

**SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2012
5:30 P.M.
GARLAND BOGGUS BOARD ROOM
426 SCHOOL STREET
SEBRING, FLORIDA**

Agenda Item I: Opening Items

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

Director Richard Birt gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IC Character Word of the Month: “RESPONSIBILITY”

ID Recognitions:

- **2012 ASAP Participants:** Director Vivianne Waldron shared details regarding this new program and wanted to recognize the teachers that are going above and beyond their regular jobs to grow in their leadership roles. The following teachers are involved in the Aspiring School Administrators Program: Linda Albritton, Lori Davis, Alencia Wilson, and Candis Dean from APM; Stephen Wade Jackson, Tami Saunders, and Jessica Thayer from APH; Delilah Marquez and Sean Youlden from FW; Sullyann Morales-Reyes from SNL; Sarah Brooker, Jill Compton and Richard Kogelschatz from KLC; Mary Pinson, Kevin Tunning and Donald Ridgeway from LPM; Trisha Portis, Adam Smehyl and Sarah Wonderling from HGM; Danielle Erwin, Jennifer Sanchez, Shawn West, and Kara Williams from SMS; Laura Sherley from LCE; Katherine Eures from PE; Cheryl Vermilye from CTE; Sherri Whidden from AE; Courtney Floyd and Ginger Shingle from MES; Jennifer Gough from LPH; Kim Ervin, Darrell Layfield and Betsy Veith from Curriculum and Instruction; Mary Ascitutto, Isaac Durrance, and Pam Lanier from ESE.

Superintendent Cox and the Board shared their appreciation with those recognized for their initiative in moving forward in the leadership roles for the district. Superintendent Cox also recognized Ms. Waldron for stepping up and working on getting this program up and running.

IE Curriculum Presentation: Nothing was presented.

IF School Board Member Committee Reports: Nothing was shared.

IG Presentation of petitions, concerns or reports:
(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.)

- Mr. Mathew Crawford came forward and shared his concerns regarding keeping the transportation supervisors. He presented the board with a petition regarding this issue with 108 signatures. He also shared some historical information and some research he had done on this issue with the board.
- Ms. Sharon Bunker came forward and also shared her concerns regarding possible deletion of an area supervisor in transportation. She shared information with the board regarding some of the responsibilities of the area supervisors and their need.

IH Superintendent's Report:

- He requested permission to pull item IIIC2o, Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 6.914, Use of Sick Leave by Family Members or Employees and stated that following the work and direction from the board this will be placed on the October 30th agenda.
- He requested permission to schedule a board workshop to discuss Academic Acceleration and the Science Budget on October 30th at 3:00 p.m. The consensus of the board was to schedule that workshop as recommended.
- He stated that he was going to request permission to schedule a board workshop to discuss high school scheduling, but he would have to get back with them on that recommended date.
- He requested permission to schedule the starting time for the November 20th Reorganization meeting with a suggested time of 5:30 p.m. The consensus of the board was to schedule the starting time as recommended.

Agenda Item II: Adopt the Agenda

Mr. Tuck moved to adopt the agenda as presented and stated with the revisions. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Attorney John McClure noted some of his concerns regarding two contracts. He stated that he was working on some of the issues within those contracts, but recommended the board move forward on them at this time. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." SMB _____ P _____

Agenda item III: Consent Items

Mr. Tuck moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Mr. Tuck shared his concern regarding Academic Acceleration issues. Within the discussion of his concerns, it was recommended they pull Rule IIIC2p which is the proposed new Rule pertaining to that issue. Mr. Tuck and Mrs. Howerton agreed to include that within their motion and second. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”

- IIIA2 Request approval of the request to spread the following administrator’s signature authorization on the Board minutes as per State Auditor’s request SMB_____P_____**
- IIIA3a Request approval of the minutes for the following meetings: Regular School Board Meeting 9-25-12 SMB_____P_____**
- IIIB1 Request approval of the Facilitation Skills in Action Training Agreement SMB_____P_____**
- IIIC1a Request approval of the Contract Agreement between the City of Sebring Police Department and the SBHC
SMB_____P_____**
- IIIC1b Request approval of the Heartland Regional Science and Engineering Fair Agreement SMB_____P_____**
- IIIC1c Request approval of the Odysseyware License Agreement SMB_____P_____**
- IIIC1d Request approval of the Online Educational Products and Services for K12 (Virtual) SMB_____P_____**
- IIIC2a-q Item o and p were pulled from the agenda. SMB_____P_____**
- a. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 2.21, Organization and Officers of the Board and advertise as per APA requirements**
 - b. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 2.95, Wellness Program and advertise as per APA requirements**
 - c. Request approval to develop revisions to the basic School Board Rule 4.11, Student Progression Plan (Rule Summary) and advertise as per APA requirements**
 - d. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 4.71, Participation of Home Education, Private School and Virtual School Students in Extracurricular Activities and advertise as per APA requirements**

