



# Hernando School District

## School Board Regular Meeting

### Minutes - Final

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:00 PM

District Office-Board Room  
919 N. Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL

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#### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** Board Chair Linda Prescott  
Vice Chair Susan Duval  
Board Member Gus Guadagnino  
Board Member Mark Johnson  
Board Member Shannon Rodriguez

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Also present were Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney, John Stratton, Superintendent and Rylee Rhineberger, Student Representative.*

#### REFLECTION

by Mark Johnson, Board Member

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by JD Floyd Elementary School Students

*Joyce Lewis, Principal of JD Floyd Elementary School came forward to spotlight her school.*

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [24-2079](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 3/12/2024.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Gus Guadagnino

**SECONDER:** Susan Duval

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

*No one came forward to speak. Board Chair Prescott mentioned that Sheriff Al Nienhuis was in attendance.*

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

2. [24-2080](#) Student Representative, Rylee Rhineberger of Weeki Wachee High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Chair Prescott stated that they will take items out of order.*

4. [24-2059](#) Recognition of DSPMS School Guardian Brent Coleman, SRO Christopher Downey and DSPMS Staff

**Attachments:** [Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact](#)

*Karen Jordan, Director of Communications; Brandon DeRespiris, Director of Safe Schools; and Sheriff Al Nienhuis came forward to recognize DS Parrot Middle School staff members: Dena Frye, Lindsay Weaver, Ryan Wilson, Brent Coleman and Deputy Downey for their part in saving a student who experienced a life threatening emergency.*

3. [24-2047](#) Update on the Half Cent Sales Tax Accountability Committee

**Attachments:** [Minutes Package 020624](#)

[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

*Committee Members Lori Sowers, Gregg Laskoski, and Joanne Hartge came forward to present this item.*

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5. [24-2068](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Workshop and Regular School Board Meeting of 2/20/2024.

**Attachments:** [02-20-24 Workshop Minutes DRAFT with links](#)  
[02-20-24 Regular Minutes DRAFT with links](#)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Gus Guadagnino

**SECONDER:** Susan Duval

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

*Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney, read the instructions for speaking at Public Hearing items. Mr. Guadagnino made a comment about the way the book challenges are written. The items state that it is the Superintendent's recommendation and it is not. The consensus is to change it for next time.*

6. [24-2040](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "The Truth About Alice" written by Jennifer Mathieu, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

**Attachments:** [CHALLENGE 45 HHS THE TRUTH ABOUT ALICE 050 23 M4L](#)  
[CHALLENGE 56 NCTHS THE TRUTH ABOUT ALICE 065 23](#)  
[M4L](#)  
[CHALLENGE 59 CHS THE TRUTH ABOUT ALICE 066 23 M4L](#)  
[CHALLENGE 81 SHS THE TRUTH ABOUT ALICE 090 23 M4L](#)  
[The Truth About Alice Peer Reviews](#)  
[THE TRUTH ABOUT ALICE COMMITTEE FORM HHS](#)  
[CHALLENGES 45 56 59 81 RESPONSE THE TRUTH ABOUT](#)  
[ALICE M4L HHS NCTHS CHS SHS](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** **FAILED**

**MOVER:** Gus Guadagnino

**SECONDER:** Susan Duval

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval

**NAYS:** Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo, Kim Mulrooney, Julia Thomas and Pam Everett.*

7. [24-2048](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "Beyond Magenta" written by Susan Kuklin, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

**Attachments:** [CHALLENGE 43 BEYOND MAGENTA ARTIFACTS 048 23 M4L](#)  
[HHS](#)  
[CHALLENGE 54 BEYOND MAGENTA ARTIFACTS 061 23 M4L](#)  
[CHS](#)  
[DISTRICT MEDIA PEER REVIEWS BEYOND MAGENTA](#)  
[BEYOND MAGENTA COMMITTEE FORM](#)  
[CHALLENGES 43 and 54 RESPONSE FOR BEYOND MAGENTA](#)  
[048 23 HHS and 061 23 CHS](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** **FAILED**

