

**SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
5:30 P.M.
GARLAND BOGGUS BOARD ROOM
426 SCHOOL STREET
SEBRING, FLORIDA**

Agenda Item I: Opening Items

IA/IB Chairperson Wally Randall called the Regular School Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Garland Boggus Board Room at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. On roll call, those present besides Chairperson Randall were Mr. Andy Tuck, Mrs. Donna Howerton, Mr. J. Ned Hancock, Mr. Richard Norris, Superintendent Wally Cox, School Board Attorney John McClure and Executive Secretary Connie E. Scobey.

Mr. Lee Allcorn came forward and gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IC Character Word of the Month: “CITIZENSHIP”

ID Recognitions: FCAT Awards for Secondary: Assistant Superintendent Becky Fleck with the assistance of Director Joyce McClelland came forward to award the students for their perfect scores on the FCAT within Math, Reading and Writing. Ms. Fleck stated that two students made perfect scores in both Math and Reading, Morgan Devane and Chenille Winter, congratulating both of them on their great accomplishment. Ms. Fleck went on to recognize the following students for Math: Zack Garner, Jean Hernandez, Armon Luckenbach, Gustavo Garcia, Natasha Gavarrete, Emily Helterhoff, Adisak Moonguaklang, Shawn Ramey, Erik Parker, and Kevin Colley. Ms. Fleck went on to recognize the following students for Reading: Desiree Andujar, Allisa Manley, Keomi Marasigan, Emily Waller, Cheyanne Simmons, Zachary Gierak, Evan Napper, Cara Johnson, Laura Heston, Deidre Shankle, Lauren Wright, and Carlie Jones. Mr. Fleck then recognized those students for Writing: Justine Albritton, Elijah Allen, Alexandra Blackman, Justin Dellarocco, Jazmin Gomez, Stephanie Halliday, Makayla Patterson, Juan Perez, Lana Smith, Juan Vargas, Kody Vogan, David Waldron, Brian Westergom, Lindsey Young, Shelby Allcorn, John Gribble, Akinkawon Hawthorne, Lydia Heyman, Joanna Sanchez, Jessie Sanders, Connor Tivedo, Lucero Torres, Carl Daniels, Joshua Everhart, Branden Griffin, Chantell Harris, Jared Lang, Kelby Mahoney, Tamra McMahon, Alina SanMiguel, Maria Tataris, Greysen Bucher, Walter Farr, Taylor Ritchie, Alana Damboise, Katrynna Acosta, Raul Cabrera, Christopher Cook, Bridget Egan, Marie Farmer, Gustavo Florez, Jordan Hernandez, Amanda Hicks, Amanda Ladinsky, Ashley Palmer, Thomas Smith, Alexandra Stephenson, Cody Thibert, Jessica Tirado, Kaylee Tuck, William Westergom, Heather Bass, Keishla

Torres, Lindsey Bennett, Axnerys Gonzalez, Megan Leatherman, Tess Lundy, and Robert Romero. Ms. Fleck shared congratulations with the students, the parents and the teachers for the wonderful accomplishments and support.

Chairperson Randall and the Board also shared their congratulations and appreciation with the students and the parents.

Chairperson Randall called for a recess at this time to allow the parents and students to exit the meeting. The meeting reconvened shortly after.

IE Curriculum Presentation: None was presented

IF School Board Member Committee Reports:

- **Mr. Norris stated that he will be attending a Value Adjustment Meeting on the 15th.**

IG Presentation of petitions, concerns or reports: No petitions were presented.

(Presented must fill out a card and present it to the Board Secretary before the meeting is called to order. Speaker will have up to five minutes for the presentation.)

