

Tuesday, September 12, 2019 - 1:30 P.M.
Jack Durrance Auditorium
Kirby-Smith Center
620 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Charles "Chuck" Chestnut, Vice Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson,
Commissioners Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell and Marihelen Wheeler

School Board Chair Robert P. Hyatt, Vice Chair Eileen F. Roy, Board
Members Tina Certain, Leanetta McNealy, Ph.D., Gunnar F. Paulson, Ed.D.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres,
Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Superintendent Karen Clarke and Board Attorney David DeLaney

CALL TO ORDER
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Call To Order at 1:30 P.M.
Welcome
Introduction

Robert P. Hyatt, Chair, Alachua County School Board
Charles S. Chestnut, Chair, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

School Board Commissioner McNealy moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Wheeler moved adoption of the agenda.

Chair Chestnut recognized Jim Konish who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Items For Discussion

1. [19-0334](#) Prairie View Elementary Update

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Listen to an update on Prairie View Elementary.

Superintendent Karen Clarke stated that the current plan is that while Idylwild Elementary is being renovated the school children from Idylwild will be given instruction at Prairie View Elementary. This will allow the renovation timeframe to be shortened because the work could be done without having to schedule projects around an operating school.

Once Idylwild Elementary is complete the same process will be used for Williams Elementary. Once those two projects are complete there will be discussions for the use of Prairie View Elementary based on the progress of other school renovation projects.

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Paul White stated that the plan is to have construction at Idylwild Elementary starting in June of 2020. There is a tremendous cost savings by having the schools closed during construction.

Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

2. [19-0331](#) After-School Public Transportation

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion on after-school public transportation.

Commissioner Cornell advised that a citizen group has approached the County with the concept of providing free RTS Bus service to all citizen 18 years and younger. The County Commission inquired if the School Board has had any involvement in the initiative and if they had any thoughts on the matter.

Superintendent Clarke advised that the School Board has not been approached regarding this matter. She advised that she could see issues with unaccompanied minors using the RTS system but there have not been any discussion on the matter. She advised that the School Board would be willing to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, School Board Member Eileen Roy, School Board Chair Hyatt, School Board Member Dr. McNealy, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

3. [19-0330](#) Citizens Field Renovations Partnership

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion on Citizens Field Renovations Partnership.

Commissioner Wheeler advised that the City of Gainesville has contacted the County regarding a partnership in renovating the complex and inquired if the School Board has had in discussions on the matter.

Athletic Director Charley Wise advised that the School Board has not been contacted and that the School Board operates the facility through a lease with the City. The lease is set to expire in June of 2024. The School Board staff maintains the facility and is responsible for capital expenditures.

Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

4. [19-0329](#) Impact Fees

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discuss impact fees.

Commissioner Byerly advised that at last year's joint meeting the Boards discussed Impact Fees and he remembers there being an interest from the School Board but the Board wanted to wait till after the Tax Referendum was settled. Commissioner Byerly inquired if there is still an interest in pursuing the matter since the Tax Referendum has been passed and there are new members on the School Board.

School Board Chair Hyatt, School Board Member Certain, School Board Chair Hyatt, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, School Board Member Dr. McNealy, Commissioner Wheeler, and School Board Member Roy presented comments.

By consensus, the School Board stated that they would like to see a workshop conducted so that the matter can be discussed with all the necessary information available.

5. [19-0328](#) School Resource Officers

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion on School Resource Officers.

School Board Chair Hyatt stated that the School Board has reached an agreement with the Sheriff's Office for this year. Chair Hyatt summarized that the School Board would like to maintain the relationships with the agency providing the services. However, the School Board felt that the Sheriff's expenses were not in line with other providers.

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Commissioner Byerly, School Board Member Roy, School Board Member Certain, Commissioner Cornell, School Board Member Dr. McNealy, and School Board Member Paulson presented comments.

6. [19-0335 Employee Health Clinic](#)

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion on an Employee Health Clinic.

Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Service Alex Rella advised that the staff have been discussing the possibility of partnering with the County in regards to an Employee Health Clinic. He is aware that the County is currently operating a clinic and would like to explore if there is any advantages for both agencies to collaborate on the employee clinic.

Commissioner Cornell, School Board Member Certain, School Board Member Paulson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct County Staff reach out to the School Board staff to begin exploring the possibility of pooling resources and a prepare a Joint presentation to the School Board and the County Commission Self Insurance Committee. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

School Board Chair Hyatt recognized Jim Konish, Anna Prizzia, Jackie Davis, Dr. Gwendolyn Simmons, Ms. Razzia, Kali Blount, and Diane McGraw presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, and Chair Chestnut expressed gratefulness meeting with the County Commission and working collaboratively on issues facing the County and its residents.

There being no further comment before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 P.M.