



Hernando School District

School Board Regular Meeting

Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:00 PM

District Office-Board Room
919 N. Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

CALL TO ORDER

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. Also present were Ray Pinder, Superintendent; and Caroline Mockler, Staff Attorney.

REFLECTION

by Mark Johnson, Board Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Powell Middle School Students

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Alex Rastatter, Principal of Powell Middle School came forward to present this item.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. 26-3514 Approval to adopt the agenda dated 1/13/2026.

RESULT: **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

Board Chair Hawkins stated that she has reviewed the revisions to the agenda and find that there is good cause to permit the revisions to item #15. 26-3530: Approve an overnight field trip for a DS Parrott Middle School student to attend the All-State Honor Band at the Florida Music Educators Association Conference on January 15 - 17, 2026 in Tampa, Florida; and the deletion of item #11. 26-3494: Approve Field Trip for West Hernando Middle School Thespians Society's Troupe 12068 to Orlando, Florida to Compete at the 2026 Florida Junior State Thespians Festival from February 4 - 8, 2026.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No one came forward to speak on this item.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD, Jaserah Abdul-Rahim

2. [**26-3515**](#) Student Representative, Jaserah Abdul-Rahim of F.W. Springstead High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. [**26-3516**](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Informal, Workshop and Regular School Board Meeting of 12/9/2025.

Attachments: [12-09-25 Informal Minutes DRAFT](#)
[12-09-25 Workshop Minutes with links DRAFT](#)
[12-09-25 Regular Minutes with links DRAFT](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS (WHITE SPEAKER FORMS)

4. [**26-3432**](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Hernando County Schools Volunteer Handbook. This item received tentative approval at the December 9, 2025 Workshop.

Attachments: [~Volunteer Handbook Strikethrough 26 342 26 3348](#)
[~Volunteer Handbook Clean Copy for 263432 263348](#)
[budget sheet no financial impact](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Michelle Bonczek

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

No one came forward to speak on this item.

EXPULSION RECOMMENDATIONS

5. [**26-3499**](#) Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2026-12-01 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year with educational services.

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

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Michelle Bonczek

SECONDER: Susan Duval

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

6. **26-3500** Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2026-12-02 for one (1) year with educational services.

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

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Michelle Bonczek

SECONDER: Susan Duval

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

7. **26-3520** Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2026-12-03 for one (1) year with educational services.

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

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN SPEAKER FORMS)

8. **26-3517** Citizen Input on agenda items (Green Form)

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

Ms. Mockler read the instructions for this item. The following citizen came forward to speak:

Lisa Masserio - item #9. 26-3532 Approval of the Personnel Recommendations.

Ms. Duval asked if the current vacancies can be listed on the personnel recommendations on the last meeting of each month.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (Item # 9-28)

Item #16. 26-3536: Amend the approval for the Overnight Field Trip for F.W. Springstead High School Students to Attend the Florida Music Educator Association Conference in Tampa, Florida from January 15, 2026 through January 17, 2026, was pulled for discussion by Shannon Rodriguez.

RESULT: **APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

Personnel Recommendations

9. [26-3532](#) Approval of the Personnel Recommendations

Attachments: [25-26 BOARD AGENDA JAN 13](#)
[1-13-26 CORE OOF Board Agenda](#)
[2026 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 1-13-2026](#)
[2026 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 1-13-2026](#)

All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items

10. [26-3470](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Nature Coast Technical High Schools' Digital Cinema Production class to attend the Student Television Network Convention on 2/28/26 - 3/3/26, in Tampa, Florida.

Attachments: [wald budget strip](#)

12. [26-3511](#) Approval of the Early College Program Contract Between the District Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) and the District School Board of Hernando County (HCSB)

Attachments: [PHSC Early College Program 2026 Hernando County Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

13. [26-3512](#) Approval of the Agreement Between Hernando County School Board (HCSB) and Suncoast Urgent Care Centers, LLC (Suncoast Urgent Care)

Attachments: [Suncoast Urgent Care and HCSB Agreement](#)
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

14. [26-3526](#) Approve overnight field trip for the Central High School Band Director and one student to Tampa, Florida, for All State Honor Band at FMEA on January 15, 2026.

Attachments: [CHS All State Honor Band 011526 - Budget Sheet - AMD](#)

15. [26-3530](#) Approve an overnight field trip for a DS Parrott Middle School student to attend the All-State Honor Band at the Florida Music Educators Association Conference on January 15 - 17, 2026 in Tampa, Florida.

Attachments: [Band Field Trip Budget Sheet](#)

All Other Business Services Agenda Items

17. [26-3503](#) Approve the Affiliation Agreement with Walden University for interns.

Attachments: [Walden-Hernando County School District Clean 102725](#)
[Walden](#)
[Affidavit - Foreign Country of Concern \(PUR 1355\) updated 2](#)
[Walden-](#)
[Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor Services updated 102725](#)
[Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact](#)

Job Descriptions

18. [26-3531](#) Approve the attached job description for Substitute ESE Therapy Provider.

Attachments: [Substitute - ESE Therapy Provider - STRIKE](#)
[Substitute - ESE Therapy Provider - CLEAN](#)
[Substite_Salary_Schedule STRIKE](#)
[Substite_Salary_Schedule CLEAN](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

All Other Support Operations Agenda Items

19. [26-3501](#) Approve Out of State Travel for Kelly Downey, Joseph Harrin, Beth Lastra, and Kelly Slusser, of the Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (FF&E) Committee, to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the VS American Experience Days on February 2nd & 3rd, 2026.