**MOVER:** Susan Duval

**SECONDER:** Linda Prescott

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval

**NAYS:** Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo, Kim Mulrooney, Julia Thomas, Aja Moore and Pam Everett.*



8. [24-2049](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to remove the book, "The Haters" written by Jesse Andrews, from circulation for all purposes and not be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

**Attachments:** [CHALLENGE 83 THE HATERS FORM AND ARTIFACTS 092 23 M4L SHS](#)  
[DISTRICT MEDIA PEER REVIEWS THE HATERS](#)  
[THE HATERS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM](#)  
[CHALLENGE 83 RESPONSE FOR THE HATERS 092 23 M4L SHS](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Susan Duval

**SECONDER:** Mark Johnson

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo and Kim Mulrooney.*

9. [24-2050](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "Dime" written by E.R. Frank, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

**Attachments:** [CHALLENGE 97 DIME REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FORM and ARTIFACTS 0108 23 CHS](#)  
[DISTRICT MEDIA PEER REVIEWS FOR DIME](#)  
[DIME COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM](#)  
[CHALLENGE 97 RESPONSE FOR DIME 0108 23 CHS](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** **FAILED**

**MOVER:** Susan Duval

**SECONDER:** Linda Prescott

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval

**NAYS:** Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo, Kim Mulrooney, Pam Everett and Julia Thomas.*

#### EXPULSION RECOMMENDATIONS

10. [24-2042](#) Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2024-02-01 for one (1) year.

**Attachments:** [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Mark Johnson

**SECONDER:** Linda Prescott

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

11. [24-2045](#) Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2024-02-02 for one (1) year.

**Attachments:** [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Mark Johnson

**SECONDER:** Linda Prescott

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

12. [24-2046](#) Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2024-02-03 for one (1) year.

**Attachments:** [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Gus Guadagnino

**SECONDER:** Shannon Rodriguez

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

#### CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN FORMS)

13. [24-2081](#) Citizen Input on agenda items (Green Form)

**Attachments:** [Citizen Input Speaker Green Form 110917 ACC](#)

*Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney read the instructions for this item. Aja Moore was called to speak. She spoke on agenda item number 20. 24-2009.*

#### ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

*The following agenda items were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion:*

*19. 24-1979: Approve the purchase of one (1) Freightliner Box Truck from the Florida Department of Management Services No. 25101600-21-STC: Medium and Heavy Trucks awarded to Tampa Truck Center LLC dba Southport Truck Group and issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$115,587.49*

*20. 24-2009: Approve the Purchase of the Magnetic Reading Program from Curriculum & Associates and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders for an Estimated Spending of \$500,000.00*

*22. 24-2043: Award Bid No. 24-155-17, Prefabricated Concrete Buildings, to Leesburg Concrete Inc. and TSG Industries LLC, for Pre-Cast concrete structures and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual amount of \$1,000,000.00 using various capital funds.*

*28. 24-2070: Approve the amendment to the agreement with The A.D. Morgan Corp., for construction goods and services for New Air Rifle Range for Central High School ROTC, and authorize the purchase of construction goods & services for \$1,190,061.00.*

*29. 24-2074: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and The Hernando County School Board to establish a School Guardian Program and Training.*

**RESULT:** APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

**MOVER:** Gus Guadagnino

**SECONDER:** Susan Duval

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

14. [24-2055](#) Approval of the Personnel Recommendations

**Attachments:** [23-24 BOARD AGENDA MARCH 12 2024](#)  
[2024 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 3-12-24](#)  
[2024 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 3-12-24](#)

#### Personnel Recommendations

#### All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items

15. [24-2024](#) Approval Requested for out of county travel and overnight stay to Orlando from April 25th to April 26th for Powell Middle School Advanced Band to perform in STARS performance program at Universal Orlando Resort.

