

for their winning entries: Shell Elementary, Oak View Middle and Newberry Jr./Sr. High schools. Buchholz High and Archer Community schools received honorable mention for their projects.

The Board extended condolences and deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Buchholz High School student Mazdak Noorbakhsh. The Board also extended thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Scott Mechaney for a speedy recovery.

RECOGNITION—
STATEWIDE DRIVERS
EDUCATION
TEACHER OF THE
YEAR

Ms. Ginger Childs, assistant superintendent, Instruction, recognized Mr. Al Peoples, teacher, Santa Fe High School, for being selected by his peers around the state as the statewide Drivers Education Teacher of the Year.

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHERS OF THE
YEAR

The Board recognized Social Studies teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Each teacher was chosen for professionalism and for exhibiting excellence in student/teacher relationships. The winners included Becky Jacobs, elementary school category, Talbot Elementary School; Sandra Coburn, middle school category, Ft. Clarke Middle School; and Monique Fleming Leath, high school category, A. Quinn Jones Center.

SCHEDULED AGENCIES

No agency was scheduled.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

REPORT—210-DAY
SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE

Ms. Anne Bishop, director, Elementary Curriculum, presented an overview of the proposed 210-day school year and the intent of the law. Seven schools with planning funds available include: Duval, Lake Forest, Shell, Prairie View, Rawlings, Metcalfe and Williams Elementary schools. Five of the seven schools have chosen to go forward. Williams Elementary will be working to become a foreign language international school, Duval Elementary will be working on a fine arts magnet, and Metcalfe Elementary will not be participating in the 210-day extended school year.

The regular Board meeting was recessed and a Public Hearing convened.

PUBLIC HEARING—
1999-2000 PUPIL
PROGRESSION PLAN

Mr. Gunnar Paulson, president, ACEA, expressed concern with the Board's proposal to require an additional year of math and science as a graduation requirement, which would increase student dropout rates and loss of electives. He suggested the Board reconsider and wait for strategic plan recommendations.

Mrs. Brashear stated that based on data, the district's students are not as competitive as students from other countries who do take math and science for four years. She requested staff consider all options and make decisions based on data. Several options could include the Florida Online High School, combining math and science or some other creative classes, or designing classes to meet the double criteria.

Mr. Cake stated that before recommending an additional year of math and science, he wants to see what staff plans to do to reduce the drop-out rate, to reduce the anxiety of students that have problems with three years of math and science, and possibly require vocational classes for students going to college. He encouraged consideration of what can be done to keep these students in school.

Ms. Ginger Childs explained some of the options available and pointed out that there are many curriculum courses available that count as a science class.

Dr. Leathers supports waiting for strategic plan recommendations. He pointed out that there are two groups of students--those that move on to higher education and those that go on to Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) with the expectation of obtaining a two-year certificate, and he is not certain that four years of math and science would help.

Mrs. Carroll stated that she is a proponent of electives and is personally committed to the seventh period day. She expressed concern with summer programs and suggested flexibility, and a waiver for band, dance, cheerleading and Life Management Skills. She urged Board members to think differently and look for different solutions and offerings for students.

Mrs. Brashear noted that waiting for strategic plan recommendations would be too late. She voiced her support of an additional math and science with the knowledge that there are many concerns, but timing is crucial and suggested staff review every option available.

Mr. Cake expressed concern with students making up failed courses during the summer and regular term and requested staff work on a system to help those students not get discouraged.

Chairman Sharpe noted that all students do not learn exactly alike, but all students need to have math; it doesn't have to be the same kind of math. She pointed out that all students do not want to go to higher education, but they will need to know math. There is a need to stop making excuses for kids and raise the bar and prepare students from

day one.

Chairman Sharpe questioned the following: By adding the additional math class, how would the district keep the weaker student from becoming discouraged and dropping out? Are curriculum accommodations being made and what modifications would be made? How does this affect the student's ability to take electives? How did staff come to the decision to do the additional math and science.

Superintendent Marazza stated that it is important for the Board to consider recommendations based on sound rationale and focus on what is needed, not how it is done. The state will continue to raise the bar and staff will take Board recommendations into consideration and make the best recommendations for students.

Mrs. Carroll stated that the Board must deal with students who are failing and help make these students more successful.

Dr. Leathers expressed serious concern with the Board raising the bar and urged the Board to get the resources for all students on an equal playing field.

Ms. Childs informed the Board that this change would take effect with the graduating Class of 2004.

Mrs. Brasher encouraged staff to make recommendations with creative schedules and give teachers the ability to create something new.

The Public Hearing adjourned and the regular business meeting reconvened.

REPORT--210-DAY
SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE
(CONTINUED)

Ms. Bishop stated that she is optimistic that the 210-day extended school year will improve the quality of learning and also reported that there will be controlled open enrollment plans for parents to choose.

Williams Elementary School is looking into an international school magnet program to address all their students and Duval Elementary is going forward with a 210-Day school year, but is also looking at the option of a fine arts magnet program.

Mrs. Brashear requested a workshop for an overview as to how this will influence the development of the school improvement plans.

