



Hernando School District

School Board Regular Meeting

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 12, 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

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Also present were Robert Meyers, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Brooksville Elementary School

REFLECTION

The reflection was provided by Shannon Rodriguez.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Mr. RJ Inmon, Principal; and Wilson Sommer, Assistant Principal of Brooksville Elementary School (BES) came forward to share school updates. Long-term employees from Brooksville Elementary were honored for 30+ years of service.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [26-3772](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 5/12/2026.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

Mrs. Hawkins stated that she found good cause to allow the revision to item #23. 26-3755: Approval of the Contract for the Sale of the Jackson Property, Parcel Key 332562. Caroline Mockler, Staff Attorney came forward to explain the revision. Ms. Mockler explained that the change involved recommending the approval of a vacant land contract between the school board and Cowgirl Company I LLC for the specified property, as well as amending a previous resolution [R26-006] to authorize the superintendent or his designee to execute the contract and all necessary closing

documents.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No one came forward to speak on this item.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD, Jaserah Abdul-Rahim

2. [26-3773](#) Student Representative, Jaserah Abdul-Rahim of F.W. Springstead High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

PRESENTATIONS

3. [26-3758](#) Recognition of the Numeracy Week “Pouring Our Hearts into Math” Activity
Attachments: [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)
John Morris, Director of Secondary Programs came forward to introduce this item.
4. [26-3764](#) Recognition of Springstead High School Students
Attachments: [Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact \(1\)](#)
Aaron Ellerman, Director of Communications came forward to present this item.
5. [26-3744](#) 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 introduce this item.
6. [26-3751](#) Recognition of Graduating Seniors for Leadership, Community Service, and Scholarship Awards
Attachments: [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)
Beth Lastra, Supervisor of College & Career Programs came forward to introduce this item.
7. [26-3743](#) Recognition of Hernando County School District (HCSD) 2025-2026 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force
Attachments: [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)
Jesse Diaz, Supervisor of Instructional Tech, came forward to present this item.
8. [26-3720](#) Recognition of Patrick McHugh, the WWHS Athletic Director, for being recognized by the Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as the 2026 Section 2 AD of the Year as well as for earning his Certified Athletic Administrator designation from the National Interscholastic Administrators Association.
Attachments: [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC.pdf](#)
Dustin Kupcik, District Athletic Director came forward to present this item.

- 9. [26-3623](#) Master’s in Educational Leadership Cohort Recognition

Attachments: [Budget Sheet - No Financial Impact \(1\)](#)

Lisa Cropley, Executive Director of Student Support Programs, came forward to present this item.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 10. [26-3774](#) Approval of the Minutes from the 1 PM and 2 PM Special School Board Meetings held on April 21, 2026; and the Workshop and Regular School Board Meeting held on April 28, 2026.

Attachments: [04-21-26 Special Mtg Minutes - Shellabarger DRAFT](#)
[04-21-26 Special Mtg Minutes - Thornton DRAFT](#)
[04-28-26 Workshop Minutes DRAFT](#)
[04-28-26 Regular Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN SPEAKER FORMS)

- 11. [26-3775](#) Citizen Input on agenda items (Green Form)

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

No one came forward to speak on this item.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were pulled from the consent agenda by Ms. Duval for discussion:

#13. 26-3736: *Approval of the Charter Application for You Thrive Elementary School of Brooksville Steam*

#15. 26-3738: *Approval of the Charter Application for You Thrive Elementary Academy for Creative Excellence*

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Michelle Bonczek

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Johnson

Personnel Recommendations

12. [26-3759](#) Approval of the Personnel Recommendations

Attachments: [25-26 BOARD AGENDA MAY 12 2026](#)
[2026 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 5-12-2026](#)
[2026 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 5-12-2026](#)

All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items

14. [26-3737](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Hernando High School's Jv Cheerleaders to attend UCA cheer camp from July 20-22, 2026 at the University of South Florida/USF in Tampa, Florida.

Attachments: [2026 HHS Jv Cheer Camp at USF Budget Sheet](#)

16. [26-3739](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Hernando High School's Varsity Cheerleaders to attend the UCA Masters Camp from June 27-30, 2026 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida.

