



Hernando School District

School Board Workshop

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

2:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: Board Chair Kayce Hawkins

The Workshop was called to order at 2:00 P.M. Kayce Hawkins was absent. Shannon Rodriguez presided over the meeting. Robert Meyers, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent were also present.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-3672](#) Review of You Thrive Elementary School of Brooksville STEAM Charter Proposal

Attachments: [You Thrive Brooksville Steam Notice of Intent](#)
[90 Day Extension Agreement](#)
[Complete Brooksville Charter Application](#)
[2026 CRC Assigned Component](#)
[HCSD Charter Application Review Committee 2026 Overview - STEAM](#)
[Capacity Interview Responses STEAM](#)
[Completed STEAM Application Evaluation Instrument](#)
[Budget Sheet](#)

Dawn Williams, Supervisor of School Choice, came forward to present this item. Nineteen sections were rated as "meets the standard". No sections were rated as "partially meets the standard", or as, "does not meet the standard". The committee voted 15-1 to approve the application. This item will be brought back to the May 12th board meeting for action. Mr. Johnson questioned the number of students and grade levels.

2. [26-3673](#) Review of You Thrive Elementary Academy for Creative Excellence Spring Hill Charter Proposal

Attachments: [You Thrive Spring Hill Creative Notice of Intent](#)
[90 Day Extension Agreement](#)
[Complete Spring Hill Charter Application](#)
[2026 Charter Review Committee Assigned Component](#)
[HCS D Charter Application Review Committee 2026 Overview - Creative Academy](#)
[SPRING Hill Capacity Interview Responses](#)
[Completed Creative Application Instrument](#)
[Budget Sheet](#)

Dawn Williams, Supervisor of School Choice, came forward to present this item. Nineteen sections were rated as "meets the standard". No sections were rated as "partially meets the standard", or as, "does not meet the standard". The committee voted 16-1 to approve the application. This item will be brought back to the May 12th board meeting for action. Board members questioned the location of the schools and opening dates. Mr. Meyers will check to see if the board can reject the contract for the location.

3. [26-3586](#) Review and tentative approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brooksville, Florida and the School Board of Hernando County, Florida for use of tennis courts and volleyball courts.

Attachments: [CITY OF BROOKSVILLE ILA](#)
[Interlocal City Volley Tennis Courts Clean Copy](#)
[No Impact Budget Sheet](#)

Barbara Kidder, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Operations, and Caroline Mockler, Staff Attorney came forward to present this item. The board proposed some changes such as: first refusal, lowered rate, no charge for set-up/breakdown, no fee for pavilion. Questions were raised regarding the cost of a season for tennis and volleyball. Who is paying, the school or district? What properties does the City use of the districts? Dustin Kupcik, District Athletic Director to update the board on progress of fields that are being done with donations.

GENERAL COUNSEL

ADDENDUM ITEMS

GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

School Board Comments

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop adjourned at 2:26 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.