IH Superintendent's Report:

- **Superintendent Cox introduced APM Principal Katina Kramer who came forward to recognize her new Assistant Principal Jenny Cornell. The Board congratulated her and Ms. Cornell stated that it was good to be back home in Avon Park.**
- **He shared information regarding the enrollment stating that he works with the adjusted count K-12 and looks at first day to first day, fifth day to fifth day, and tenth day to tenth day. He stated that first day we were down 283 students, fifth day we were down 161 students and tenth day we were down 136 students. He stated that the enrollment is not good, but at least it is getting better and hopeful it will still improve.**
- **He reminded the Board of their workshop on Tuesday, September 21st prior to the Regular Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the Freshman Foundation, the Resource Teachers Roll and High School Assistant Principals. He stated that the workshop will start at 3:00 p.m. as discussed earlier.**
- **He recognized Executive Secretary Connie Scobey regarding the status pertaining to the setup for the paperless agenda. Ms. Scobey with the assistance of Facilities Manager Kenny Carlisle shared some of the details with the Board regarding setting up the electrical capabilities and the recommendation of scheduling a workshop to review some of the technical options available. Following brief discussion, the Board schedules a workshop for this purpose on October 5th starting at 3:30 p.m.**

Agenda Item II: Adopt the Agenda

Mr. Hancock moved to adopt the agenda requesting moving Item IIIE4a to the Action Agenda. Mr. Norris seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

Agenda item III: Consent Items

Mr. Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. Mr. Tuck seconded. Attorney McClure commented on some verbiage change for Item IIIC1b and also the Exhibit “A” within the HEC Contract. Mr. Tuck commented on the HEC contract and Superintendent Cox shared that the HEC Board approved the contract earlier this summer and recommended they approve the contract and he will provide Exhibit “A” for their information. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”

- IIIA2a Request approval of the request to spread the following administrators signature authorization on the Board minutes as per State Auditor’s request SMB_____ P_____
- IIIA3a Request approval of the minutes for the following meetings: School Board Workshop 8-17-10; and Regular School Board Meeting 8-17-10 SMB_____ P_____
- IIIB1 Request approval for Contract for “My Inbox is Full and I Can’t Get Out” Professional Development Workshop SMB_____ P_____
- IIIB2 Consider approval of the HEC Project Application for 2010/2011 SMB_____ P_____
- IIIC1a Request approval of the 2010/2011 Highlands Virtual Instructional Program Contract SMB_____ P_____
- IIIC1b Request approval of the Contract Agreement between City of Avon Park Police Department and the SBHC in support of the School Resource Officer program for the 2010/2011 school year SMB_____ P_____
- IIID1a Request approval of the out-of-state field trip for the APH – AFJROTC to Oregon SMB_____ P_____
- IIIE4a This item was moved to the Action Agenda: Request approval to award a contract to replace a/c unit at APH Franza Locker Room (RFBP #SBHC1011-01) SMB_____ P_____

IIIE6a Request approval of revised bell schedule SMB_____ P_____

Agenda Item IV: Action Items

IVA1a Consider approval of out of zone request: SMB_____ P_____

- Bueno – The parent was not present.
- Lee – The parent was not present.
- Peralta – The parent was not present.
- Johnson – Ms. Johnson was present and came forward to address the Board on her request. Mr. Hancock moved to approve the request. Mrs. Howerton seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”

IVA2a Consider permission to implement Classroom Teaching Assistant position prior to the third step of the APA process: Superintendent Cox shared details regarding his request and addressed some of the questions and concerns from the Board. He stated that the staff has been working with HCEA regarding this issue and are very close to a signed MOU. HCEA President Steve Picklesimer shared his comments on the issue. The Board requested these positions and/or appointments be placed on a separate sheet within the personnel recommendations. Mr. Hancock moved to approve to implement Classroom Teaching Assistant position prior to the third step of the APA process. Mr. Norris seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

IVA2b Consider School Board Member appointments (one member and one alternate) and one Business representative to the Value Adjustment Board: Brief discussion with Mr. Hancock volunteering to be the Designee for the Board with Mr. Tuck volunteering to be the Alternate. Chairperson Randall appointed Mr. Hancock and Mr. Tuck to be the Designee and Alternate for the Value Adjustment Board. Mr. Tuck volunteered to designate a Business representation. SMB_____ P_____

