



Hernando School District

School Board Workshop

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 9, 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
- Absent:** Board Chair Kayce Hawkins
Board Member Mark Johnson

The Workshop was called to order at 2:03 P.M. Also present were Robert Meyers, School Board Attorney; and Ray Pinder, Superintendent. Board members Hawkins and Johnson were absent.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-3833](#) Review and Tentative Approval of the 2026-2027 Student Progression Plan and School Procedures Handbook

Attachments: [Discussion Items 2026 2027](#)
[2026 2027 SPP Strikethrough Copy](#)
[2026 2027 SPP Clean Copy](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)
[06-09-26 Workshop Handout by J. Morris 26-3833](#)

John Morris, Director of Secondary Programs came forward to present this item. Board discussion focused on the attendance provision, with clarification that the threshold level applies per semester.

2. [26-3692](#) Review and Tentative Approval of the 2026-27 Staff Handbook Changes that Support the Ongoing Operational Needs of the District.

Attachments: [Summary of Changes to Staff Handbook 2026-27.pdf](#)
[Master Strike 2026-27 Staff Handbook.pdf](#)
[Master Clean 2026-27 Staff Handbook.pdf](#)
[Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact.pdf](#)

Alexis Brown, Director of Human Resources, and Rachel Becker, Coordinator of Human Resources, came forward to present this item. Board Member Bonczek noted that on page 50, Eastside Elementary School is not listed as a shelter. The correction will be made prior to final approval.

3. [26-3492](#) Review and Tentative Approval of Neola Policy Volume 26 No. 1.

Attachments: [Vol 26 N 1 REVISED June Workshop](#)
[Vol 26 No 1 Workshop Index](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Barbara Kidder, Assistant Superintendent, came forward to present this item. Board members indicated that they had reviewed the materials and had no concerns.

4. [26-3693](#) Review and Tentative Approval of the Revised Safe Driver Plan for the 2026-27 School Year.

Attachments: [Summary of Changes to Safe Driver Plan 2026-27.pdf](#)
[Master Strike Safe Driver Plan 2026-2027.pdf](#)
[Master Clean Safe Driver Plan 2026-2027.pdf](#)
[Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact.pdf](#)

Awilda Rodriguez-Fonte, Supervisor of Risk & Benefits, and Rachel Becker, Coordinator of HR came forward to present this item. No questions were raised by the Board.

5. [26-3841](#) Presentation on the Adoption and Purchase of Wayground as a District Educational Engagement Platform for Grades K-12

Attachments: [Hernando Wayground June 9 Workshop](#)
[Wayground Hernando County Order Form](#)
[Standard Addendum to Agreements](#)
[PUR 1355](#)
[Budget Sheet Wayground](#)

Jesse Diaz, Supervisor of Instructional Technology came forward to present this item. He explained that Wayground is a unified instructional platform that is to replace Seesaw and Nearpod. The Board discussion emphasized on the importance of comprehensive teacher training, monitoring program usage and effectiveness, and ensuring proper implementation of student accommodations. Follow up data on usage and outcomes will be provided. The consensus of the Board is to move forward for approval.

6. [26-3802](#) Presentation of 2026 Survey Results for Staff, Parent and Student Annual Engagement Surveys

Attachments: [2026 HCSD Combined Survey Presentation](#)
[Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact \(1\)](#)

Aaron Ellerman, Director of Communications; Alexa Neal, Supervisor of Human Resources; and Jennifer Merschbach, Director of Research and Accountability, came forward to present this item.

GENERAL COUNSEL

ADDENDUM ITEMS

GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

School Board Comments

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop adjourned at 3:13 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.