**Attachments:** [Budget Sheet Band](#)

16. [24-2044](#) Approve an Out of State Field Trip for Nature Coast Technical High Schools' Digital Cinema Production Program to Attend The 8th Annual All American High School Film Festival in New York City from 10/15/24 - 10/21/24.

**Attachments:** [Budget Sheet NYC](#)

17. [24-2051](#) Approve Field Trip for Nature Coast Technical and Weeki Wachee High School Students to Attend the 2024 SkillsUSA Florida State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC24) on April 14-17, 2024

**Attachments:** [SLSC24 Agenda](#)  
[Budget Sheet Skills USA](#)

#### All Other Support Operations Agenda Items

18. [24-1974](#) Approve out-of-state travel for Jim Lipsey to Dallas, TX, to attend the School Planners Conference on June 10-14, 2024.

**Attachments:** [24-1974 School Planners Conf. Itinerary & Cost \(2024\) .pdf](#)  
[24-1974 School Planners Conf. Agenda \(2024\).pdf](#)  
[24-1974 JLipsey Temp Duty Approval.pdf](#)  
[24-1974 Budget Sheet .pdf](#)



**All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items**

21. [24-2029](#) Approve the renewal of the piggyback of OMNIA Partners, Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC), RFP #19-20, Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies and Related Services, awarded to Multiple Vendors and authorize the purchases of goods for an estimated annual spending of \$125,000.00.

**Attachments:** [21-968-12 PB RN MRO \(03-12-24\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet 2](#)

23. [24-2053](#) Approve the renewal of the Piggyback of OMNIA Partners Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC), Public Sector, RFP #20-12, Contract #R201202; Audio Visual Equipment, Accessories and Services, awarded to B&H Photo and Electronics Corporation and authorize the purchase of goods and services for an estimated annual amount of \$55,000.00.

**Attachments:** [22-204-18 PB RN B&H Foto \(03-12-2024\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet](#)

24. [24-2054](#) Approve the renewal of the piggyback of Sourcewell (State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative) RFP #012320-SSC; Office Supply Catalog Solutions, awarded to Staples Contract & Commercial, LLC. and authorize the purchase of goods for an estimated annual spending of \$70,000.00.

**Attachments:** [21-615-18 PB RN Staples \(03-12-2024\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet](#)

25. [24-2060](#) Approve the Purchase of Dual Enrollment (DE) Tuition from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders Not to Exceed \$10,000.00

**Attachments:** [2022 2025 ERAU Agreement](#)  
[2022 2025 ERAU Amendment One](#)  
[Budget Sheet ERAU](#)

26. [24-2064](#) Approve the Award of Bid No. 24-931-24, Commercial Food Service Equipment On-Site Repairs & Preventative Maintenance Services, awarded to Main Mechanical Services, Inc. and Nice Guy Mechanical, Inc. and authorize the purchase of services for an estimated annual spending of \$130,000.00.

**Attachments:** [24-931-24 Commercial Food Services Equipment Repairs](#)  
[\(03-12-24\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet2 24-2064](#)

27. [24-2065](#) Approve the Extension of the Piggyback of Charlotte County Public Schools, ITB #20/21-619GB: Catalog Discount, Awarded to Multiple Vendors and Authorize Purchases for an Estimated Annual Spending of \$55,000.00

**Attachments:** [22 785 47 PB RN Catalog Discount 03 12 24](#)  
[Budget Sheet Charlotte Co Public Schools PG](#)

**All Other Safe Schools Agenda Items**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION**

19. [24-1979](#) Approve the purchase of one (1) Freightliner Box Truck from the Florida Department of Management Services No. 25101600-21-STC: Medium and Heavy Trucks awarded to Tampa Truck Center LLC dba Southport Truck Group and issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$115,587.49

**Attachments:** [TRUCK UPDATED HERNANDO SCHOOLS 1-30-24](#)  
[Medium and Heavy Trucks 2022 - ACC](#)  
[Truck Budget Sheet WITH Financial Impact](#)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Shannon Rodriguez

