



# Hernando School District

## School Board Workshop

### Minutes - Draft

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Tuesday, September 9, 2025

2:00 PM

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

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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 Workshop was called to order at 2:08 P.M. Also present were Kristin Ottinger, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent.*

#### PRESENTATIONS

2. [26-3257](#) Review the presentation of a request for a six-month extension of the Finding of Available School Capacity issued to Opal Farms, a 618-single family and 264-Multifamily development, by Claire Clements, Southern Citrus Groves, LLC, and Jim Lipsey, HCSD.

**Attachments:** [26-3257 Original Opal Farms Capacity FINDING](#)  
[26-3257 Opal Farms School Concurrency Extension Request](#)  
[26-3257 Opal Farms Graphics](#)  
[26-3257 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact](#)  
[09-09-25 Workshop Handouts by Lipsey 26-3275](#)

*Due to technical difficulties, items were taken out of order.*

*Jim Lipsey, School Planner, and Claire Clemmons, Applicant came forward to present this item. Ms. Clemmons explained the issues she has run into with this project. She also mentioned that they have 60 acres on the South side of the parcel that is not going to have a home on it and is going to be left agricultural. She asked if the district would like to look at it for a school. All members in favor of the extension using tomorrow's date (9/10/25).*

*Recess at 2:35 P.M. and reconvened at 2:44 P.M.*

1. [26-3296](#) Presentation of Sunrise Settlement Agreement Update.

**Attachments:** [08.27.25 - Hernando County & School Board Settlement Agreement Revisions - Signed.pdf](#)  
[08.27.25 - Sunrise Settlement Agreement - Metro \(003\) CAO 070825 SB -Signed.pdf](#)  
[26-3296 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact](#)

*Jim Lipsey, School Planner and Chris Wilson, Attorney (via phone) came forward to present this item.*

3. [26-3263](#) Review and Tentative Approval of the Hernando County School District's (HCSD) Media Handbook

**Attachments:** [Media Handbook Changes](#)  
[2025 2026 Media Handbook Strikethrough Copy](#)  
[2025 2026 Media Handbook Clean Copy](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC - Copy](#)

*Kelly Downey, Supervisor of Literacy, Intervention, and Elementary Academic Programs came forward to present this item. Mrs. Hawkins mentioned some grammatical errors that needs to be corrected.*

4. [26-3279](#) Presentation of the Implementation Planning of the Imagine Learning/Edgenuity Virtual Instruction Program for Hernando County School District

**Attachments:** [Hernando Presentation Imagine Learning](#)  
[FINAL 2025 Virtual Services Agr HERNANDO CO SD 2025 07 11](#)  
[Hernando VIP 25 26 Quote 165689](#)  
[Standard Addendum](#)  
[State of Florida Affidavit](#)  
[PUR 1355](#)  
[Budget Sheet Imagine Learning](#)

*John Morris, Director of Secondary Programs; Matt Davenport, Account Executive at Imagine Learning; and Gina Michalicka, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning came forward to present this item. After the presentation and much discussion, it was determined that there are too many questions to move forward with it at this time.*

5. [26-3247](#) Review and tentative approval of the Interlocal Agreement among the School Board of Hernando County, Hernando County, and the City of Brooksville for the Mutual Use of Facilities

**Attachments:** [Use of Facilities MOU](#)  
[No Impact Budget Sheet](#)

*Barbara Kidder, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services & Support Operations; and Caroline Mockler, Staff Counsel came forward to present this item.*

## GENERAL COUNSEL

## ADDENDUM ITEMS

## GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

### School Board Comments

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**ADJOURNMENT**

*The Workshop was adjourned at 3:42 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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