



Hernando School District

School Board Workshop

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

2:00 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 Mark Johnson

Absent: Board Member Susan Duval

This workshop was called to order at 2:00 P.M. Also present were Robert Meyers, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-3689](#) Presentation of Somerset & Explorer K-8 Access Agreement Update

Attachments: [26-3689 Somerset & EK-8 Access Update](#)
[26-3689 Redlined HCSD Explorer Blvd Transfer Agreement.pdf](#)
[26-3689 Redlined DUKE-HCSD Encroachment Agreement Termination.pdf](#)
[26-3689 Redlined Somerset Dedication of Land to HCSD.pdf](#)
[26-3689 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact](#)

Jim Lipsey, School Planner, and Caroline Mockler, Staff Attorney, came forward to present this item. Kristen Kowleski, Special Counsel participated virtually. Board consensus is to move forward.

2. [26-3674](#) Review of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy Brooksville Charter Proposal

Attachments: [Notice of Intent Email](#)
[PCCA Brooksville Complete Application](#)
[Signed Application Review Extension Agreement](#)
[School Grade 2017 to Present](#)
[PCCA at Palm Bay High Performing School DOE Letter](#)
[PCCA at West Melbourne High-Performing School DOE Letter](#)
[Completed Pineapple Cove Application Evaluation Instrument](#)
[F.S. 1002.33](#)
[Budget Sheet](#)

Dawn Williams, Supervisor of School Choice; Caroline Mockler, Staff Counsel; and Mark Cioffi, Applicant; came forward to present this item. Dr. Kelly Gunter, Director of

School Operations [Pineapple Cove] participated virtually. The board consensus to move forward.

- 3. [26-3715](#) Review of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Priority 1

Attachments: [25 26 Update Strategic Plan 2023 2028](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

The following staff members came forward to present: Gina Michalicka, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Jennifer Merschbach, Director of Research & Accountability; Tiffany Howard, Director of Elementary Education; Kelly Downey, Supervisor of Literacy, Intervention, and Academic Programs; Beth Lastra, Supervisor of College & Career Readiness; John Morris, Director of Secondary Education; Jill Kolasa, Director of Student Services; Angela Miller-Royale, Coordinator of Student Support Programs; Anna Jensen, Director of ESE; and Dustin Kupcik, District Athletic Director.

GENERAL COUNSEL

ADDENDUM ITEMS

GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

School Board Comments

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop adjourned at 3:26 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.
