



Hernando School District

School Board Informal Meeting

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

1:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present Board Chair Shannon Rodriguez
Vice Chair Mark Johnson
Board Member Susan Duval
Board Member Kayce Hawkins

Remote Board Member Michelle Bonczek

The Informal meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M. Also present were Kristin Ottinger, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent. Mrs. Bonczek participated telephonically.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

An informal meeting of the School Board has been scheduled for general discussion among Board Members on Educational Matters

Topics of Discussion:

1. Duval: School Board General Counsel

Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Bonczek addressed their concerns with the current firm, as there has been a change in attorney representation multiple times in the past year. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she understands the concern, however, she would like to give Mr. Meyers an opportunity for at least two meetings. Mr. Johnson is concerned with the amount of travel time that Mr. Meyers will do to attend our meetings and believes they should start exploring other options. Ms. Duval agreed. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that Mr. Meyers may be the perfect fit for us and would like to give him the chance. Mrs. Bonczek stated that she also has concerns with the change in attorneys and they need to think of what is the best interest for the board. After the discussion, consensus is to give Mr. Meyers a chance and to revisit this topic at the second meeting in October. Mr. Johnson suggest setting up an executive session without Mr. Meyers before the October 21st meeting.

2. Johnson - Springstead High School baseball field upkeep

3. Johnson - Collecting cash at school sporting events

4. Rodriguez - Keeping schools clean

5. Hawkins - Track at Central High School; Mr. Pinder will get an estimate to see how much it will

be to get it fixed.

6. Hawkins - Nature Coast Technical High School should have a band

7. Johnson - Would like to see all the school bands perform at the Kiwanis Christmas parade. The Board would like to see how the schools feel about it.

[26-3325](#) Handouts from the Informal Meeting of September 9, 2025

Attachments: [Handout by Duval - Weiss Serota 102423](#)
[09.09.2025 Mark Johnson](#)

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 1:53 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.