IV4a Request approval of Resolution 2010-10 and designate placement of the funds donated: Mr. Hancock moved to approve Resolution 2010-10 to honor A D Morgan. Mr. Norris seconded. Mr. Hancock read the Resolution into the record. Brief discussion followed regarding the placement of the funds they donated and Superintendent Cox assured the Board it was in safe keeping until they made a decision for placement. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

- IVA5a** Consider approval of the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel: Mr. Norris moved to approve the Superintendent recommendations for personnel. Mr. Tuck seconded. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." SMB_____ P_____
- IVA7a** Consider approval of Expulsion(s) as listed: Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the expulsion information as listed. Mr. Norris seconded. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." SMB_____ P_____
- (1) SBHC0910-127 – Batter on Employee
- IVC1a** Consider approval of the MOU of Community Partners for Aviation and Aerospace Exploration Initiative: Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the MOU of Community Partners for Aviation and Aerospace Exploration Initiative. Mr. Tuck seconded. LPH Teacher John Rousch came forward to share some of the detailed information regarding the program. He was assisted by community partners Dr. Ron Owen, Mr. Bob Wood and Mr. Roger Hood. He stated that Mr. Mike Willingham was also an active partner but was unable to attend. Mr. Rousch shared his enthusiasm with the Board regarding the hands on experience the students will be obtaining. He shared his sincere appreciation with the community partners involved and the support he receives from LPH Principal Michael Haley. The Board also shared their appreciation with the Community Partners. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." SMB_____ P_____
- IVC2a-b** School Board Attorney John McClure stated that both of these develop hearing can be done together. He shared details pertaining to the revisions for School Board Rule 2.70, Prohibition of Harassment and requested proof of publication. The Proof of Publication was confirmed by Executive Secretary Connie Scobey. Chairperson Randall opened the meeting for public comment with no comments being shared. Attorney McClure shared details pertaining to repealing School Board Rule 2.80, Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited. The Proof of Publication was confirmed by Executive Secretary Connie Scobey. Chairperson Randall opened the meeting for public comment and there was none. Mr. Norris moved to approve the development of the revisions for School Board Rule 2.70, Prohibition of Harassment and advertise for final adoption and repeal School Board Rule 2.80, Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited and advertise for final adoption. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." SMB_____ P_____
- IVC2a** **PUBLIC HEARING:** Report on development of the revisions for School Board Rule 2.70, Prohibition of Harassment and advertise for final adoption:
- Proof of Publication of the Development
 - Open Meeting for Public Comment
 - Board Comments and Action

- IVC2c** **PUBLIC HEARING: Report on repealing School Board Rule 2.80, Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited and advertise for final adoption:**
- **Proof of Publication of the Development**
 - **Open Meeting for Public Comment**
 - **Board Comments and Action**
- IVE1a** **Consider approval of budget amendment batches 1446-1962, months ending May and June, 2010: Mr. Tuck moved to approve the budget amendment batches 1446-1962, months ending May and June, 2010. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Questions were addressed by Superintendent Cox and Mr. Averyt. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”**
SMB_____ P_____
- IVE1b** **Consider approval of Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2010: Mr. Norris moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2010. Mr. Tuck seconded. Superintendent Cox and Assistant Superintendent Mike Averyt shared their appreciation with Finance Manager Bob Perry for all of his hard work on this detailed Report. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”** **SMB_____ P_____**
- IVE1c** **Consider approval of 2010 District Five Year Work Plan: Mr. Hancock moved to approve the 2010 District Five Year Work Plan. Mr. Norris seconded. Comments were shared and on roll call, all members present voted “yes.”**
SMB_____ P_____
- IIIE4a** **This item was moved to the Action Agenda: Request approval to award a contract to replace a/c unit at APH Franza Locker Room (RFBP #SBHC1011-01): Discussion began regarding “local vendor preference” policy the Board has established and possible roadblocks that verbiage has caused. Through the discussion, the Board requested to revisit that issue. Attorney McClure stated that within their policy it states the vendor has to have the principle place of business locally. There was also concern regarding the few bids received. Mr. Hancock moved to approve the staff recommendation for RFBP #SBHC1011-01. Mr. Norris seconded. Chairperson Randall requested public comments and Mr. David Sanders and Mr. Michael Robins came forward to share their comments. Attorney McClure will follow up on the verbiage review and bring it back to the Board for further review and discussion. On roll call, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Norris, Mrs. Howerton and Chairperson Randall voted “yes.” Mr. Tuck voted “no.”** **SMB_____ P_____**

Agenda Item V: Emergency Items

Nothing was shared.

