



# Hernando School District

## School Board Regular Meeting

### Minutes - Draft

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** Board Chair Shannon Rodriguez  
Vice Chair Mark Johnson  
Board Member Michelle Bonczek  
Board Member Susan Duval  
Board Member Kayce Hawkins

*The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. Also present were Kristin Ottinger, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent.*

#### REFLECTION

by Mark Johnson, Vice Chair

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Explorer K8 School

*Lisa Braithwaite, Principal of EK8 came forward to spotlight her school.*

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [25-3040](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 5/20/2025.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Mark Johnson

**SECONDER:** Susan Duval

**AYES:** Rodriguez, Johnson, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

*Mrs. Hawkins mentioned how she previously brought up the discussion of removing the word "Technical" from Nature Coast Technical High School. She received consensus from the board to not workshop the NCTHS name change. Mr. Pinder also recommended not moving forward with the discussion on a 4-day work/school week. Consensus granted.*

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

*No one came forward to speak on this item.*

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD, Santiago Pinkney**

2. [25-3041](#) Student Representative, Santiago Pinkney of F.W. Springstead High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

**PRESENTATIONS**

3. [25-2905](#) Recognition of the May 22nd HCSD Veteran

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

*Aaron Ellerman, Director of Communications came forward to present this item.*

*Richard Oakley, Facilities Project Manager, was recognized as the veteran of the month.*

**PRESENTATION by Mark Johnson**

*Mr. Johnson added a recognition of a student that won a poster contest. He presented her with a certificate and a check for \$200 and \$150 from the Women's Auxiliary.*

4. [25-2938](#) Recognize the 2024-2025 Student Delegates and the Student Representative to the School Board

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

*Aaron Ellerman, Director of Communications came forward to introduce this item. Tori Hunt, Sponsor, came forward to present this item.*

5. [25-3016](#) Recognition of the Hernando High School Students that have Received New Worlds Scholar Designation

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

*Tiffany Howard, Director of Elementary Programs, came forward to present this item.*

6. [25-3015](#) Recognition of the Numeracy Week Scavenger Hunt

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

*John Morris, Director of Secondary Programs, came forward to present this item.*

7. [25-3014](#) Presentation of a speech written by Congressman Gus Bilirakis

**Attachments:** [Copy of Speech](#)

[Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact](#)

*Aaron Ellerman, Director of Communications came forward to introduce this item. Tori Hunt, Sponsor, came forward to present this item.*

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

8. [25-3042](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Informal, Workshop, Student Expulsion Appeal Hearing, and Regular Meeting of 5/6/2025.

**Attachments:** [05-06-25 Informal Minutes DRAFT with links](#)  
[05-06-25 Workshop Minutes DRAFT with links](#)  
[05-06-25 Student Exp Appeal Minutes DRAFT with links](#)  
[05-06-25 Meeting Minutes DRAFT with links](#)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Mark Johnson

**SECONDER:** Michelle Bonczek

**AYES:** Rodriguez, Johnson, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

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

9. [25-3043](#) Citizen Input on agenda items (Green Form)

**Attachments:** [Citizen Input Speaker Green Form 031424 ACC](#)

*Kristin Ottinger, School Board Attorney, read the instructions for this item. The following citizen came forward to speak on item #27 & #28.*

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*Ms. Hawkins pulled item #11. 25-2982: Approve the Agreement Between Hernando County School Board and the Early Learning Coalition for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program Services.*

**RESULT:** **APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVER:** Susan Duval

**SECONDER:** Michelle Bonczek

**AYES:** Rodriguez, Johnson, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

**Personnel Recommendations**

10. [25-3029](#) Approval of the Personnel Recommendations

**Attachments:** [24-25 BOARD AGENDA MAY 20 2025](#)  
[2025 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 5-20-25](#)  
[2025 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 5-20-25](#)  
[HANDOUT - 24-25 BOARD AGENDA MAY 20 2025 REVISED](#)

*This item was adopted on the consent agenda as amended. See the revised handout.*

**All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items**

12. [25-2999](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Central High School's NJROTC Cadets to Anniston, AL, for 2025 CMP Air Rifle Camp, on June 1 - June 7, 2025.

**Attachments:** [CHS 060125 Budget Sheet](#)

13. [25-3008](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Nature Coast Technical High School Tennis Team to attend the Summer Tennis Camp held at the Star Island Resort in Kissimmee, FL from June 7, 2025 through June 11, 2025.

