

Hernando School District

School Board Regular Meeting

Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Board Chair Linda Prescott

Vice Chair Susan Duval

Board Member Gus Guadagnino Board Member Mark Johnson Board Member Shannon Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Also present were Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney; John Stratton, Superintendent; and Rylee Rhineberger, Student Representative.

REFLECTION

by Gus Guadagnino, Board Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Explorer K-8 Students

After the students lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Braithwaite, Principal of Explorer K8 (EK8) and Mr. MacGregor, Assistant Principal came forward to highlight happenings at EK8.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. <u>24-1941</u> Approval to adopt the agenda dated 1/23/2024.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Prescott, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

NAYS: Duval

Mrs. Rodriguez called for a motion to amend the agenda to add a proclamation in support of Israel as an action item. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson read a statement on the matter. Mr. Guadagnino asked for him to read the proclamation so that they know what they are voting on. Mrs. Rodriguez read a statement while Mr. Johnson looked for his copy of the proclamation to read aloud. Mr. Johnson read the proclamation. Ms. Duval stated that they are supposed to be non-partisan and that there are all different students with all different beliefs in our system and we are supposed to represent them all. She stated that she does not like becoming involved in resolutions that are strictly political. She stated that what is happening is not right, but this board

should not take a step in supporting in this one situation when there are many incivilities occurring all over this world. Mrs. Prescott explained why she voted against this the last time; not because she did not support it, but because when she attended a conference, another school board member from another county, whose board adopted this proclamation, caused protests in their county and Jewish students were afraid to go to class. Mrs. Prescott stated that Hernando County was the first district to adopt a holocaust curriculum, which has been very successful as it is age appropriate; and has since been adopted by the entire state of Florida. Mr. Guadagnino asked if they would consider instead of just stating just one country, changing it to a general statement to include all? Mr. Johnson agreed, but explained how this is going on now. After much discussion, Ms. Duval asked if Mr. Johnson is willing to write one that encompasses everything, why not wait to bring it back. Mrs. Rodriguez answered that we already have this one here.

Mrs. Prescott asked for a vote to amend the agenda to allow action on this item. Motion passes 3-2 with Duval and Prescott in dissent.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No one came forward to speak on this item.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

2. 24-1942 Student Representative, Rylee Rhineberger of Weeki Wachee High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

PRESENTATIONS

3. <u>24-1908</u> Recognition of the January HCSD Veteran

Attachments: Budget Sheet - No Financial Impact

Karen Jordan, Director of Communications came forward to introduce this item. Ms. Silva, Principal of Chocachatti Elementary School (CES) and Ms. Maiorini, Principal of Challenger K8 (CK8) came forward to speak about Jolene Amato, the districts veteran of the month.

4. 24-1938 Recognition of the successful completion of the first semester of the first cohort of the Associate Teacher Substitute Program and to recognize the Associate Teacher Substitutes in the second cohort.

Attachments: Budget Sheet No Financial Impact

Karen Jordan, Director of Communications and Ray Pinder, Assistant Superintendent came forward to present this item.

5. 24-1939 Recognition of student winners of the "Empowering Hernando Families" art contest conducted by the Hernando Community Coalition in partnership with Hernando Substance Exposed Newborn Taskforce (SEN).

Attachments: Budget Sheet - No Financial Impact

Tresa Watson of the Hernando County Community Coalition, came forward to present this item.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6. 24-1935 Approval of the Minutes from the November 27, 2023 Student Expulsion Appeal Hearing and from the December 12, 2023 Workshop and Regular School Board Meeting.

Attachments: 11-27-23 Student Appeal Hearing Minutes DRAFT

12-12-23 Workshop Minutes DRAFT with links 12-12-23 Meeting Minutes DRAFT with links

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Gus Guadagnino SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

7. 24-1921 Public Hearing and Final Approval of the 2023-2024 Athletic Handbook that Received Tentative Approval at the December 12, 2023 Workshop

Attachments: 2023 2024 Athletic Handbook Changes

2023 2024 Athletic Handbook Strikethrough Copy

2023 2024 Athletic Handbook Clean Copy

Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

No one came forward to speak on this item.

