

**SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 7, 2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

**GARLAND BOGGUS BOARD ROOM  
426 SCHOOL STREET  
SEBRING, FLORIDA**

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**Rodney Hollinger gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item I: Opening Items**

- IA**            **Chairperson Bill Brantley 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 Brantley were Mrs. Jan Shoop, Mrs. Donna Howerton, Ms. Jill Compton, Mrs. Charlene Edwards, Superintendent Wally Cox, School Board Attorney John McClure and Executive Secretary Marlene Welborn.**
- IB**            **Character Word of the Month: ‘Self Control’**
- IC**            **Recognitions: 2015 Volunteer Program**  
**Kate Early, Avon Park Elementary; Nancy Duvall, Cracker Trail Elementary; Nancy Youlden, Fred Wild Elementary; Tricia Cox, Kindergarten Learning Center; James & Rebecca Bozeman, Lake Country Elementary; Peggy Sueppel, Lake Placid Elementary; Mr. and Mrs. Juan Rosado, Memorial Elementary; Lucy Derkman, Park Elementary; Kelli Jackson, Sun ‘n Lake Elementary; Dianne Hulen, Woodlawn Elementary; Dawn Miller, Avon Park Middle; Suzanne Armand, Hill-Gustat Middle; Betty Parker, Lake Placid Middle; JoAnn Taylor, Sebring Middle; William Eastburn, Avon Park High; Kimberly Smoak, Lake Placid High; Lauri Kinslow, Sebring High. School representatives shared words of appreciation for their volunteers. A book will be added to the school’s library on their behalf.**
- ID**            **Curriculum Presentation: None presented**
- IE**            **School Board Member Committee Reports: Mrs. Shoop shared Wellness Committee Report and will invite the three finalist of the *Biggest Loser* program to come share their story with the board. Mr. Brantley shared that they’ve broken ground on the Lake Placid High School tennis courts.**
- IF**            **Presentation of petitions concerns or reports: None presented**
- IG**            **Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Cox asked Mr. Solomon to share request from principals regarding the bell schedules for Lake Country, Lake Placid and Avon Elementary schools. Mrs. Howerton shared her concerns of the how early students will be picked up. Mrs. Erica Ashley shared her support of the change and its impact on instructional time. Mrs. Howerton asked why bus drivers, whose routes are far from a depot, are not allowed to take their bus home on school nights.**

Mr. Solomon would look into policy and report back to the board at a later time. Mr. Cox asked Mrs. Waldron to share update on the job description revisions. Mr. Cox requested an Executive Session for April 28, 2015 and asked to revise language of item IV.E.1.a to be Consider approval of Monthly Financial Statement for the month ending February 28, 2015 and adding IV.E.1.b Consider approval of budget amendment batches 581-748 for the month ending February 28, 2015.

#### **Agenda Item II: Adopt the Agenda**

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt the agenda with revisions to IV.E1.a and adding IV.E.1.b. Ms. Compton seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”

#### **Agenda item III: Consent Items**

Mrs. Blackman read the proclamation 1415-10 declaring April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Highlands County. Mr. Jeff Roth shared his appreciation for the Board’s support.

Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Mrs. Shoop seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”. SMB 040715 P 7-216

#### **Agenda Item IV: Action Items**

##### **IV.A.1.a Consider approval of previously denied reassignment request waivers as listed:**

Megan Delaney – parents addressed the board and answered questions from Board Members. Mrs. Howerton moved to approve. Mrs. Shoop seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”.

Madison Dixon - parents addressed the board and answered questions from Board Members. Mrs. Shoop moved to approve. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”.

Paizlee Carnahan - parents addressed the board and answered questions from Board Members. Mrs. Shoop moved to approve. Mr. Brantley seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”.

Brianna Rivera-Nunez - parents addressed the board and answered questions from Board Members. Mrs. Shoop moved to approve. Ms. Compton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”.