- e. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 5.57, Special Dietary Needs and advertise as per APA requirements and advertise as per APA requirements
- f. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 5.60, Student Injuries and advertise as per APA requirements
- g. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 5.80, Athletics and advertise as per APA requirements
- h. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 7.31, School Food Service Funds and advertise as per APA requirements
- i. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 7.70, Purchasing, Bidding and Selecting Professional Services and advertise as per APA requirements
- j. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 8.40, General Food Service Requirements and advertise as per APA requirements
- k. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 8.41, Meal Patterns and advertise as per APA requirements
- l. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 8.42, Free and Reduced Price Meals and advertise as per APA requirements
- m. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 8.44, Summer Nutrition Program and advertise as per APA requirements
- n. Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 8.45, School Breakfast Program and advertise as per APA requirements
- o. Pulled from the agenda - Request approval to develop revisions to School Board Rule 6.914, Use of Sick Leave by Family Members or Employees
- p. Pulled from the agenda - Request approval to develop a new School Board Rule 4.113, Academic Acceleration and advertise as per APA requirements
- q. Request approval to develop a new School Board Rule 4.117, Early High School Graduation and advertise as per APA requirements

IIID1a Request approval of out-of-state trip for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 23-26, 2012
SMB_____ P_____

IIIE6a Request approval of a Joint Bus Use Agreement with the Sebring Firemen, Inc. SMB_____ P_____

IIIE6b Request approval of a new Transportation Contract with Sebring Children's Academy SMB_____ P_____

Agenda Item IV: Action Items

IVA1a Consider approval of out of zone request: SMB_____ P_____

- Hutchins – this parent was not present.
- Silva – this parent came forward and shared information with the board. Mr. Tuck moved to approve the request. Mrs. Howerton seconded. On roll call, Mr. Tuck Mrs. Howerton, and Mr. Brantley voted “yes.” Mr. Jackson and Chairperson Hancock voted “no.”

IVA2a Request approval of Bob Perry, Accounting Manager to be placed in a contract status beginning 1-1-13 under DES of Florida, LLC: Mrs. Howerton moved to approve this item. Mr. Tuck seconded. Superintendent Cox stated that he was fortunate to have hired Mr. Perry and he is truly an asset to our finance department and has been for many years. Director Bo Birt also shared his appreciation with Mr. Perry and all of his hard work. Superintendent Cox also shared that we have hired an Accountant to work with Mr. Perry in training for the future of the department changes. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

IVA5a Consider approval of the Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel: Mr. Jackson moved to approval the Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel. Mr. Brantley seconded. Mr. Tuck requested clarification regarding an employee. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

IVA7a Consider approval of Expulsion(s) as listed: None listed

Mr. McClure addressed the board regarding the final adoption of the revisions to School Board Rule 4.11, Student Progression Plan Document. He stated that most of the revisions were legislatively driven. The proof of publication was confirmed by Connie Scobey and the meeting was opened for public comment with there being none. Mrs. Howerton moved approve adoption of the revisions of the Student Progression Plan. Mr. Jackson seconded. Mr. Tuck requested an update on the data that was requested. Assistant Superintendent Becky Fleck stated the information should be available by October 30th. Chairperson Hancock requested that issue be placed on the workshop scheduled for that date for the board to review and discuss that information. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

IIIC2a Consider adoption of the revisions to School Board Rule 4.11, Student Progression Plan Document:

- Proof of Publication of Rule Adoption
- Open Meeting for Public Comment
- Board Comment and Action

IIIE1a Consider approval of budget amendment batches 1-235, months ending July and August, 2012: Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the budget amendment batches 1-235, month ending July and August, 2012. Mr. Tuck seconded. Questions were addressed by Superintendent Cox. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB_____ P_____

Agenda Item V: Emergency Items

Nothing was presented

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

Nothing was presented

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 earlier within the meeting, but Mr. Murphy shared congratulations with all those involved in ASAP.

Robin Britt, HCESPA President:

- Ms. Robin Britt was present earlier within the meeting.

Agenda Item X: School Board Attorney Comments

School Board Attorney John McClure: No comments

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Agenda Item XI: Board Members' Comments

Mr. Bill Brantley: No comments

Mr. Ronnie Jackson: No comments

Mrs. Donna Howerton:

- **She shared congratulations to all those involved in the new ASAP Program.**
- **She recognized National 4-H week and thanked Connie for recognizing it on the agenda.**
- **She reminded everyone of the Ag Venture steak dinner, having tickets available.**
- **She commented about future workshops and wanting to address the district office organizational chart including all position filled and vacant. Mr. McClure stated that any change within the chart will need to go through the APA process with minimal cost.**

Mr. Andy Tuck:

- **He congratulated all of the teachers involved in the new ASAP Program.**
- **He shared his appreciation with Connie and staff in getting the agenda on the web site.**

Chairperson J. Ned Hancock:

- **He shared his congratulations with Mr. Brantley and his family in adopting a little girl.**

Agenda Item XII: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p .m..