



Hernando School District

School Board Regular Meeting

Minutes - Final

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Board Chair Shannon Rodriguez
Board Member Michelle Bonczek
Board Member Susan Duval
Board Member Kayce Hawkins

Absent: Vice Chair Mark Johnson

*Also present were Ray Pinder, Superintendent of Schools and Alan Gabriel, School Board Attorney.
Vice Chair Johnson was absent.*

REFLECTION

Mrs. Dana Pearce, Principal of Springstead High School came forward to provide the reflection.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Weeki Wachee High School

Mr. Ed LaRose, Principal of Weeki Wachee High School came forward to provide an update on events happening at his school.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Karen Jordan, Director of Communications, came forward to introduce Santiago Pinkney, the new Student Representative to the Board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [25-2727](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 12/10/2024.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No one came forward to speak on this item.

PRESENTATIONS

2. [25-2708](#) Presentation and board approval of the Capital Credit from Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, presented by Benjamin Cooper, District Manager for the West Hernando District.

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

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Kayce Hawkins

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

Mr. Benjamin Cooper, WREC, came forward to present this item.

3. [25-2645](#) Recognition of the December HCSD Veteran

Attachments: [Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact](#)

Karen Jordan, Director of Communications came forward to present this item. Ralph Leath, Director of Transportation recognized Lonnie Powell as the district's veteran of the month.

4. [25-2713](#) Presentation of the 2024-2025 Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year Award

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

Gina Michalicka and Lisa Cropley came forward to present this item. Alexa Neal was recognized as the district's Assistant Principal of the year and Ed LaRose was recognized as the district's Principal of the year.

PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

5. [25-2487](#) Approval of Resolution No. R25-005 of the Hernando County School Board to Participate in the Small School District Council Consortium

Attachments: [SSDCC Resolution](#)
[SSDCC Budget Sheet](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Kayce Hawkins

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Hawkins

NAYS: Duval

Karen Jordan, Director of Communications came forward to present this item.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6. [25-2722](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting of 11/19/2024.

Attachments: [11-19-24 Reorg & Reg Meeting Minutes DRAFT with links](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS (WHITE FORMS)

Mr. Gabriel, School Board Attorney read the instructions for this item.

7. [25-2676](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Committee's Recommendation to keep the book, "The House on Mango Street" written by Sandra Cisneros, in circulation, but limit access to students in grades 6-12 for Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [REDACTED THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET OBJECTION FORM CHALLENGE 5](#)
[Challenge No 5 Artifact from Complainant](#)
[PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS FOR THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET.](#)
[COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET](#)
[THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET RESPONSE TO COMPLAINANT](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC 1](#)

RESULT: FAILED

MOVER: Kayce Hawkins

SECONDER: Susan Duval

AYES: Duval

NAYS: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Hawkins

The following citizens came forward to speak: Kimberly Mulrooney, Carol Yakimo-Alvelo, and Diane Liptak.

8. [25-2692](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Committee's Recommendation to keep the book, "Graceling" written by Kristen Cashore, in circulation, but limit access to students in grades 9-12 for Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [REDACTED GRACELING OBJECTION FORM](#)
[Challenge No 6 Artifact from Complainant](#)
[PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS FOR GRACELING](#)
[COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM GRACELING](#)
[GRACELING RESPONSE TO COMPLAINANT](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC 1](#)

RESULT: **FAILED**

MOVER: Kayce Hawkins

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Duval

NAYS: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Hawkins

The following citizens came forward to speak: Lori Sowers, Kimberly Mulrooney, and Carol Yakimo-Alvelo.

9. [25-2693](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Committee's Recommendation to keep the book, "Real Live Boyfriends" written by E. Lockhart, in circulation, but limit access to students in grades 9-12 for Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [REDACTED REAL LIVE BOYFRIENDS OBJECTION FORM](#)
[Challenge No 7 Artifact from Complainant](#)
[PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS FOR REAL LIVE BOYFRIENDS](#)
[REAL LIVE BOYFRIENDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION](#)
[FORM](#)
[REAL LIVE BOYFRIENDS RESPONSE TO COMPLAINANT](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC 1](#)

RESULT: **FAILED**

MOVER: Kayce Hawkins

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

NAYS: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

The following citizen came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo.

EXPULSION RECOMMENDATIONS

10. [25-2653](#) Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2025-10-05 for one (1) academic school year.