Xavier Reyes - parents addressed the board and answered questions from Board Members. Mrs. Shoop moved to approve. Mr. Brantley seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, Mrs. Shoop and Mr. Brantley voted ‘yes’, Mrs. Howerton, Mrs. Edwards and Ms. Compton voted ‘no’. motion failed.  
SMB 040715 P 217-232

IV.A.5.a Consider approval of the Superintendent’s recommendation for personnel  
Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for personnel. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”.  
SMB 040715 P 233-239

IV.A.7.a	Consider approval of expulsions as listed		
	SBHC1415-73	Multiple Discipline Referrals	SHS
	SBHC1415-74	Possession of Alcohol	HGM
	SBHC1415-75	Possession of Alcohol	HGM
	SBHC1415-78	Battery on School Board Employee	HGM
	SBHC1415-79	Battery on Female Students/MDR	LPH
	SBHC1415-80	Reasonable suspicion Test-Marijuana Reasonable	APM
	SBHC1415-82	Suspicion-Marijuana	APM
	SBHC1415-83	Multiple Discipline Referrals	APM
	SBHC1415-84	Expulsion order from other county (marijuana)	SHS

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the expulsions as listed. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”. SMB 040715 P 240

IV.C.2.a Report on development and consider approval to advertise the revisions to School Board Rule 5.14 Homeless Students  
Mr. McClure shared background of revision and confirmed publication with the board secretary. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further comments and action. Mrs. Shoop moved to approve to advertise the revisions to School Board Rule 5.14 Homeless Students. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”. SMB 040715 P 241-251

IV.E.1.a Consider approval of Monthly Financial Statement for the month ending February 28, 2015  
Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the monthly financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2015. Mrs. Howerton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”. SMB 040715 P 252-350

IV.E.1.b Consider approval of budget amendment batches 581-748 for the month ending February 28, 2015

Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the budget amendment batches 581-748 for the month ending February 28, 2015. Ms. Compton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”. SMB 040715 P 252-350

- IV.E.2.a Consider approval of bid for Avon Park High replacement chiller coils from Trane Supply SBHC#1415-07  
Mrs. Howerton moved to approve bid for Avon Park High replacement chiller coils from Trane Supply SBHC#1415-07. Ms. Compton seconded. Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. There being none, on roll call, all members present voted “yes”. SMB 040715 P 350-363
- IV.E.1.b Consider approval of bid for gutter replacement at Hill-Gustat middle school and Lake Placid Middle School from Roofing Concepts Unlimited/Florida, Inc. SBHC#1415-11. Mrs. Shoop moved to approve bid for gutter replacement at Hill-Gustat middle school and Lake Placid Middle School from Roofing Concepts Unlimited/Florida, Inc. SBHC#1415-11 Mr. Brantley opened meeting to receive public comments. There being none, Mr. Brantley brought it back to the board for further discussion. Mr. Brantley asked Mr. Frank Brown which gutters will be replaced. Mr. Brown stated buildings 7 and 8 in Lake Placid Middle and all the gutters at Hill-Gustat Middle, there being no further discussion on roll call, all members present voted “yes”. SMB 040715 P 364-375

**Agenda Item V: Emergency Items**

None presented

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

Mr. Cox shared comments regarding SB 7069 and will update the board at a later time.

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

None presented

**Agenda Item VIII: HCEA/HCESPA Comments**

Carla Rice thanked Mr. Cox for following up on End Of Course exam updates. Ms. Rice shared her support of the proclamation and thanked volunteers for their contribution. Ms. Rice shared her appreciation of the Biggest Loser program and Mrs. Shoop’s involvement in the Wellness Committee and shared her concerns of the calendar changes.

**Agenda Item X: School Board Attorney Comments**

**Mr. McClure shared overview of the School Board Attorney's National Conference and thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend.**

**Agenda Item XI: Board Members' Comments**

**Mrs. Jan Shoop:**

**Shared her appreciation of the work done at the Children's Advocacy Center and Mr. Roth. Mrs. Shoop thanked Bonnie Johns for coordinating the Volunteer Recognition and thanked all the volunteers for their contribution to our students. Mrs. Shoop thanked Dr. Hollinger and workshop participants for their presentation.**

**Mrs. Donna Howerton:**

**Mrs. Howerton appreciates the partnership with the Children's Advocacy Center. Mrs. Howerton thanked Bonnie Johns for coordinating the Volunteer Recognition and thanked the Volunteers and the students for joining us this evening. Mrs. Howerton asked for clarification on Mr. Averyt's trip**

**Ms. Jill Compton**

**Ms. Compton thanked the workshop participants. Ms. Compton shared her appreciation for the volunteers and the blessing they are to our students. Ms. Compton congratulated the Biggest Loser participants and their accomplishments.**

**Mrs. Charlene Edwards**

**Mrs. Edwards shared comments regarding the Highlands County poverty simulation exercise.**

**Chairperson Brantley:**

**Mr. Brantley reminded all that the next Board meeting will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> and thanked the volunteers and the students.**

**Agenda Item XII: Adjournment**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

**Secretary**

**Chairperson/Vice Chairperson**