

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

**OCTOBER 5, 1999  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.**

*Mission Statement--In cooperation with parents, teachers, and the community, Alachua County Schools will provide student-focused learning for all students, enabling them to live productive lives as responsible citizens in a democratic society.*

**AGENDA**

**A. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1999
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. SCHEDULED AGENCIES *(This provides agencies the opportunity to address the Board prior to the regular business meeting. Approximately five minutes will normally be scheduled for each agency.)*
7. 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.)*

**B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT--ACTION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resolution—Exceptional Student Education Week October 17-23, 1999 ..... Childs

The Governor and Cabinet have declared the week of October 17-23, 1999, as Exceptional Student Education Week. This week is to focus citizens' attention on the educational programs and services being provided for exceptional students, which include both disabled and gifted, and their families. It also recognizes ESE teachers and related personnel who serve these students. All citizens are encouraged to become more acquainted with these programs and the abilities of these students.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the Resolution supporting the declaration of the week of October 17-23, 1999, as Exceptional Student Education Week.

The Regular Board Meeting will be recessed.

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**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 five minutes.) A public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following:

- 1. Amendment to Policy 3.41, Charter Schools ..... Childs
- 2. Strategic Plan ..... Marazza

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

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- b. Proclamation—Red Ribbon Week October 24-31, 1999 ..... Marazza

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the Proclamation proclaiming October 24-31, 1999, as Red Ribbon Week.

- c. Bid Award for Project SBAC CA836—Prairie View Elementary School HVAC Replacement ..... Tougaw

Bids for the construction of this project were received on September 28, 1999. Recommendations will be presented.

- d. Student Cases ..... Wittmer

(1) Student Case No. 99-47-HC            (2) Student Case No. 99-49-NP

- e. School Improvement Plan Process ..... Childs

Recommendations for updating the School Improvement Plan process will be presented.

- f. December & January School Board Meetings ..... Marazza

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board cancel the second meeting in December (12/21/99) and the first meeting in January (1/4/00) due to the winter holidays.

2. REPORTS

- a. Y2K Report ..... Cromer
- b. Technology Audit Update ..... Moffett

**C. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT--CONSENT AGENDA**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the Consent Agenda as described in items 1.-19.

- 1. Employment of Personnel--Attachments A & B ..... Cake
- 2. Change Orders Approved under Policy 8.53—Attachment C ..... Tougaw

- 3. Bids and Requisitions—Attachment D ..... Chambers
- 4. District Consultant Services—Attachment E ..... Chambers
- 5. Donations ..... Chambers

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

Performance Learning Systems, Inc.	Alachua PTA
North Florida Retirement Village	Hidden Oak PTA
Gainesville Chamber of Commerce	SunTrust Banks, Inc.
Gateway Girl Scout Council Troop #676	Kiwanis Club of Gator City

- 6. Annual Renewal of Group Programs (Health, Life and Cafeteria/125 Plan) and Approval of Depository for the Cafeteria/125 Plan ..... Chambers

Renewal contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida (Health), Canada Life (Life), and Fringe Benefits Management Company (Cafeteria/125) and the approval of South Trust Bank (depository) which will be used by the management company in connection with administration of the Cafeteria/125 Plan are recommended.

- 7. Professional Services for Project SBAC CA715—Hawthorne Junior/Senior High School Animal Production & Technology Center ..... Tougaw

Interviews were conducted on September 21, 1999, for the design professional on the above project. It is requested that The Board accept the following rankings: (1) Florida Architects, Inc., Orlando, Florida; (2) Craig Salley and Associates, Gainesville, Florida; and (3) Reeves & Portal, P.A., Gainesville, Florida.

- 8. Schematic Design Documents (DOE Phase I) for Project SBAC CA713—Eastside/Loften High School Academy of Construction Technology ..... Tougaw

Karl Thorne Associates, 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. Certificate of Final Inspection and Payment ..... Tougaw

- a. Certificate of Final Inspection and Payment for Project CD432—Williams Elementary School Food Service Building

The project architect and the facilities department staff have inspected this project. It is requested that the Board authorize final payment to the contractor upon total acceptance. Final contract amount is \$1,247,299.86.

- b. Certificate of Final Inspection and Payment for Project CC634—Mebane Middle School Parking and Site Improvements

The project architect and the facilities department staff have inspected this project. It is requested that the Board authorize final payment to the contractor upon total acceptance. Final contract amount is \$202,067.56.

10. Bus Use Agreements ..... Tougaw
- a. Agreement with Coordinated Transportation Services (CTS)
- Renewal of this cooperative agreement provides for the Board to furnish up to \$7,000 in transportation services through Coordinated Transportation Systems, and for school bus transportation to be available after that on a reimbursement of cost basis.
- b. Agreement between the School Board of Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and Alachua County
- This agreement is to provide bus transportation to the Florida Museum of Natural History from September 25, 1999, through January 30, 2000. Alachua County and the City of Gainesville have provided funds for transporting students in grades 1-4 to the Museum for EarthQuest: The Challenge Begins. Students will be picked up at their schools to go to the Museum and returned to their schools.
- c. Agreement between the School Board of Alachua County and the University of Florida
- This agreement is to provide bus transportation from various schools to the University of Florida one day per month from September 1999 to April 2000 for the Gator Literacy Program.
11. Goals 2000 Staff Development Contracts with Florida State University ..... Childs
- Two contracts have been prepared for services to be provided by Florida State University for completion of the Goals 2000 Staff Development grant program. One contract will provide \$13,075 for preparation of version 2.1 of the Curriculum Planning Tool. The second contract will provide \$45,000 for 125 exemplary units for inclusion in the Curriculum Planning Tool. Funds will be provided from existing Goals 2000 grant funds.
12. Lease Agreement with University of Florida ..... Childs
- This agreement will lease to the University of Florida space for one portable building which will be the site of the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program. The WIC Program will be part of the Early Head Start Family Services Center located adjacent to Wiles Elementary School. This lease is for a period of three years.
13. New Millennium High School ..... Childs
- A proposal has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education requesting \$200,000 to integrate academic and vocational curricula and establish the W. T. Loften High School as a pilot New Millennium High School.
14. Early Head Start Family Progress Center Contract for Mental Health Services .... Childs
- A contract has been prepared for mental health services for early Head Start Family Progress Center. Creative Counseling Services will render services in compliance with Head Start Performance Standards. Services will be provided during the 1999-00 school year. Creative Counseling services will be provided from Early Head Start funds up to \$8,000.

15. BellSouth Power to Teach ..... Childs

A proposal has been prepared for submission to the BellSouth Foundation's Power to Teach grant program. The proposal requests \$149,685 over a two-year period for a program designed to provide technology training for teachers throughout Alachua County. Funds are requested for stipends, laptop computers for teacher checkout, and to open a technology laboratory beyond the school day so that teachers may practice their skills.

16. Early Head Start ..... Childs

A revised budget has been prepared for fifth-year funding for the district's Early Head Start program to incorporate Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), Quality Improvement funds, and PA-11 Training funds. The revised budget amount is \$715,195.

17. Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County ..... Childs

A proposal has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education for an after-school project in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County. A total of \$58,409 is allocated through Florida Senate Bill 2500, Specific Appropriation 110A, 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. Funds will enable the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County to employ staff members and to purchase computer hardware and software to carry out the program.

18. Charter School SIT Award (Chance Charter School) ..... Childs

The administration recommends that the School Board accept the SIT (School Infrastructure Trust) fund application as presented.

19. Supplement 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.

**D. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Board Member Concerns/Requests

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

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