Attachments: [Budget Sheet NEW Nov-2021-ACC No Impact](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Kayce Hawkins

AYES: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

Mrs. Rodriguez called a the caregiver up to speak on this agenda item.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN FORMS)

11. [25-2728](#) Citizen Input on agenda items (Green Form)

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

Mr. Gabriel, School Board Attorney, read the instructions for this item. The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo and Vincent Safuto.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following agenda item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion:

#28. 25-2700: Approve the Purchase of Driver's Education Vans from Alan Jay Fleet Sales for the District's Five High Schools (Central, Hernando, Nature Coast Technical, Springstead, and Weeki Wachee High Schools) and Authorize a Purchase Order in an Estimated Amount of \$ 212,205.00.

RESULT: **APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVER: Kayce Hawkins

SECONDER: Michelle Bonczek

AYES: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

Personnel Recommendations

12. [25-2707](#) Approval of the Personnel Recommendations

Attachments: [24-25 BOARD AGENDA DECEMBER 10 2024 25-2707](#)
[12-10-24 Core OOF for Agenda](#)
[12.10.2024 ESOL for Agenda](#)
[2025 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 12-10-24](#)
[2025 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 12-10-24](#)

All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items

13. [25-2612](#) Approve out of state field trip for Weeki Wachee High School Class of 2025 to Washington, DC on March 5, 2025 to March 10, 2025.

Attachments: [Class of 2025 SB letter](#)
[Class of 2025 TDLs updated](#)
[Class of 2025 Trip Budget](#)

14. [25-2674](#) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Palm Beach State College and Hernando County School District Through the Florida Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Student Achievement (MUSA) Grant Program

Attachments: [FINAL MUSA PBSC Hernando County MOU](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC 1](#)

15. [25-2701](#) Approval Requested for out of state travel for Justin Bland to attend the 2025 Glazier Clinic in Atlanta, GA on February 20, 2025 to February 23, 2025.

Attachments: [JB Glazier TDL](#)
[2025 Atlanta Football Coaching Clinic](#)
[Bland - Estimate](#)
[Updated Budget Form JB](#)

16. [25-2705](#) Approve an overnight field trip to the Student Television Network Convention in Tampa, FL from March 1, 2025 to March 4, 2025 for the Weeki Wachee High School Film Class.

Attachments: [SB Letter STN FT](#)
[STN Budget](#)
[Schwef TDL](#)

17. [25-2711](#) Approve the Overnight Field Trip for Abigail Oliver, F.W. Springstead High School (SHS) Beta Club Sponsor and Students to Orlando, Florida to Attend the State Beta Convention from January 10, 2025 - January 11, 2025.

Attachments: [SHS Leave of Absence - State Beta Convention - Employee #16869 A.O.](#)
[Budget Sheet - SHS State Beta Convention](#)

18. [25-2719](#) Approve Field Trip for West Hernando Middle School Thespians Society's Troupe 12068 to Orlando, Florida to Compete at the 2025 Florida State Thespians Festival from February 13 - 16, 2025

Attachments: [Florida Thespians State Festival Agenda](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

All Other Business Services Agenda Items

19. [25-2698](#) Approve and Authorize the Execution of the Disclosure Statement and Account Maintenance Form by the Board Chairperson and the Superintendent on the Florida Prime Bank Account.

Attachments: [FL Prime Acct Maintenance Form](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

20. [25-2699](#) Approve and Authorize the Execution of the Deposit Account Resolution and Signature Cards by the Board Chairperson and the Superintendent to update Authorized Signers on Four (4) Truist Bank Accounts.

Attachments: [Deposit Account Resolution](#)
[SIGNATURE CARD 2024_Redacted](#)
[SIGNATURE CARD 2745_Redacted](#)
[SIGNATURE CARD 3295_Redacted](#)
[SIGNATURE CARD 9703_Redacted](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

21. [25-2704](#) Approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendment No. 4 for Quarter Ending June 30, 2024

Attachments: [24 GF BA 4](#)
[24 DSF BA 4](#)
[24 CPF BA 4](#)
[24 FSF BA 4](#)
[24 SRF BA 4](#)
[24 ESSER II BA 4](#)
[24 ESSER III BA 4](#)
[24 ARP-HCY BA 4](#)

All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items

22. [25-2634](#) Review and Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Hernando County Schools and You Thrive Florida Early Learning Programs

Attachments: [25-2634 MOU YTF and HCSB Students and Families in Transition_stamped](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC \(1\)](#)

23. [25-2637](#) Approve the renewal of RFQ # 9009-3100-2201, Continuing Commissioning Services, to 5D's Inc. LLC, Affiliated Engineers SE Inc., OCI Associates, LLC, Raymond Engineering - Georgia, Inc., Setty & Associates International, PLLC LLC, and SGM Engineering, Inc. for Continuing Commissioning Services, and authorize the purchase of services for the estimated annual amount of \$500,000.00.