**Attachments:** [tennis camp 24.25 Budget Strip](#)

14. [25-3010](#) Approve out of state field trip for Nature Coast Technical High Schools' Digital Cinema Production Program to New York, New York to attend the All American High School Film Festival and Film Invitational on 10/14/2025 - 10/20/2025.

**Attachments:** [WALD NYC TRIP BUDGET STRIP 25.26](#)

15. [25-3020](#) Approve overnight field trip for Weeki Wachee High School Boys Basketball to Daytona Beach, FL to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University High School Shootout on June 6-8, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Boys Basketball SB letter](#)  
[Boys Basketball information](#)  
[Barnes TDL](#)  
[Basketball Budget](#)

16. [25-3028](#) Approve Out-of-State Travel for Beth Lastra to Attend the 2025 Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Making Schools Work Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 15 - 18, 2025

**Attachments:** [SREB Agenda](#)  
[SREB Session Confirmation](#)  
[LOA Forms](#)  
[Budget Sheet SREB](#)

17. [25-3031](#) Approve an out of state field trip for Central High School's NJROTC Cadets to Bridgeport, TX, for Texas NJROTC Orienteering Camp, on June 1 - June 6, 2025.

**Attachments:** [CHS 060125 TX Budget Sheet](#)

#### **All Other Business Services Agenda Items**

##### **Job Descriptions**

18. [25-3027](#) Approve Job Description for "Substitute Field Trip Bus Operator".

**Attachments:** [Sub Field Trip Bus Operator - Strike new 5.25](#)  
[Sub Field Trip Bus Operator - Clean New 5.25](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

#### **All Other Support Operations Agenda Items**

19. [25-3025](#) Approve out of state travel for Herb Wederman to Tulsa, Oklahoma from June 2 to June 6, 2025, to attend the 2025 IC Bus University Program.

**Attachments:** [2025 IC Bus Univerity](#)  
[IC University 2025](#)  
[Herbert Wederman Leave of absence form](#)  
[3340 Out of State Travel Budget Sheet REV](#)

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

20. [25-2965](#) Approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Additionally, we seek approval for the annual payment for the 2025-2026 school year, as outlined in Exhibit A, in the amount not to exceed \$3,063,031.00 and request the issuance of a purchase order for that amount.

**Attachments:** [SRO Agreement 2025-2026 School year](#)  
[Budget Sheet SRO contract purchase 2025-2026](#)

21. [25-2979](#) Approve renewing the Piggyback of Sourcewell Cooperative RFP No. 031721/Contract No. 031721MBI: Tree Maintenance Equipment, Attachments and Accessories, awarded to Morbark LLC, and authorize the purchase of goods and services for estimated annual amount of \$60,000.00.

**Attachments:** [25-020-29 PB RN Tree Maintenance Equipment \(05-20-25\)](#)  
[Morbark Budget Sheet May 2025](#)

22. [25-2981](#) Approval of the Adoption and Purchase of English Language Arts (ELA) Instructional Materials from the Florida School Book Depository and Multiple Vendors and Issuance of Purchase Orders on an as Needed Basis for an Estimated Amount of \$4,500,000.00

**Attachments:** [ELA Adoption Workshop Presentation](#)  
[BAFL 2026 Narrative](#)  
[myPerspectives FL 2026 Program Description](#)  
[Study Sync One-pager Hernando](#)  
[Quote totals for ELA textbook orders](#)  
[Brooksville Elementary K 5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Challenger K8 School K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote \(1\)](#)  
[Chocochatti Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Deltona Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Eastside Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Explorer K8 School K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[JD Floyd Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Moton Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Pine Grove Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Spring Hill Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Suncoast Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Westside Elementary K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Winding Waters K8 K-5 Benchmark ELA Quote](#)  
[Challenger K8 MHE 6-8 ELA Quote](#)  
[Dolores Parrott MS MHE 6-8 ELA Quote](#)  
[Explorer K8 MHE 6-8 ELA Quote](#)  
[Fox Chapel MS MHE 6-8 ELA Quote](#)  
[Powell Middle MHE 6-8 ELA Quote](#)  
[West Hernando MS MHE 6-8 ELA Quote](#)  
[Winding Waters K8 MHE 6-8 ELA Quote](#)  
[Central HS Savvas 9-12 ELA Quote](#)  
[Hernando HS Savvas 9-12 ELA Quote revised](#)  
[Nature Coast Technical HS Savvas 9-12 ELA Quote revised](#)  
[Springstead High Savvas 9-12 ELA Quote revised](#)  
[Weeki Wachee High Savvas 9-12 ELA Quote revised](#)  
[Budget Sheet ELA Textbook Adoption](#)

23. [25-3000](#) Approve the Piggyback of Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 100124-ORA: Aftermarket Vehicle Parts and Supplies, awarded to O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC./O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. and authorize the purchase of goods for an estimated annual spending of \$55,000.00.