Attachments: [2026 Varsity Cheer Camp at UCF Budget Sheet](#)

17. [26-3746](#) Approve the Agreement Between Hernando County School Board and the Early Learning Coalition for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program Services

Attachments: [2026 2027 VPK Contract](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

18. [26-3748](#) Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between American Institutes for Research (AIR) and Hernando County School District (HCSD) Pre-K Early Learning Program for Study Entitled "Waterford Early Learning"

Attachments: [AIR Waterford MOU](#)
[Waterfor EIR Research Site Agreement](#)
[Waterford Software Terms of Service](#)
[Waterford DSPA](#)
[Standard Addendum to Agreements](#)
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[VPK Research Grant Parent Consent Form.](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

19. [26-3756](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Weeki Wachee High School Yearbook students to attend the 2026 Balfour Conference from June 16-18, 2026 in St. Petersburg, FL.

Attachments: [Yearbook Budget sheet](#)

20. [26-3760](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Weeki Wachee High School Cheer students to attend the UCA Camp from July 28, 2026 to July 31, 2026 in Orlando, FL.

Attachments: [Cheer USA Camp budget](#)

21. [26-3768](#) Approve an overnight field trip for Central High School's NJROTC Cadets to Runaway Bay, Texas, to attend Texas Junior Orienteering Camp, on May 31 - June 5, 2026.

Attachments: [CHS - NJROTC TX 053126 Cover Sheet](#)
[CHS - NJROTC TX 053126 Budget Sheet](#)

All Other Business Services Agenda Items

22. [26-3726](#) Approve the Affiliation Agreement with University of South Florida Social Work for interns.

Attachments: [USF Social Work Agreement 2026- PDF](#)
[Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact](#)

All Other Support Operations Agenda Items

23. [26-3755](#) Approval of the Contract for the Sale of the Jackson Property, Parcel Key 332562.

Attachments: [26-3755 Vacant Land Contract rev. signed by SMG](#)
[26-3755 Resolution R26-006 Disposal of Jackson Property 3.24.26 FULLY EXECUTED](#)
[26-3755 Budget Sheet-Jackson Property Sale](#)
[R26-006 - Jackson Property AMENDED 051226](#)

This item was amended during the adoption of the agenda.

All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items

24. [26-3742](#) Approve the renewal of bid no. 24-285-35 RN, Electrical Parts, Supplies, Equipment & Related Products, awarded to City Electric for the purchase of electrical parts, supplies and related goods and authorize spending for an estimated annual amount of \$60,000.00.

Attachments: [24-285-35 RN Electrical Parts & Supplies \(05-12-2026\)](#)
[Budget Sheet Electrical Parts City Electric](#)

25. [26-3745](#) Approve the amendment and renewal of bid no. 23-968-42 RN: General Construction Services, awarded to multiple vendors, for general construction services for projects in the amount of \$600,000.00 or less and authorize the purchase of goods and services for an estimated annual amount of \$2,400,000.00 using various funds.

Attachments: [26-3745 General Construction Services 23-968-42 RN](#)
[26-3745 General Construction Services Amended 23-968-42 RN](#)
[26-3745 Budget Sheet General Construction Svcs](#)

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26. [26-3747](#) Approve the Purchase of Instructional Materials for High School Intensive Reading Grades 9-10 from Lexia Learning Systems LLC and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders in an Estimated Amount of \$78,620.00
- Attachments:** [Program Evaluation Form Lexia 26](#)
[Lexia Quote Q 698621 1a](#)
[Standard Addendum to Agreements](#)
[Lexia DSPA exp 4 22 27](#)
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[Budget Sheet Lexia](#)
27. [26-3750](#) Approve the renewal of Bid No. 22-365-41 RN: Custodial Floor Cleaning & Care Equipment, awarded to multiple vendors and authorize the purchase of custodial flooring goods for estimated annual spending of \$55,000.00.
- Attachments:** [22-365-41 RN Custodial Floor Cleaning Equip \(05-12-2026\)](#)
[Budget Sheet Custodial Equipment](#)
28. [26-3757](#) Award Bid No. 26-936-35, Generator Onsite Repairs & Preventative Maintenance Services, to Multiple Vendors, for Generator Repairs and Preventative Maintenance and Authorize the Purchase of Services for an Estimated Annual Spending Of \$70,000.00.
- Attachments:** [26-936-35 Generator Repairs & Maintenance \(05-12-26\)](#)
[Budget Sheet Generators](#)
29. [26-3761](#) Approve the Renewal and Purchase of Services from Renaissance Learning, Inc. and Issuance of Purchase Orders in an Estimated Annual Amount of \$177,892.15 for the 2026-2027 School Year
- Attachments:** [EduClimber Program Evaluation](#)
[STAR Math Program Evaluation](#)
[STAR Early Learning Program Evaluation](#)
[Renaissance Quote Q355613 v14](#)
[Renaissance Quote Q346836 v3](#)
[Renaissance Quote Q454473 v1](#)
[Standard Addendum](#)
[FL NDPA Standard V2](#)
[Federal Terms and Conditions](#)
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[Budget Sheet Renaissance](#)
30. [26-3763](#) Approve The Renewal Of Bid No. 23-485-20 RN: Toilet Tissue/Paper Towels (Warehouse Delivery), Awarded To Buckeye Cleaning Center, And Authorize The Purchase Of Toilet Tissue And Paper Products For An Estimated Annual Spending Of \$350,000.00
- Attachments:** [23-485-20 RN Toilet Tissue \(05-12-26\)](#)
[Budget Sheet](#)
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All Other School Board Agenda Items

