



Hernando School District

School Board Informal Meeting

Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1:00 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 1:06 P.M. Ray Pinder, Superintendent was also present. Robert Meyers, School Board Attorney was present via telephone.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

An informal meeting of the School Board has been scheduled for general discussion among Board Members on Educational Matters

The following topics were discussed:

Johnson: Change training procedures for teachers/para's to be due by Jan. 1st. For those in ESE it should be done by the first week of school. Mr. Pinder to meet with Lisa Cropley, Anna Jensen and Paula Clark.

Hawkins: Mobile Safe Zone. Mr. Pinder to meet with TIS, Safe Schools, and Administrators after getting information from vendor and will bring it back to a workshop.

Hawkins: Addition of a dental program to schools. Beth Lastra to get back to Mrs. Hawkins with more information.

Bonczek: Fire & EMT programs in schools.

Hawkins: Legal Fees. Does the board want to look over legal fees? The consensus was no.

Rodriguez: Shout out to District Team and Administrators on District Walk-throughs.

Hawkins: Would like marketing around home-school avenue where we collect FTE.

Hawkins: Hybrid options in schools. Gina Michalicka to look into this.

Rodriguez: Shout out to Robert Pennel at HHS for gym cleanliness.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 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.
