Master Plan Gable

Interviews were conducted on March 3, 2003, for the design professional on this project. It is requested that the Board accept the following ranking: (1) Brame Architects, Gainesville, Florida; (2) Craig Salley & Associates, Gainesville, Florida; (3) Portal Architecture, Gainesville, Florida.

- 8. Schematic Design Documents for Project SBAC CD630—Sidney Lanier Center Renovations, Buildings 2 & 3 Gable

The Rickman Partnership, Inc., Gainesville, Florida has prepared Schematic Design Documents for the construction of this project. It is requested that the Board approve these plans as presented.

- 9. Florida SIATech at Gainesville, Inc., Charter School Omer

A proposal has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education for Florida SIATech at Gainesville, Inc., Charter School. A total of \$150,000 is requested for start up costs including salaries, .. staff development, computer hardware and instructional supplies.

- 10. Proposal for Start Up Funds for DeSoto High School, Inc., Charter School Omer

A proposal has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education for DeSoto High School, Inc., Charter School. A total of \$150,000 is requested for start up costs including salaries, equipment, facility leasing, staff development and instructional supplies.

- 11. Supplemental Comprehensive School Reform Funds Omer

An amendment has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education to request additional funds to carry out the Duval Elementary School Comprehensive School Reform grant program. A total of \$53,003 is requested to allow teachers to attend professional development workshops, implement a schoolwide conflict management program, provide a three-week summer program, develop packets of materials for parents to provide them with resources for improving the academic achievement of their children, purchase cassette players for use by the lowest quartile in developing and practicing reading skills, and purchase additional violins.

- 12. Supplemental Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Funds Omer

An amendment has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education to request additional funds to carry out the district’s Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant. A total of \$21,400 is requested to purchase computer hardware and software for use by runaway and ungovernable youth at the Interface Council and materials and supplies to enable middle and high school students to participate in a full range of school activities, and to employ additional tutors for homeless students at all grade levels.

- 13. School Board of Alachua County Safe Driver Plan—Amendment to Committee Membership Shelton

K. 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.)*

L. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS

M. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Council for Exceptional Children Awards Ceremony and Reception for ESE Teachers and Paraprofessional of the Year, 4:30 p.m., Kirby-Smith Center.

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.