

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
July 22, 1999

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in special session duly called at 3 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Bill Cake, chairman; Barbara Sharpe, vice-chairman; Judy Brashear, Bev Carroll, and Chester Leathers, members; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cake, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Cake noted that Mr. John Dukes, assistant superintendent, Student Services, was representing the Superintendent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Delete Action Item 1.b., Revisions to the 1999-2000 Code of Student Conduct—Second Reading.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe                      Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting of July 22, 1999, as amended.

The question was called on the agenda as amended.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

BOARD MEMBERS/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Carroll noted that she had just returned from Orlando where she attended one of the best conferences being held by student services for counselors, psychologists, etc., sponsored by NPTA, NSBA, and other organizations. The National Organization for Victims Assistance was presenting. This group goes into the schools after a crisis. She will provide information to the Board on this conference. Mr. Cake noted that Mr. Wolfgang Halbig from Seminole County will meet with the Board in a workshop forum 2 p.m., August 19, 1999, on the prevention of violence.

Mrs. Sharpe noted that former Governor Bob Martinez is chairman of another large task force on violence that will include board members and others across the state. She also noted that she and Dr. Leathers attended the Southern Region Conference in Ashville, North Carolina and one of the main sessions was on school safety. She will share information with the Board members as well as the FSBA.

On behalf of Board members she extended condolences to Chairman Cake and family on the loss of his mother-in-law.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

ADVERTISEMENT OF  
1999-2000 PROPOSED  
TENTATIVE BUDGET  
AND MILLAGE

Dr. Mary Chambers, assistant superintendent, Business Services, noted that the Board will be approving the tentative budget and millage for 1999-2000 for advertising.

Dr. Chambers reviewed the Budget Information sheet and pointed out that under the Revenue section an anomaly with this year's Florida Retirement Savings. You will notice a decrease in revenue even though we have more money available for expenditure. The primary emphasis of the expenditures for this year's budget is improvement of student performance and safety. The good news is millage reduction—the lowest millage rate in ten years. She pointed out that Alachua County ranks last in the state in funding. She highlighted the items incorporated into the Budget that include personnel and program enhancements and reviewed pie charts showing how the budget is spent.

Mr. Keith Birkett, director, Finance, reviewed seven schedules which include the proposed budget hearing notice, budget ads, and the proposed millage comparisons for a total decrease of .868 mills, which is a 7.34% decrease in taxes for education next year. He pointed out that Schedule IV, Budget Summary Notice, notes that the proposed operating budget expenditures of the School Board of Alachua County are 3.3% less than last year's total operating expenditures (because of savings in the Florida Retirement system). This schedule also includes the total proposed millage levy of 10.956. The budget ads also include comparison of the proposed 1999-2000 budget to the 1998-99 expenditures, the historical summary of financial and demographic data, and the notice of tax for school capital outlay.

Mr. Birkett read Schedule VIII, Budget Appropriations Approved for Advertisement.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY ADOPTS THE TENTATIVE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ADVERTISEMENT DATED JULY 24, 1999, WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
GENERAL	\$157,906,621.00
SPECIAL REVENUE	17,670,384.00
DEBT SERVICE	14,974,911.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	63,825,075.00
INTERNAL SERVICE	2,410,167.00
TRUST AND AGENCY	4,144,883.00
TOTAL	<u>\$260,932,041.00</u>

Motion by Mrs. Carroll

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the 1999-2000 proposed Tentative Budget and proposed Tentative Millage for advertising.

Mrs. Carroll suggested an asterisk on the Budget Highlights to show the lowest school millage rate in ten years.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE  
APPOINTMENT—FT.  
CLARKE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mrs. Brashear

Moved the administration's recommendation to appoint Mr. John C. Williams as principal of Fort Clarke Middle School, effective July 26, 1999.

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

Mrs. Brashear noted the report Board Members received on the Induction Program and commended staff on the thoroughness of the report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.