Mrs. Carroll agreed with holding a workshop as magnet programs affect the entire district.

Dr. Marazza noted the intention of the extension of the school year from 180 to 210 days, or in the same sense extension of the school day, is to give the opportunity to deliver instruction in a way that will allow planning time, the opportunity to engage with community and parents and have the time to deal with problems of remediation. When talking about magnets he understands the concern for caution, but at the same time opportunities for learning should be the gauge as opposed to what might be the focus of an open enrollment notion that assumes that there are judgements being made about where education is better off as opposed to another place. The idea is to put the equity issue aside—no inequity in the district.

LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

Chairman Sharpe reported that the annual Alachua County Legislative Delegation hearing will be held on Monday, December 13, 1999, and requested Board members give direction on at least three to four district legislative priorities.

Mrs. Brashear:

- Assistance with Charter Schools
- ESE Matrix Funding cap
- AP Monies—concerned about proposed legislation that would require taking the 20% monies not ear marked to high schools and pay directly to AP teachers

Mrs. Carroll:

- Textbook adoption requirements and the inability of textbook adoption for two more years
- Safe school funds—increase funding for school resource officers
- ESE Matrix Funding cap
- AP Monies – the district may have a better plan

Dr. Leathers: -- (Items from 1999 Legislative Program)

- (Item 1 under Finance) Support adequacy of funding to include full funding of all state mandated programs, including textbooks, and capital outlay recommendations.
- (Item 2 under Instruction) Support early intervention/family services programs and full service schools programs.
- (Item 4 under Instruction) Fund extended school year and provide model pilot programs.

Mr. Cake: -- (Items from 1999 Legislative Program)

- (Item 1 under Finance) Support adequacy of funding to include full funding of all state mandated programs, including textbooks, and capital outlay recommendations.
- (Item 5 under Finance) Remove the funding caps and fully fund the ESE and ESOL mandated programs. Allow district flexibility

AMENDMENT TO THE
1999-2000
ADMINISTRATIVE
SALARY SCHEDULE

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Mr. Cake

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to amend the Administrative Salary Schedule by moving the District Security Chief position from Pay Grade 8 to Pay Grade 4.

Mrs. Brashear stated that recent events have proven that the district needs to look for an individual of the highest caliber to do the best job and take the district to a new level of coordination and competence.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

STUDENT CASE
NO. 99-54-X

Mr. Tom Wittmer, staff attorney, reported that the student is charged with battery on another student and possession of a knife on campus. A hearing was held November 9, 1999.

Motion by Dr. Leathers

Seconded by Mrs. Brashear

Moved the hearing agent's recommendation to expel the student September 30, 1999, through the 1999-2000 extended school year.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

STUDENT CASE
NO. 99-58-SB

Mr. Wittmer reported that the student is charged with a Level IV violation of the Code of Student Conduct on the school bus. No hearing was requested.

Motion by Mr. Cake

Seconded by Dr. Leathers

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to extend the suspension of the student's bus riding privileges through June 6, 2000.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

AMENDMENT TO THE 1999-
2000 SPECIAL PROGRAMS
AND PROCEDURES FOR
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS
DOCUMENT (SP&P) AND
REVISIONS TO THE GIFTED
SCREENING, PRE-
REFERRAL, AND REFERRAL
PROCEDURES—FIRST
READING

Motion by Mrs. Brashear

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved to approve the proposed amendment to the Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students document and revisions to the Alachua County Gifted Screening, Prereferral and Referral Procedures for advertising.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Chairman Sharpe requested a public hearing be held at 7:30 p.m., January 18, 2000, on the amendment to the 1999-2000 Special

Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students Document.

INVITATION FOR BID
00-15 SOLID WASTE,
RECYCLING AND
YARD TRASH
COLLECTION

Superintendent Marazza informed the Board that a protest was received on the districtwide solid waste bid from Boone as untimely filed.

Motion by Mrs. Brashear Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved the superintendent's recommendation to award the bid to Southland Waste Systems, Inc., as the low, responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications in the annual amount of \$298,771.56.

Mr. Ron Carpenter, attorney for Boone Waste Management, stated that the postmark on the bid envelope was dated November 12, 1999, even though the certified letter was received December 6, 1999.

A representative of Southland Waste stated that they are the low responsive bid and urged the Board to support the recommendation.

Following discussion, Chairman Sharpe noted that she felt uncomfortable with this process.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-1
Yes: Mrs. Brashear
Mr. Cake
Mrs. Carroll
Dr. Leathers
No: Mrs. Sharpe

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dr. Leathers Seconded by Mr. Cake

Moved to approve the consent agenda as described in items 1-15 with the removal of Item D from Attachment C to action item B.2.g. (See Supplementary Minutes Book.)

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEM—
BOARD MEMBER
CONCERNS/REQUESTS

Chairman Sharpe made the following requests:

- Superintendent Marazza prepare a list of committees Board members presently serve on and update at the next meeting.
- Schedule a workshop to discuss renegotiating Superintendent Marazza's contract.
- Schedule a workshop as soon as possible after the holidays to discuss school uniforms.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.