**Attachments:** [25-060-40 PB Aftermarket Auto Parts \(05-20-25\)](#)  
[Oreillys Budget Maintenance Department sheet 04-2025](#)  
[O'Reilly Budget Sheet Transportation - others 04-2025](#)

24. [25-3013](#) Approve the piggyback of Citrus County School District, Bid No. 2024-03-ITB: Fuel, awarded to Whetstone Oil Company, Inc., and authorize the purchase of Tank Wagon Unleaded and Diesel fuel for an estimated annual spending of \$250,000.00.

**Attachments:** [25-405-39 PB Fuel \(05-20-25\)](#)  
[Whetstone Budget Sheet May 2025](#)  
[4500 Budget Sheet 04-2025](#)

25. [25-3018](#) Approve the renewal of contract Bid No. 23-485-20 RN, Toilet Tissue/Paper Towels (Warehouse Delivery) to Buckeye Cleaning Center for the Purchase of Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel Products for an estimated annual spending of \$350,000.00.

**Attachments:** [23-485-20 RN Toilet Tissue \(05-20-25\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet](#)

26. [25-3022](#) Approve the Renewal of Bid No. 23-580-31 RN: Musical Instruments, Sheet Music & Instrument Repair and Authorize the Purchase of Goods and/or Services from Multiple Vendors for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$200,000.00

**Attachments:** [23 580 31 RN Musical Instruments 05 20 25](#)  
[Budget Sheet Bid 23 580 31 RN](#)

27. [25-3024](#) Approve the renewal of Skyward annual license, maintenance and hosting and authorize the issuance of purchase orders for an estimated annual amount of \$400,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Skyward Invoice](#)  
[Budget Sheet-Skyward Renewal](#)

#### **All Other School Board Agenda Items**

28. [25-2998](#) Approve the contract with Ray Pinder to serve as Superintendent of Hernando County Schools

**Attachments:** [Mutually Revised Contract -PINDER 2025](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

#### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION**

11. [25-2982](#) Approve the Agreement Between Hernando County School Board and the Early Learning Coalition for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program Services

**Attachments:** [2025 2026 VPK Contract](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Susan Duval

**SECONDER:** Kayce Hawkins

**AYES:** Rodriguez, Johnson, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

*This item was pulled by Kayce Hawkins for discussion.*

#### **ADDENDUM ITEMS**

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

29. [25-3044](#) 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 031424 ACC](#)  
[05-20-25 Handout by Isabel Shelby.pdf](#)

*Kristin Ottinger, School Board Attorney read the instructions for this item. The following citizen's came forward to speak on this item: Sarah Shelby, Isabel Shelby, Kim Mulrooney, and Kathleen Robinson Harrison.*

**INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

30. [25-3002](#) Deductive Change Order 001 to the contract/agreement with JE Dunn Construction Co. for the 30-Classroom Addition for Winding Waters K-8 School and Weeki Wachee High School is provided for the Board's information. No board action is required.

**Attachments:** [25-3002 Change Order 001 ODP 30 Classroom WWK8](#)  
[25-3002 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

**GENERAL COUNSEL****SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

*Ms. Duval thanked all who were involved in putting on the athletics awards ceremony. Mrs. Hawkins explained that she will not be able to attend the Nature Coast Technical High School graduation due to a death in her family. She also spoke about the deductive change order (#30. 25-3002). Mr. Johnson explained what the organization, Sons of the American Revolution is. Mr. Pinkney made final comments. He explained how he is Hernando grown. Mrs. Bonczek wished everyone a safe holiday. Mrs. Rodriguez made final comments in regard to Santiago's time on the dais. She also thanked the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and our guardians for keeping everyone safe. Mr. Pinder thanked the Board for their confidence in him and his team.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.*

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**Superintendent**

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**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.

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