Agenda Item VI: Legislative Issues for Discussion and/or Possible Action

Nothing was shared.

Agenda Item VII: Planning/Zoning Issues for Discussion and/or Possible Action

Nothing was shared

Agenda Item VIII: HCEA/HCESPA Comments

Steve Picklesimer HCEA President; Tim Murphy, HCEA Vice-President

- Steve Picklesimer HCEA President was present and congratulated the FCAT student, the parents and the teachers for their accomplishments.
- He shared information regarding the survey from the teachers pertaining to the Classroom Teacher Assistant position.

Robin Britt, HCESPA President:

- Mr. Michel Bernier, Unit Director was present and no comments were shared.

Agenda Item X: School Board Attorney Comments

School Board Attorney John McClure:

- He commented on the Aviation Program, stating that it will be great.
- He stated that we recently received a policy update from the Copeland Group.
- He commented on Jenny Cornell and stated it was good to see an Avon Park girl back home.
- He stated that he met with the newly elected board members and welcomed them aboard.
- He shared his congratulations with the students and their perfect FCAT scores.

Agenda Item XI: Board Members' Comments

Mr. J. Ned Hancock:

- He commented on the FCAT test and stated that a perfect score was a great accomplishment.
- He commented on the smooth start of school and stated the class size issue will be a challenge. He shared that we are close and he appreciated the efforts the Superintendent and staff have made to reach that point.
- He shared information regarding bus issues for extracurricular activities and looking for the best interest of students and the health and well being of the students. He stated that not allowing the students to eat or drink on the bus needs to be reviewed.
- He stated that within the next couple of months we need to review the different talents and roles of the Curriculum staff and get the talents out in to the schools. He stated that we may need to redefine roles and jobs to improve the strategies for Curriculum.

Mrs. Donna Howerton:

- She commented on all of the students honored for their perfect FCAT scores and how wonderful that was.
- She commented on John Rousch and the new program for the students, sharing her appreciation with the involvement of the community partners.
- She commented on the quiet beginning of school. She shared that she did hear of a shortage of textbooks. Superintendent Cox commented on the textbook issue and stated that the staff is working on it.
- She stated that she also shares Mr. Hancock's concerns regarding the Resource Teachers.
- She also shared her concern regarding the local vendor and seeing what we can do different pertaining to the "Local Vendor Preference" verbiage.
- She stated that she has Ag Venture tickets available for the dinner on October 26th.

Mr. Andy Tuck:

- He commended all of the students and their perfect FCAT scores.
- He commented on the smooth opening of school.
- He congratulated John Rousch on bring the new program to the students and commended the community partners.
- He stated that during the ongoing budget review and process, he requested keeping teachers planning time a focus and try to assist them as much as we can.

Mr. Richard Norris:

- He commended all of the students for their perfect FCAT scores along with the parents for their support and teachers for their efforts.
- He commented on his recent review of the American History textbook and shared his concerns. He commented on the upcoming History textbook adoption in a couple years and shared his thoughts.
- He commended John Rousch for his efforts in pursuing the new program for the students.
- He commented on the start of school and his visits to the Lake Placid schools. He shared that the beginning of school seemed very smooth.
- He shared his concern pertaining to the coaches' from Lake Placid sharing that the students were not allowed to drink on the bus after their football game. Superintendent Cox stated that he and the staff will be following up on this issue.
- He shared his appreciation to everyone for their encouragement shared the last couple of weeks.

Chairperson Wally Randall:

- He commended the students for their perfect FCAT scores and congratulated them once again.
- He stated that we need to share the finer points regarding the Class Size Amendment.
- He commented on the generous donation from A D Morgan and recommended the Board be specific where those funds should go and earmark the area to benefit the most for students.

Agenda Item XII: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.