

**SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2011
5:30 P.M.
GARLAND BOGGUS BOARD ROOM
426 SCHOOL STREET
SEBRING, FLORIDA**

Agenda Item I: Opening Items

IA/IB Chairperson Donna Howerton 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 Howerton were Mr. Andy Tuck, Mr. Ronnie Jackson, Mr. J. Ned Hancock, Mr. Bill Brantley, Superintendent Wally Cox, School Board Attorney John McClure and Executive Secretary Connie E. Scobey.

Principal Andrew Lethbridge gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4-H Week presentation: Chairperson Howerton recognized Mr. Mike Jenson, the County Extension Director who came forward and briefly shared information regarding the 4-H programs within the county. He shared a short power point that was created by 4-H members and recognized a few members that were present within the audience. Chairperson Howerton shared her appreciation for the short presentation and noted that 4-H week is October 2nd through the 8th.

IC Character Word of the Month: “RESPONSIBILITY”

ID/IE Recognitions/Curriculum Presentation: Elementary Perfect FCAT Awards (AE; PE; MES; FW; CTE; LPE; & LCE): Elementary Education Director Joyce McClelland came forward to present the following awards: AE; Rachael Machinsky for Writing, Aidan Beeching for Math, Francesca Espiritu for Math, Jeston Mason for Math, Nicholas Scott for Math, Jeston Mason for Reading, and Jacqueline Whitbeck for Reading. CTE; Davis Vickers for Reading, Efrain Acosta for Writing, Zoe Chappell for Writing, Mika Ella Descartin for Writing, Nyssa Gunthorp for Writing, Chayanne Iglesias for Writing, Madyson Lee for Writing, Briana Wall for Writing, and Mika Ella Descartin for Math. FW; Isabella Knott for Reading and Math, Angelica Bustos for Math, Devin Headley for Math, Kevin Rodriguez for Math, and Orpheus Cardona for Math. LCE; Savannah Albritton for Writing, and Kaylesha Legree. LPE; Steven Lobe for Math, Tyler Sassin for Math, Briana Haake for Writing, Kathryn Smoak for Science and Math, William Brantley for Math, Michael Edgemon for Math, Luke Halpern for Math, Emily Lethbridge for Math, Madeline Whitney for Math, Brendan Zion for Math, and Amy Rodriguez for Reading. ME; Shelby Stoner for Reading, Marisol Carrillo Montanez

for Writing, and Lauren Eubanks for Writing. PE; Katelyne Bonini for WritingVijay Sharma for Math, Agustin Anselmo for Reading, Lane Franza for Reading.

IF School Board Member Committee Reports: No reports were shared.

**IG Presentation of petitions, concerns or reports: No petitions were shared.
(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 stated that as per amended agenda, added item IVA1a, Consider approval of out of zone request and added item IVD1b, Request approval of out of county field trip for APH student to attend College Outreach Educational tour have been added.

Superintendent Cox requested permission to schedule two workshops: November 8th at 3:00 p.m. on the Paperless Agenda; and October 24th for a budget workshop to follow up on the custodial outsourcing, keeping it open for other discussion on budget issues. Reviewing calendars, the workshops were scheduled as requested.

Superintendent Cox requested an Executive Session following the October 24, 2011 meeting and stated that he did not have a need for the one this evening.

Agenda Item II: Adopt the Agenda

Mr. Jackson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Brantley 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 adopted. Mr. Jackson seconded. On roll call, all members present voted "yes."

- IIIA3a Request approval of the minutes for the following meetings: Regular School Board Meeting 9-20-11 SMB_____ P_____
- IIIB1 Request approval of out-of-state travel SMB_____ P_____
- IIIB2 Consider approval of placing Debra Elliott on DES Contract SMB_____ P_____
- IIIC1a Request approval of the Revised Interinstitutional Agreement 2011-2012 (SBHC and SFCC) SMB_____ P_____
- IIIC1b Request approval of contract agreement between the Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the SBHC SMB_____ P_____

Agenda Item IV: Action Items

- IVA1a Consider approval of out of zone request: SMB_____ P_____
- O'Meara – the parent was not present – the request stands as disapproved.
- IVA5a Consider approval of the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel: Mr. Tuck 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: Mr. Jackson moved to approve the expulsion information as listed. Mr. Brantley seconded. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." Questions pertaining to some of the backup information on a couple of the students were addressed by Superintendent Cox and Deputy Superintendent Rodney Hollinger. SMB_____ P_____
- (1) SBHC1112-2 – Possession of Drugs
 - (2) SBHC1112-3 – Possession of Drugs
 - (3) SBHC1112-5 – Possession & Distribution of Drug
 - (4) SBHC1112-8 – Possession of Drugs
- IVD1a Consider approval of the District Improvement, Assistance and Intervention Plan for 2011-12: Mr. Hancock moved to approve the District Improvement, Assistance and Intervention Plan for 2011/12. Mr. Jackson seconded. Questions from the board were addressed by Superintendent Cox and Assistant Superintendent Becky Fleck. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." SMB_____ P_____

IVD1b Request approval of out-of-county field trip for APH students to attend college outreach program educational tour: Mr. Jackson moved to approve the out-of-county field trip for APH to attend college outreach program educational tour. Mr. Brantley seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

Agenda Item V: Emergency Items

None were presented.

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 shared his concern regarding privatization and current employees.**
- **He commented on the continued concerns from the teachers regarding the student growth performance issue.**
- **He shared his appreciation with Assistant Superintendent Becky Fleck for her recent Student Growth presentation and the detail shared..**

Robin Britt, HCESPA President:

- **Ms. Iris Froehlich, Interim Director, shared her concerns regarding our employees and the privatization issue.**

Agenda Item X: School Board Attorney Comments

School Board Attorney John McClure:

- **No comments were shared.**

Agenda Item XI: Board Members' Comments

Mr. Andy Tuck:

- He shared his congratulations with all of the students honored this evening, sharing that it was very impressive.

Mr. Bill Brantley:

- He commented on 4-H week and commended the program.
- He commended all of the students honored this evening on their perfect FCAT scores.

Mr. Ronnie Jackson:

- He commented on 4-H week and commended the program.
- He congratulated the students honored with their perfect FCAT scores.
- He commended the principals and the support they shared for their staff.

Mr. J. Ned Hancock:

- He congratulated the students honored this evening for their perfect FCAT scores.
- He requested an update on the new evaluation model. Superintendent Cox will follow up on this request.

Chairperson Donna Howerton:

- She commented on 4-H week and commended the program and what it offers our youth and our community.
- She congratulated the students honored this evening for their perfect FCAT scores.
- She requested the status of the textbooks and Assistant Superintendent Becky Fleck addressed this issue.
- She reminded everyone of Ag Venture and stated that she had tickets for the Tuesday evening steak dinner.

Agenda Item XII: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.