**SECONDER:** Mark Johnson

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*This item was pulled by Board Member Rodriguez for discussion. Chris Reckner, Director of Purchasing came forward to explain this item.*

20. [24-2009](#) Approve the Purchase of the Magnetic Reading Program from Curriculum & Associates and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders for an Estimated Spending of \$500,000.00

**Attachments:** [Magnetic Reading Foundations Research Base](#)  
[Magnetic Reading Putting the Science of Reading to Work](#)  
[Hernando K 2 Data 23 24](#)  
[Teacher Satisfaction Data Magnetic](#)  
[Hernando Co SD MFR Chocachatti Challenger Quote 3533331](#)  
[Hernando Co SD MRF by School Quote3473263](#)  
[Standard Addendum to Agreements Curriculum Associates](#)  
[Curriculum Associates](#)  
[Budget Sheet Curriculum Associates](#)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Shannon Rodriguez

**SECONDER:** Mark Johnson

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson

**NAYS:** Rodriguez

*This item was pulled by Board Members Johnson and Rodriguez for discussion. Tiffany Howard, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Magen Schlechter, Director of Federal Programs came forward to explain this item.*



22. [24-2043](#) Award Bid No. 24-155-17, Prefabricated Concrete Buildings, to Leesburg Concrete Inc. and TSG Industries LLC, for Pre-Cast concrete structures and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual amount of \$1,000,000.00 using various capital funds.

**Attachments:** [24-155-17 Prefabrtiated Concrete Buildings \(03-12-24\) \(1\) BUDGET SHEET FOR AGENDA 24-2043](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Gus Guadagnino

**SECONDER:** Linda Prescott

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson

**NAYS:** Rodriguez

*This item was pulled by Board Members Johnson and Rodriguez for discussion. Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities came forward to explain this item.*

28. [24-2070](#) Approve the amendment to the agreement with The A.D. Morgan Corp., for construction goods and services for New Air Rifle Range for Central High School ROTC, and authorize the purchase of construction goods & services for \$1,190,061.00.

**Attachments:** [GMP Agenda 24-2070.pdf](#)  
[CHS Rifle Range GMP budget sheet](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Mark Johnson

**SECONDER:** Linda Prescott

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*This item was pulled by Board Member Johnson for discussion. Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities came forward to explain this item.*

29. [24-2074](#) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and The Hernando County School Board to establish a School Guardian Program and Training.

**Attachments:** [MOA from HCSO new \(KMS revisions\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Mark Johnson

**SECONDER:** Shannon Rodriguez

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*This item was pulled by Board Member Rodriguez for discussion. Brandon DeRespiris, Director of Safe Schools came forward to explain this item.*

#### ADDENDUM ITEMS

**CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK FORMS)**

30. [24-2082](#) Citizen Input on Hernando County School issues on which the School Board customarily takes action (Pink Form - non-agenda items)

**Attachments:** [Citizen Input Speaker Pink Form 110917 ACC](#)  
[03-12-24 Handout by J. Thomas Pink Sheets](#)  
[03-12-24 Handout by W. Porter Pink Sheets](#)

*Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney, read the instructions for this item.*

*The Board recessed at 8:42 P.M. and reconvened at 8:50 P.M.*

*The following citizen's came forward to speak: Marianne Domico, Diane Limbrecht, Jen Cook, Joe Wolff, Kimberly Mulrooney, Gracie Mulrooney, Dottie Rockwell, Diane Liptak, Aja Moore 2minutes & 9 seconds; Wendy Porter, Julia Thomas, Bianca Rockwell, Pam Everett, and Tremaine Austin.*

**INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS****GENERAL COUNSEL****SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

*The Board and Superintendent made comments on various topics and shared school updates with the citizens.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.*



Superintendent

4/9/24



Board Chair

**Mission Statement**

The Hernando County School District Collaborates with students, parents and other community stakeholders to effectively prepare all students for a successful transition into a diverse and changing world.