



Hernando School District

School Board Workshop

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 26, 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 Susan Duval
Board Member Mark Johnson

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-3821](#) Presentation on ABC Institute Apprenticeship Training Program

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

Radiah Dent, Director of Adult & Technical Ed came forward to introduce Peter Deiga from ABC Institute, and Karin Hoffman from Innovative Solutions. The presentation covered that the apprenticeship model would combine hours of on the job training and classroom hours. Participants would earn wages while training. Board members asked for clarification on the pass-through funding model. They also questioned how this program would be marketed. This item is scheduled for consideration at tonight's regular meeting.

2. [26-3800](#) Update of Health Insurance for the 2027 Calendar Year-FLEHT presentation

Attachments: [Health Care Planning 2027](#)
[Hernando Timeline Updated 5-1-26](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Matt Goldrick, Director of Labor Relations & Professional Standards came forward to introduce Derren Bryan, Chief Operating Officer of Avail Analytics. The Board discussed the need of data and expressed their concerns about claims, reserve levels, stop-loss costs, and the potential impact on employees. The Board requested multi-year data from other districts; and historical district claims data. Mr. Pinder stated that board members should send their questions/concerns to Kelly Pogue, who will send to Mr. Goldrick for the next workshop. Mr. Meyers asked if there had been an audit yet. Mr. Bryan answered that it is in the process of being completed.

3. [26-3782](#) Presentation of Florida Department of Transportation US 41 Sidewalk Easement Near Safe Schools, by Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities & Construction.

Attachments: [26-3782 US 41 Sidewalk Presentation](#)
[26-3782 FDOT US41 Easement Signed](#)
[26-3782 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact](#)

Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities & Construction came forward to present this item. Mr. Ragan explained that FDOT has requested an easement across district property to relocate a sidewalk along US 41 near the office of Safe Schools.

4. [26-3777](#) Presentation of the Melton Property Development Agreements

Attachments: [26-3777.1 Melton Property DA Presentation.pdf](#)
[26-3777.2 Black Jack Ridge Development Agreement 4.17.26.pdf](#)
[26-3777.3 Ginny Grove Development Agreement 4.17.26.pdf](#)
[26-3777.4 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Jim Lipsey, School Planner came forward to present this item. Chris Wilson, Attorney participated via Teams. Board members asked for staff to explore land ownership and potential school site opportunities. Mr. Terry Mason, Melton Property Representative, came forward to share information with the Board. The agreements will return for approval at a future meeting.

The board recessed at 3:30 P.M. and reconvened at 3:37 P.M.

5. [26-3787](#) Informational item on the 2025-26 for the PACE Center for Girls of Hernando County

Attachments: [May 2026 Hernando School Board Presentation](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Gina Michalicka, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning came forward to introduce this item. Kim Buford, Executive Director of Pace; and Angel Miller-Royal, Coordinator of Student Support Programs came forward to present this item. Discussion took place on the Pace building construction delay. There is an increase in the district funding allocation, due to enrollment and ESE services.

GENERAL COUNSEL

ADDENDUM ITEMS

GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

School Board Comments

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 4:19 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.