8. 24-1931 Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation that the book, "Two Boys Kissing" written by David Levithan, will not be removed from circulation and will be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: CHALLENGE 27 REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FORM

AND ARTIFACTS TWO BOYS KISSING 032 2023 M4L HHS 1 23

24

PEER REVIEWS TWO BOYS KISSING 032 23 HHS

CHALLENGE 27 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM

TWO BOYS KISSING 032 2023 M4L HHS 1 23 24

CHALLENGE 27 TWO BOYS KISSING SUPERINTENDENT

RESPONSE M4L 032 23

Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC

01-23-24 PH #8. 24-1931 Handout-Mulrooney

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak on this item: Kim Mulrooney, Lori Sowers and Aja Moore.

9. 24-1932 Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "Speak: The Graphic Novel" written by Laurie Halse Anderson, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: CHALLENGE 31 ARTIFACTS SPEAK THE GRAPHIC NOVEL 036

23 M4L SHS

CHALLENGE 33 ARTIFACTS SPEAK THE GRAPHIC NOVEL 038

23 M4L HHS

PEER REVIEWS FOR SPEAK THE GRAPHIC NOVEL 1 23 24

CHALLENGE 31 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM 036

23 SPEAK THE GRAPHIC NOVEL M4L SHS 1 23 24

SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSE SPEAK GRAPHIC NOVEL SHS

HHS

Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC

01-23-24 PH #9. 24-1932 Handout-Mulrooney

RESULT: ADOPTED MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak: Aja Moore and Kim Mulrooney.

10. 24-1933 Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "Eleanor and Park" written by Rainbow Rowell, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: CHALLENGE 32 ARTIFACTS ELEANOR AND PARK 037 23 M4L

<u>HHS</u>

CHALLENGE 58 ARTIFACTS ELEANOR AND PARK 068 23 M4L

NCTHS

CHALLENGE 68 ARTIFACTS ELEANOR AND PARK 076 23 M4L

SHS

CHALLENGE 69 ARTIFACTS ELEANOR AND PARK 077 23 M4L

WWK8

CHALLENGE 73 ARTIFACTS ELEANOR AND PARK 081 23 M4L

CHS

PEER REVIEWS ELEANOR AND PARK

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM ELEANOR AND

PARK

ELEANOR AND PARK RESPONSE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

STRATTON

Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC

01-23-24 PH #10. 24-1933 Handout-Mulrooney

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Gus Guadagnino

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak on this item: Aja Moore, Kim Mulrooney

and Pam Everett.

11. 24-1934 Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to remove the book, "Sold" written by Patricia McCormick, from circulation for all purposes and not be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: CHALLENGE 38 ARTIFACTS SOLD 043 23 M4L SHS

CHALLENGE 40 ARTIFACTS SOLD 045 23 M4L HHS
CHALLENGE 74 ARTIFACTS SOLD 083 23 M4L WWHS

PEER REVIEWS FOR SOLD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM SOLD 1 23 24 RESPONSE FROM SUPERINTENDENT STRATTON SOLD Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC

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01-23-24 PH #11. 24-1934 Handout - Mulrooney

RESULT: ADOPTED MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens were called to speak: Aja Moore, Kim Mulrooney, Mary Mazzuco and Pam Everett.

12. 24-1945 Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's recommendation not to remove the book, "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" written by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, and keep it in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: CHALLENGE 34 ARTIFACTS STAMPED RACISM ANTIRACISM

AND YOU 040-23 M4L HHS

CHALLENGE 82 ARTIFACTS STAMPED RACISM ANTIRACISM

AND YOU 091 23 M4L CHS

PEER REVIEWS STAMPED RACISM ANTIRACISM AND YOU

STAMPED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM

SUPERINTENDENT STRATTON RESPONSE FOR STAMPED

HHS 040 23 and CHS 091 23

Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC

01-23-24 PH #12. 24-1945 Handout - Mulrooney

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak: Aja Moore, Kim Mulrooney, Lori Sowers and Diane Liptak.

13. 24-1949 Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation not to remove the book, "The Poet X" written by Elizabeth Acevedo, in circulation and made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: CHALLENGE 39 ARTIFACTS THE POET X 044 23 M4L SHS

The Poet X Peer Reviews

CHALLENGE 39 POET X COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

FORM 1 23 24

CHALLENGE 39 RESPONSE 044 23 Poet X M4L SHS
Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

MOVER: Susan Duval SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

Motion to amend the action to read ...from grades 9-12 by Mr. Guadagnino. Mrs. Prescott clarified the motion as to make the book available to students in grades 9

through 12. Seconded by Mrs. Prescott. Motion passes to amend the motion 4-1 with Mr. Johnson in dissent.

The following citizens were called to speak: Aja Moore, Kim Mulrooney and Diane Liptak.

