

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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/REPORT

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| 1. Leadership Gainesville Alumni | Crowell |
| 2. School Bus Driver of the Year | Tougaw |
| 3. Buchholz High School Finance Academy Presentation | Edwards |
| 4. School Improvement Highlights--Waldo Community & Williams Elementary Schools | Lewis |
| 5. District Internet Access Safeguard | Utley |

F. 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.)*

G. 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.)*

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Award of Contracts for Group Health Insurance and Life Insurance Programs ... Hotary

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were taken for the health and life insurance programs currently in place for the district and forwarded to the Insurance Committee for review and recommendation to the Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration recommends that the School Board accept the Insurance Committee's recommendation and award the Health Insurance contract to Blue Cross Blue Shield in the amount of \$12,234,352 and the Life Insurance contract to AIG Company in the amount of \$481,806.60.

I. CONSENT AGENDA Chambers

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

- 1. Employment of Personnel--Attachments A & B..... Pratt
- 2. Change Order Approved under Policy 8.5--Attachment C Tougaw
- 3. Bids and Requisitions--Attachment D Chambers
- 4. District Consultant Services--Attachment E Chambers
- 5. Donations Birkett

Toys R Us	Ms. Shelia Wald
The David W. & Phyllis S. Little Family Foundation	Mr. Dennis Hargreaves
Alachua County Public Schools	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vogel
Foundation, Inc.	Mr. Ben Houston

- 6. Construction Management Services for Project SBAC CB734—Eastside High School New Classroom Building Gable

Interviews were conducted on August 31, 2001, for the Construction Manager on this project. It is requested that the Board accept the following rankings: (1) W. G. Mills, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida; (2) PPI Construction Management, Gainesville, Florida; (3) Parrish Construction Company, Gainesville, Florida. Preconstruction Service fees and a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) will be presented at a later date.

- 7. School Bus Routes Shelton
- 8. Authorization to Pay Parents to Transport Students Shelton

Authorization is requested for parents to transport students from home to Williams Elementary School's Highly Gifted Program. It is not cost effective to have buses for all elementary students to all of the various locations. Parents have agreed to transport their students to school per Florida State Board of Education Administrative Rule 6A-3.017. Costs to the School Board and Williams Elementary at \$.29 per mile for parents to transport their children roundtrip are as follows: 22.8 miles for \$6.61 per day; 32.8 miles for \$9.51 per day; 34.8 miles for \$10.09 per day; and 36.4 miles for \$10.55 per day.

- 9. Agreement with Jenny Land, Ph.D., Therapist Crowell

An agreement has been prepared with Jenny Land, Ph.D. to provide accessible and appropriate mental health services to children and families served by the Fearnside Family Services Center, Head Start/Early Head Start/Pre-kindergarten Early Intervention programs. The funds allocated for the services are provided through federal and state grants and will not exceed \$33,000.

10. Cooperative Agreement with Child Care Resources, Inc. Stark
- This agreement will provide subsidized child care services for children participating in the Extended Day Enrichment Program.
11. Agreement with North Central Florida YMCA Stark
- The YMCA has been operating the before and after school program at Sidney Lanier for 17 years. United Way funding has decreased for the program which operates at a deficit. The EDEP has provided funding for the YMCA program for five years so the program can continue. It is recommended that the funding continue.
12. Tech Prep Articulation Agreements Edwards
- These agreements with Santa Fe Community College provide for continuous, unbroken progress from secondary to post-secondary programs. The agreements specify which courses are required and identify the conditions under which post-secondary credit is earned for courses taken at the secondary level.
13. Agreement with the Center for Applied Research in Education Omer
- An agreement has been prepared for the Center for Applied Research in Education (CARE) to implement the BIG Accommodation Model at Lincoln Middle School. CARE will provide the support necessary to train teachers to carry out this Direct Instruction-based program at Lincoln.
14. Contract with the University of Oregon—BIG Accommodation Model Omer
- A contract has been prepared for the services of a teacher to implement the BIG Accommodation Model at Lincoln Middle School. Funds are provided for salary and fringe benefits including Florida Retirement and social security.
15. Agreement with Santa Fe Community College—GED Preparation Classes Omer
- An agreement has been prepared for Santa Fe Community College to provide GED preparation classes and transition services for adult education students. A total of \$50,000 in Adult Education grant funds has been budgeted for this purpose.
16. AmeriCorps---Alachua County Reads! Omer
- This is the fourth year for district participation in the AmeriCorps Alachua County Reads program. This contract will fund a program manager and 10 full-time AmeriCorps members to tutor targeted children, grades K-3, in the Anchor Center, Idylwild Elementary School, and Rawlings Elementary School.
17. Governor’s Mentoring Initiative: School-Based Omer
- A proposal has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education for the Governor’s Mentoring Initiative. A total of \$15,000 is requested to implement in-school and after-school mentoring programs at Metcalfe, Prairie View, and Rawlings Elementary Schools. Funds will be used for a part-time tutor, teacher stipends, fringe benefits and materials and supplies.

- 18. Governor's Mentoring Initiative: Workplace Omer

A proposal has been prepared for submission to the Florida Department of Education for the Governor's Mentoring Initiative for Workplace Mentoring Projects. A total of \$40,000 is requested to implement in-school mentoring programs at the Horizon/ New Pathways Center and Loften High School. Funds will be used for mentors, teacher stipends, fringe benefits, materials and supplies, and student transportation.
- 19. Approval of Agreements with the City of Gainesville, the City of Alachua and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer Deputy Program Bryan
- 20. Approval of the 2001-2002 Master Inservice Plan Pratt

J. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT REQUESTS

K. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: An Executive Session is scheduled for 6 p.m., September 18, 2001

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