Attachments: [25-2637 ORIGINAL RFQ Commissioning Cont Service.pdf](#)
[25-2637 Renewal Requests Signed.pdf](#)
[25-2637 Budget Sheet.pdf](#)

24. [25-2641](#) Approval to reject all bids for Bid No. 25-330-14: Fencing: Material, Installation and Repairs

Attachments: [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised WITH Financial Impact](#)

25. [25-2642](#) Approve the Closeout/Final Acceptance to the contract/agreement with Protech Roofing Services, LLC for Roof Coating, HVAC Replacement and Ladder Receivers at Powell Middle School and authorize final payment in the amount of \$35,910.00.

Attachments: [25-2642 Certificate Of Completion.pdf](#)
[25-2642 Final Reconciling Change Order.pdf](#)
[25-2642 Final Application for Payment.pdf](#)
[25-2642 Final Waiver and Release of Liens.pdf](#)
[25-2642 Budget Sheet Powell MS HVAC Closeout.pdf](#)

26. [25-2650](#) Approve the renewal of Bid No. 22-450-12 RA RN Architectural and Access Control Hardware, awarded to multiple vendors and authorize the purchase of services for an estimated annual spending of \$600,000.00.

Attachments: [22-450-12 RA RN Architectural Hardware \(11-19-24\)](#)
[Architectural and Access Control hardware Budget sheet \(1\)](#)

27. [25-2659](#) Approve the purchase of Microsoft licensing from CDW-G and authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order for \$214,850.80.

Attachments: [CDW-G Quote](#)
[Budget Sheet- Microsoft 2025](#)

29. [25-2706](#) Approve piggybacking State of Florida, Florida Department of Education bid no. ITB #2023-02, Type A, Type C and Type D School Buses with Optional Equipment, awarded to Sun State International Truck, LLC and authorize the purchase for Five (5) 77 passenger school buses in the amount of \$748,380.00

Attachments: [Hernando Sept-2024 Quote - 77 Pass w+Valeo AC](#)
[23-071-33 PB Type A, C and D School Buses \(12-10-24\)](#)
[Five new buses Budget Sheet 11-2024 Final](#)

All Other School Board Agenda Items

30. [25-2703](#) Approval to amend the Schedule of Regular School Board Meetings from December 2024 through the Organizational Meeting in November 2025 that was adopted at the November 19, 2024 School Board Meeting.

Attachments: [AMENDED School Board Meetings as of 121024 strikethrough](#)
[AMENDED School Board Meetings as of 121024 clean](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

All Other Superintendent Agenda Items

31. [25-2718](#) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hernando County School District and Space Florida

Attachments: [SPACE FLORIDA MOU](#)
[Budget Sheet No Financial Impact](#)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION

28. [25-2700](#) Approve the Purchase of Driver's Education Vans from Alan Jay Fleet Sales for the District's Five High Schools (Central, Hernando, Nature Coast Technical, Springstead, and Weeki Wachee High Schools) and Authorize a Purchase Order in an Estimated Amount of \$ 212,205.00

Attachments: [Alan Jay Quote 58566 1](#)
[Budget Sheet Alan Jay Fleet Sales](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Kayce Hawkins

AYES: Rodriguez, Bonczek, Duval, Hawkins

This item was pulled from the consent agenda by the Board Chair for discussion. Dr. John Morris came forward to answer questions addressed by the board.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK FORMS)

32. [25-2729](#) 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. Gabriel, School Board Attorney, read the instruction for this item. Mr. Pinder made a statement about the Boys and Girls Club closure. The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo, Hamilton Hanson, Jen Cook, Kathleen Robinson-Harrison, Kimberly Mulrooney, Michael Lopez, Diane Liptak, Katie Madison, Christopher Rocanelli, and Pamela Smith.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL COUNSEL

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Board members, the student representative, and Mr. Pinder made comments on various topics.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 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.