The board recessed at 8:40 P.M. and reconvened at 8:53 P.M.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN FORMS)

14. 24-1943 Citizen Input on agenda items for this meeting (Green Form)

Attachments: Citizen Input Speaker Green Form 110917 ACC

Ayanna Hypolite read the instructions for this item. The following citizens came forward to speak: Vincent Soldo, Jack Marting and Aja Moore.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following agenda items were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion:

- 21. 24-1956: Approval of Resolution No. R24-006 for the continuation of the Half-Cent Sales Surtax to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the ballot for the general election held on November 5, 2024.
- 22. 24-1953: Approve Job Descriptions for Director of Facilities and Construction, Facilities Department Secretary, Facilities Planning and CAD Designer Specialist, Facilities Projects Construction Manager, Fire Official Plans Examiner, Manager of Planning Design and Construction, and Planner.
- 23. 24-1919: Approve renewing bid no. 21-556-38 RN, Charter Bus Services as Needed, to Various Vendors for Charter Bus Service and Authorize the Purchase of Services for Estimated Annual Amount of \$33,800.
- 29. 24-1951: Approve renewing bid no. 22-360-22 RN, Carpet & VCT: Installation, Removal & Repairs, to Mark's Flooring Inc for flooring needs, goods and services and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual spending of \$50,000.00.

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Susan Duval SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Personnel Recommendations

15. 24-1923 Approval of the Personnel Recommendations (January 9, 2024)

Attachments: 23-24 BOARD AGENDA JANUARY 9 2024

2024 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 1-9-24 2024 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 1-9-24

*16. 24-1947 Approval of Personnel Recommendations (January 23, 2024)

Attachments: 23-24 BOARD AGENDA JANUARY 23 2024 REVISED

January 23 2023 Agenda ESOL

2024 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 1-23-24 2024 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 1-23-24

All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items

17. 24-1946 Approve out of state field trip for Chief Michael Santiago and NJROTC Cadets to Anniston, AL, for Air Rifle Nationals on February 14, 2024 through February 18, 2024.

Attachments: Budget Sheet - CHS 021424

18. 24-1948 Approve out of state field trip for Bethann Brooks, Jordan Hazen, and 11 students to Washington DC [Senior Class Trip] on April 4 - 7, 2024. Students are traveling with group from Nature Coast Technical High School.

Attachments: Budget Sheet - CHS 040224A

19. 24-1955 Approve Field Trip for Hernando and Weeki Wachee High School Students to Orlando, Florida to Attend the 2024 Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA) State Conference on February 2-4, 2024

Attachments: Budget Sheet FFEA Field Trip

All Other Business Services Agenda Items

20. 24-1858 Approval to Accept the 2022-2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Attachments: 2022 23 ACFR FINAL Budget Sheet ACFR

Job Descriptions

All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items

24. 24-1920 Approve renewing bid no. 22-934-29 RN, Irrigation Installation, Maintenance, Repairs and Services to AJ's Sprinkler & Pump Services, Inc. for irrigation needs and services and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual spending of \$50,000.00.

Attachments: 22-934-29 RN - Irrigation (01-09-24)
Irrigation Services Budget Sheet 12-2023

25. 24-1922 Approve renewal of RFQ No. 9009-3100-2106, Continuing Engineering Services, to Phoenix Engineering Group, OCI Consulting Engineers, SGM Engineering, Long & Associates, Architects/Engineers, Inc., McKim & Creed, Coastal Design Consultants, Inc., Engineering Matrix, Inc., BAL Engineering, Inc., Osborn Engineering, Matern Professional Engineering, Inc., Consulting Engineering Associates, Inc., KPI Engineering, Inc., TRC Worldwide Engineering, Inc., George F. Young, Inc. and ASR Engineering, Inc., for consulting engineering services (Civil, Structural, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Mechanical, Electrical and Low Voltage Systems) for miscellaneous projects to be awarded on an ongoing basis, and authorize the purchase of said services for an estimated annual amount of \$500,000.00.

