



Hernando School District

School Board Workshop

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

2:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Linda Prescott
Gus Guadagnino
Mark Johnson
Shannon Rodriguez

Absent: Susan Duval

The Workshop was called to order at 2 P.M. Also present were John Stratton, Superintendent; Rylee Rhineberger, Student Representative; and Nancy Alfonso, School Board Attorney. Mrs. Prescott announced that board members will use their speaker buttons when wanting to speak.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [24-2027](#) Discussion on Informal Meetings

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

Mark Johnson stated that the way informal meetings were removed was not forthright. He stated he would like to see it come back. Mr. Guadagnino stated he does have a problem bringing it back, however, he does not want to bring it back as a separate meeting. He suggested dedicating a half hour at the beginning of the workshop, for informal topics. Mrs. Prescott stated that she noticed there were no informal meetings on the calendar, she also noticed that the workshop was being moved up from 2:30 PM to 2:00 PM. She agreed on making the first 30 minutes and last 30 minutes of the workshop for topics that would come up. Mr. Johnson suggested having the informal meeting on its own, 30 minutes to an hour prior to the workshop, once per month. He also asked about attending the master board training. Mr. Johnson suggested polling board members at the meetings to see if they wanted to have an informal at the next meeting day. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she, Riley and Mr. Johnson did not know about the change. Discussion took place on the manpower of running meetings. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she does not care where they put it [informal meetings] she just wants them back as they are beneficial to board members, so that they can talk about information and find solutions. Discussion took place on previous informal meetings. Mr. Johnson asked Mrs. Alfonso if the board voted on informal meetings, does the chair have the authority to remove them. Mrs. Alfonso stated that she would need to research the topic. She also stated that on both, the workshop and meeting agendas, board members have the opportunity for comments, which is essentially the informal. Mrs.

Prescott asked Mr. Johnson if he would be against having the first section of the workshop called an informal discussion. He stated he would prefer to have it separate. Mr. Stratton recommended to add it to the workshop with a title of "Informal Board Comments" dedicating a half an hour either before or after workshop items. He mentioned the legal notice aspect and it should be a set time. Mrs. Prescott stated that Ms. Duval will be at our meeting tonight. Mr. Johnson asked if they can talk about it at tonight's meeting. The board agreed to discussing it tonight when Ms. Duval is present.

2. [24-2028](#) Discussion on Student Disciplines

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

Mark Johnson discussed the increase of student disciplines and the amount of resources used to investigate threats. He also spoke about rewarding students who have changed their behavior for the better. Mr. Johnson would also like to see parent attend classes. Some discussion took place on bus expulsions and in school suspensions. Lisa Cropley, Executive Director of Student Support Programs, and Jill Kolasa, Director of Student Services came forward to address this topic. Mrs. Cropley explained they are getting ready to update the student code of conduct with the committee. Mrs. Rodriguez questioned the metal detector at school board meetings and maybe we need to implement the same at schools to keep student safe. Mr. Stratton asked for direction from the board. Mr. Johnson wanted more discussion on the topic. Mrs. Rodriguez suggested announcements by teachers in the mornings until it becomes a habit. Mr. Johnson gave examples of different reward systems. Mr. Johnson spoke about surveying the teachers to see what they think will work to get student disciplines down. The board's consensus is to get more information on metal detectors in schools. The board's consensus is to survey the teachers to see what their thoughts are on disciplines. The board's consensus is to attend master board training. The board would like to discuss disciplines again, when Ms. Duval is present. Mrs. Rodriguez asked if board members can attend schools at lunch time as she has heard about students receiving only two (2) chicken nuggets and stale hamburger buns. Mr. Stratton recommended that they attend individually and speak with Holly Longo, Director of Food and Nutrition.

GENERAL COUNSEL

ADDENDUM ITEMS

GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

School Board Comments

Mrs. Prescott announced that she attended the Exit Audit Interview and the district received outstanding comments about school and district happenings. Miss. Rhineberger shared that she has personally never seen a two nugget situation. She did say that the later lunches may experience cold food. She also expressed her thoughts on metal detectors and teacher disciplines when asked.

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop adjourned at 3:51 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.