Attachments: [26-3501 Feb2-3_Experience Days STD 2026](#)
[26-3501 Approved LOA](#)
[26-3501 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact](#)

All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items

20. [26-3460](#) Approve the Purchase of Equipment and Curriculum from zSpace for the Agritechnology Program at Hernando High School and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders in an Estimated Amount of \$250,000.00

Attachments: [zSpace Quote Q38255 Attorney Approved](#)
[Standard Addendum to Agreements](#)
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[Budget Sheet zSpace](#)

21. [26-3461](#) Approve the Purchase of Certification Prep Curriculum from Knowledge Pillars Education Inc. for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders in an Estimated Amount of \$85,000.00

Attachments: [Knowledge Pillars Quote](#)
[Standard Addendum to Agreements](#)
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[Budget Sheet Knowledge Pillars](#)

22. [26-3509](#) Approve the renewal of the piggyback of Florida Buy State Cooperative Purchasing, Contract No. 24-135: Audio Visual Integration, awarded to Audio Enhancement and the purchase of audio enhancement, replacement parts and classroom amplification systems and installations for instructional use in classrooms and other areas for an estimated annual spending of up to \$55,000.00.

Attachments: [26-3509 Tabulation](#)
[26-3509 Budget Sheet](#)

23. [26-3522](#) Approve the piggyback of Volusia County Schools, Contract No. ITB CPT-24-003CE: Electronic Recycling and Disposal Services, awarded to Vantage Point ITAD as primary vendor and Tech Smart International, LLC as secondary vendor, for the disposal of obsolete electronic equipment.

Attachments: [26-962-31 PB Electronic Recycling \(01-13-26\)](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

24. [26-3523](#) Approve the Purchase of Online Digital Curriculum, Practice Tests, and Certification Exams from Certiport, Inc. and Issuance of Purchase Orders in an Estimated Annual Amount of \$90,000.00

Attachments: [Hernando 121025 Additional Licenses Certiport](#)
[Standard Addendum to Agreements](#)
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[Budget Sheet Certiport](#)

25. [26-3527](#) Approve the amendment to the contract for Bid #24-725-27: Motorola Mobile/Portable Radios: Installation and Repair Services awarded to Bear Communications, Inc. and Tri-Co Communications, Inc. and authorize the increase in expenditures for an estimated annual spending of \$250,000.00.

Attachments: [26-3527 AMEND Motorola Portable Radios 24-725-27](#)
[26-3527 Budget Sheet](#)

26. [26-3533](#) Approve the 2025-2026 Dual Enrollment Agreement Between Saint Leo University (Saint Leo) and the Hernando County School Board and Issuance of a Purchase Order in an Estimated Annual Amount of \$80,000.00

Attachments: [Hernando County Public Schools Dual Enrollment St Leo](#)
[Budget Sheet St Leo](#)

All Other Safe Schools Agenda Items

27. [26-3506](#) Approve out of state travel for Angel Pagan to attend the SAFE Customer Advisory Board Power User Summit scheduled for February 23-25, 2026, in Salt Lake City, Utah..

Attachments: [SAFE AGENDA 26 3506 2026](#)
[Pagan leave for SAFE conference](#)
[budget sheet _pagan out of state travel SAFE](#)

All Other School Board Agenda Items

28. [26-3528](#) Approval Requested for out of state travel for a School Board Member to attend the 2026 COSSBA National Conference & UBA Preconference Day from March 11-16, 2026 in Louisville, Kentucky that may exceed \$500 per Board Member.

Attachments: [COSSBA 2026 - Agenda](#)
[COSSBA 2026 Conf- Cost Breakdown](#)
[Budget Sheet COSSBA](#)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION

11. [26-3494](#) Approve Field Trip for West Hernando Middle School Thespians Society's Troupe 12068 to Orlando, Florida to Compete at the 2026 Florida Junior State Thespians Festival from February 4 - 8, 2026

Attachments: [Budget Sheet 26-3494](#)

This item was deleted from the agenda.

16. [26-3536](#) Amend the approval for the Overnight Field Trip for F.W. Springstead High School Students to Attend the Florida Music Educator Association Conference in Tampa, Florida from January 15, 2026 through January 17, 2026.

Attachments: [SHS Budget Sheet - FMEA Conference 2026](#)

This item was pulled from the agenda by Mrs. Rodriguez. Dana Pearce, Principal of Springstead High School came forward to answer questions addressed by the Board. Much discussion took place on the cost of the hotel room.

The board recessed at 6:48 P.M. and reconvened at 7:10 P.M. Mrs. Hawkins announced that they will move on to citizen's input and come back to item #16 at the end of the meeting.

ADDENDUM ITEMS**CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK SPEAKER FORMS)**

29. [26-3518](#) 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](#)

Ms. Mockler read the instructions for this item. The following citizen came forward to speak: Kimberly Mulrooney.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

30. [26-3505](#) Deductive Change Order 002 to the contract with J.E. Dunn Construction Co. for the 30 Classroom Addition for Winding Waters K-8 and Weeki Wachee High School is provided for the Board's information. No board action is required.

Attachments: [26-3505 WWK8 30 Classroom Addition Oredr 002](#)
[26-3505 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact](#)

(Continued) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION

16. [26-3536](#) Amend the approval for the Overnight Field Trip for F.W. Springstead High School Students to Attend the Florida Music Educator Association Conference in Tampa, Florida from January 15, 2026 through January 17, 2026.

Attachments: [SHS Budget Sheet - FMEA Conference 2026](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

MOVER: Michelle Bonczek

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

Mrs. Rodriguez provided an update on this item. Mrs. Pearce came forward to explain the details of this trip after speaking with the band director.

Ms. Duval was able to find out that there is \$3,600 in the principal's internal account and stated that this payment should not come out of the band booster fund. Mrs. Pearce stated that it seems like a fair way to handle this. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this item with payment coming out of the principal's internal account. Second by Michelle Bonczek. Motion passes 5-0.

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

This meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Superintendent

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.