Attachments: 24-1922 Engineering Cont Service ADA

24-1922 Renewal Letters Signed 24-1922 Budget Sheet ADA

26. 24-1924 Approve the Purchase of Pre-Advanced Placement Curriculum from the College Board and Authorize the Issuance of a Purchase Order for an Estimated Amount of \$50,510.00

Attachments: Hernando County Schools EA207977 2023 11 08

Budget Sheet PreAP

27. 24-1925 Approve the Renewal of the Piggyback of the School Board of Brevard County, Florida, ITB #21-159-B-HD: Books, Print & Non-Print, Instruction, Library, Curriculum, AP & Collegiate Materials & Related Ancillary Items & Services, Awarded to Multiple Vendors and Authorize the Purchase of the Goods and Services for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$100,000.00

Attachments: 22 998 59 PB RN Library Books 01 09 2024 Budget Sheet HCSB Bid 22 998 59 PB RN

28. 24-1940 Approve the agreement and authorize the purchase of pre-construction services from Air Mechanical and Service Corp., for the J.D. Floyd Elementary Soffit Replacement Phase 2 Project for \$5,000.00.

Attachments: 24-1940 Agreement 24-1940 Budget Sheet

All Other Superintendent Agenda Items

30. 24-1958 Approve out of state travel for John Stratton to San Diego, California for the AASA National Conference of Education on February 15-17, 2024.

Attachments: AGENDA (2)

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AASA REGISTRATION AND HOTEL

Air Reservation Cost

AASA NEC Budget Sheet

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION

21. 24-1956 Approval of Resolution No. R24-006 for the continuation of the Half-Cent Sales Surtax to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the ballot for the general election held on November 5, 2024.

Attachments: SB Half Cent Resolution FINAL 01092024

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R24-006 012324

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

MOVER: Mark Johnson SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

This item was pulled by Mark Johnson for discussion. He stated he is in favor of this item, but he does not think it is specific enough. Joyce McIntyre, Director of Finance and Ritesh Patel, Bond Counsel came forward to discuss this item. After some discussion and suggested changes, the motion was adopted as amended.

22. 24-1953 Approve Job Descriptions for Director of Facilities and Construction, Facilities Department Secretary, Facilities Planning and CAD Designer Specialist, Facilities Projects Construction Manager, Fire Official Plans Examiner, Manager of Planning Design and Construction, and Planner.

Attachments: Facilities Projects Construction Manager strikethrough

Facilities Projects Construction Manager clean

Fire Official Plans Examiner strikethrough

Fire Official Plans Examiner clean

Manager of Planning Design and Construction strikethrough

Manager of Planning Design and Construction clean

Planner strikethrough

Planner clean

Director of Facilities and Construction strikethrough

Director of Facilities and Construction clean

Facilities Department Secretary strikethrough

Facilities Department Secretary clean

Facilities Planning and CAD Designer Specialist strikethrough

Facilities Planning and CAD Designer Specialist clean

2023-2024 District Admin-Index-ACC

2023-2024 Confidential-Index-ACC

2023-2024 PTS Combined-Index-ACC

24-1953 Budget Sheet

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

This item was pulled by Mark Johnson for discussion. Brain Ragan, Director of Facilities came forward to explain this item.

23. 24-1919 Approve renewing bid no. 21-556-38 RN, Charter Bus Services - as Needed, to Various Vendors for Charter Bus Service and Authorize the Purchase of Services for Estimated Annual Amount of \$33,800.

Attachments: 21-556-38 RN Charter Buses (01-09-2024)

3600 Charter Buses

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Susan Duval

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

This item was pulled by Shannon Rodriguez for discussion. Ralph Leath, Director of Transportation came forward to explain this item.

29. 24-1951 Approve renewing bid no. 22-360-22 RN, Carpet & VCT: Installation, Removal & Repairs, to Mark's Flooring Inc for flooring needs, goods and services and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual spending of \$50,000.00.

Attachments: 22-360-22 RN Carpet & VCT (01-09-24) (1)

Marks Flooring Budget Sheet 2024

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

This item was pulled by Shannon Rodriguez for discussion. Robert Kublick, Manager of Environmental Services came forward to explain this item. After much discussion on the bid process, Mr. Johnson made a motion to table this item to the next meeting. Seconded by Shannon Rodriguez. Motion fails 2-3 with Duval, Guadagnino and Prescott in dissent.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

24-1987 Approve Proclamation No. P24-004, in support of Israel.

Attachments: P24-004 Israel

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

NAYS: Prescott, Duval

This item was added during the adoption of the agenda.

CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK FORMS)

31. 24-1944 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 110917 ACC

01-23-24 Handout by Mayon - Pink Sheets

The following citizens came forward to speak: Kimberly Lee Lapp, Ken Mayon, Diane Liptak and Kim Mulrooney.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL COUNSEL

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

The Board shared comments on school recognitions, book challenges, Tallahassee update, Juneteenth, and holocaust day.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 10:51 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.