31. [26-3740](#) Approval Requested for out of county travel for School Board Member(s) to attend the FSBA 2026 Summer Conference June 9-12, 2026 in Tampa, FL that may exceed \$500 per Board Member.

Attachments: [Tentative Agenda FSBA FADSS Annual Summer Conference FSBA Annual Summer 2026 - Cost Breakdown Budget Sheet](#)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION

13. [26-3736](#) Approval of the Charter Application for You Thrive Elementary School of Brooksville Steam

Attachments: [Complete Brooksville Charter Application Budget Sheet](#)

RESULT: FAILED

MOVER: Kayce Hawkins

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Bonczek, Johnson

NAYS: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Duval

This item (#13) was pulled by Susan Duval for discussion. Ms. Duval asked Dawn Williams, Supervisor of School Choice, to come forward and read the concerns expressed by the committee reviewing this application. Mrs. Williams read the concerns. The motion to approve passed 4-1 with Mrs. Hawkins voting no.

15. [26-3738](#) Approval of the Charter Application for You Thrive Elementary Academy for Creative Excellence

Attachments: [Complete Spring Hill Charter Application Budget Sheet](#)

RESULT: FAILED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Bonczek, Johnson

NAYS: Hawkins, Rodriguez, Duval

This item (#15) was pulled by Susan Duval for discussion. Ms. Duval asked Dawn Williams, Supervisor of School Choice, to come forward and read the concerns expressed by the committee reviewing this application. Mrs. Williams read the concerns. The motion to approve passed 3-2 with Duval and Rodriguez voting no.

Mr. Meyers explained that Mrs. Rodriguez voted in error on item #13 and would like to change her vote. He stated that it would be appropriate to allow the change based on the circumstances. Ms. Duval asked to be afforded the same opportunity to change her vote. The board allowed the changes. The motion to approve item #13 fails 2-3 with Hawkins,

Rodriguez and Duval voting no.

Mrs. Hawkins stated that she would like to change her vote on item #15 from yes to no. The board allowed the change. The motion to approve #15 fails 2-3 with Rodriguez, Duval and Hawkins voting no.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK SPEAKER FORMS)

32. [26-3776](#) 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](#)

Mr. Meyers read the instructions for this item. The following citizens came forward to speak: 1. Chrisandra Rogers, 2. Diane Limbrecht, 3. Kimberly Mulrooney, 4. Beverly Coe, 5. Lisa Masserio, and 6. Aimee Crisp.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

33. [26-3749](#) Deductive Change Order 001 to the contract with Wharton-Smith, Inc. for Remodeling Buildings 4 & 6 for Eastside Elementary School is provided for the Board's information. No board action is required.

Attachments: [26-3749 EES PH2 Deductive CO 001 Wharton-Smith](#)
[26-3749 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. Meyers explained the statute regarding the board's function on approving or denying the charter school applications. He stated that the law does require within 10 days of the decision a letter of just cause be sent with the reasons of the denial. The applicant can appeal to the state if they do not agree with the reasons outlined in the letter. Mr. Meyers stated that there is a good chance that the state would overrule the board and approve the charters, however, that is not a guarantee.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Board members and Superintendent Pinder discussed the student delegate position, student safety, and the importance of supporting student well-being over testing pressures.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 7:53 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.