



Hernando School District

School Board Workshop

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

2:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Board Chair Shannon Rodriguez
Vice Chair Mark Johnson
Board Member Michelle Bonczek
Board Member Susan Duval

Absent: Board Member Kayce Hawkins

The Workshop was called to order at 2:05 P.M. Also present were Kristin Ottinger, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [25-3100](#) Presentation on the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan (CERP)

Attachments: [CERP 2025 2026 HCSB](#)
[CERP Hernando 2526](#)
[Budget Sheet No Financial Impact](#)

Tiffany Howard, Director of Elementary and ELA Programs; Kelly Downey, Supervisor of Literacy, Intervention, and Elementary Academic Programs; and Kerri Littlefield, District MTSS Coordinator, came forward to present this item.

The following information was requested: Ms. Duval asked if the team if they can pull cohort data. Mr. Johnson asked what percentage of kindergarten students went to VPK. Mr. Johnson had follow up questions regarding the students who did not meet the requirements to graduate to the 4th grade. The requested information will be distributed to board members before the next meeting.

2. [25-3102](#) Review and Tentative Approval of the Revised Safe Driver Plan for the 2025-26 School Year.

Attachments: [2025 2026 Safe Driver Plan Summary of Changes](#)
[2025 2026 Safe Driver Plan Strikethrough](#)
[2025 2026 Safe Driver Plan Clean](#)
[Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact](#)

Awilda Fonte, Supervisor of Risk, Benefits and Wellness came forward to present this item.

3. [25-3120](#) Review and tentative approval of the 2025-2026 Wilton Simpson Technical College Handbook

Attachments: [STC Program Handbook 2025_26 strike-through RD 0625](#)
[STC Program Handbook 2025_26 clean RD 0625](#)
[Budget Sheet \\$0](#)

Radiah Dent, Director of Adult and Technical Education came forward to present this item.

4. [25-3121](#) Presentation of WREC Utility Easement at Eastside Elementary School.

Attachments: [25-3121 WREC Utility Easement Eastside Elementary](#)
[25-3121 Budget Sheet NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities & Construction came forward to present this item. The Board gave consensus for Mr. Pinder to sign the easement.

5. [25-2986](#) Presentation on the job description updates for the School Safety Guardian and School Safety Guardian In-Training positions to ensure alignment with the recent changes to the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program.

Attachments: [School Safety Guardian strike though](#)
[School Safety Guardian clean](#)
[School Safety Guard In-Training strikethough](#)
[School Safety Guardian In-Training clean](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)
[06-24-25 Workshop Handout #5. 25-2986](#)

Angel Pagan, Director of Safe Schools came forward to present this item. Mr. Pagan will make various board requested changes from the School Safety Guardian job description under sections: Required Qualifications, and Performance Responsibilities. These same changes will also be made to the job description for the School Safety Guard In-Training.

6. [25-3118](#) Review the receipt of a grant from Tampa General Hospital to be used with the National Fitness Campaign towards the installation of a Fitness Court at Central High School that will benefit students at CHS and all employees for HCSD.

Attachments: [National Fitness Campaign - Hernando School District](#)
[Hernando School District - 2025 Notice of Award & Grant Program Requirements](#)
[Letter of Intent with Attorney Stamp](#)
[Grant Application](#)
[3. NFC Sole Source Letter and Appendix \(1\)](#)
[CHS campus](#)
[Budget Sheet Fitness Court](#)

Matt Goldrick, Director of Labor Relations and Professional Standards; and Kelly Slusser, Central High School Principal, came forward to present this item. Ms. Duval asked if this organization does anything similar to this for elementary school students. During the discussion, Mrs. Rodriguez requested how the wellness money has been spent in prior years. She would like to see the number of employees who utilize the fitness center at the Hernando County Education Foundation property. Mr. Goldrick has

reached out to Cemex to see if they can help contribute to the cost. Mrs. Slusser will have Commander Cruz reach out to the Navy to see if they can donate. After much discussion, the Board gave consensus to commit to the \$50,000 contingent on fundraising and donations.

7. [25-3122](#) Space Hernando Updates

Attachments: [Space Florida Board Updates \(1\)](#)
[Budget Sheet \\$0](#)

Kara Trowell, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education came forward to present this item.

GENERAL COUNSEL

ADDENDUM ITEMS

GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

School Board Comments

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop adjourned at 3:47 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.
