



# Hernando School District

## School Board Regular Meeting

### Minutes - Draft

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Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:00 PM

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

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Rollcall

**Present:** Board Chair Linda Prescott  
Vice Chair Susan Duval  
Board Member Gus Guadagnino  
Board Member Mark Johnson  
Board Member Shannon Rodriguez

#### CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. Also present were Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney and John Stratton, Superintendent.*

#### REFLECTION

by Mark Johnson, Board Member

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Nature Coast Technical High School Students

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [24-2204](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 4/23/2024.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED AS AMENDED

**MOVER:** Gus Guadagnino

**SECONDER:** Mark Johnson

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*Board Chair Prescott stated that she finds good cause for the deletion of item #3.  
24-2148 - Recognition of the Numeracy Week Poster Contest Finalists.*

*After the adoption of the agenda, Mr. Johnson made a motion to un-table the construction item at Winding Waters regarding payment for the fence and put it on the May 14, 2024 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Guadagnino. Motion passes 5-0.*

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

*Board Chair Prescott stated that there were no elected officials in the room, however she would like to recognize Dr. Beard from Pasco-Hernando State College.*

*Mrs. Hypolite stated that during the workshop earlier today, there was mention about un-tabling another item about bell times. Mr. Guadagnino made a motion to un-table the bell times. Seconded by Ms. Duval. Motion passes 5-0.*

*Mrs. Hypolite, stated that during the workshop earlier today, the Board reached consensus about moving forward with the next potential superintendent and to have the chair proceed with contract negotiations. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to add an agenda item to select the interim candidate and to enter into contract negotiations for one-year. Mr. Johnson clarified the motion is for tonight's agenda. Seconded by Mr. Guadagnino. Ms. Duval, Mr. Guadagnino and Mr. Johnson voted yes. Mrs. Hypolite clarified for the record, that during the earlier workshop, it was discussed to finalize Ray Pinder as the potential interim candidate and to allow the board chair to enter into negotiations. Mr. Johnson withdrew his motion. Mrs. Hypolite explained that there would need to be two separate motions; one to offer the position to the primary candidate for interim; and the other to allow the chair to negotiate on behalf of the Board. Mr. Johnson then stated he would like to make two separate motions, one to select an interim superintendent to be named later and one to allow the chair to negotiate the contract for no more than one year. Mrs. Hypolite stated that the board will need to direct the board chair as to who to negotiate with. Mr. Guadagnino made a recommendation for Ray Pinder. Mr. Guadagnino seconded. Mr. Guadagnino moved to recommend Ray Pinder. Ms. Duval seconded. Ms. Duval and Mr. Guadagnino were in favor and Mr. Johnson in dissent. Mrs. Rodriguez requested discussion. Mrs. Rodriguez moved to amend the motion to negotiate with Brent Gaustad and Ray Pinder as interim superintendent. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Ms. Duval, Mr. Guadagnino, and Mrs. Prescott were not in favor. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Rodriguez were in favor. Motion fails to amend. Mrs. Hypolite stated that it now goes back to Mr. Guadagnino's motion for Mr. Ray Pinder as interim superintendent or discussion as needed. Members took up discussion. Ms. Duval, Mr. Guadagnino and Mrs. Prescott were in favor. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Rodriguez were not in favor. Motion passes to offer the position of interim superintendent to Mr. Pinder.*

*Mr. Johnson made a motion for the Board Chair or designee to negotiate the contract. Seconded by Ms. Duval. Motion passes 5-0.*

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD**

2. [24-2205](#) Student Representative, Rylee Rhineberger of Weeki Wachee High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

## **PRESENTATIONS**

3. [24-2148](#) Recognition of the Numeracy Week Poster Contest Finalists

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

*This item was deleted from the agenda.*

4. [24-2209](#) Recognition of the Student Mentors from Hernando ME - Mentors in Education

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

*Sonsee Sanders, Director of Research and Accountability and Michelle Barnes, ESSA Specialist came forward to present this item.*

5. [24-1910](#) Recognition of the April HCSD Veteran

**Attachments:** [Budget Sheet - No Financial Impact](#)

*Karen Jordan, Director of Communications and Scott Piesik, Principal of Suncoast Elementary School came forward to present this recognition.*

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

6. [24-2206](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Workshop, Student Expulsion Appeal Hearing and Regular School Board Meeting of 4/9/2024.

**Attachments:** [04-09-24 Workshop Minutes DRAFT with links](#)  
[04-09-24 Student Appeal Hearing Minutes DRAFT with links](#)  
[04-09-24 Meeting Minutes DRAFT with links](#)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Mark Johnson

**SECONDER:** Gus Guadagnino

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

#### **CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN FORMS)**

7. [24-2207](#) Citizen Input on agenda items (Green Form)

**Attachments:** [Citizen Input Speaker Green Form 031424 ACC](#)

*Mrs. Hypolite read the instructions for this item. The following citizen came forward to speak: Lisa Masserio. Mr. Ken Mayon was called to speak but decided not to since the board had already voted on the item [superintendent] he wished to speak on. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that this is what she tried to explain earlier during the discussion.*

#### **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

*12. 24-2157: Approve out of state Travel for Glenn M. Lastra Jr., Patty Martin, and Ed LaRose of the Elementary School Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (FF&E) Committee to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the VS Furniture Expo for School Expansion on May 8th & 9th, 2024 by Mrs. Rodriguez.*

*21. 24-2170: Approve the Purchase of Advanced Placement Exams from College Board and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders for an Estimated Amount of \$249,128.00 by Mrs. Rodriguez.*

**RESULT:** **APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVER:** Susan Duval

**SECONDER:** Gus Guadagnino

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

#### **Personnel Recommendations**

8. [24-2163](#) Approval of the Personnel Recommendations

**Attachments:** [23-24 BOARD AGENDA APRIL 23 2024](#)  
[April 23, 2024 Agenda ESOL](#)  
[2024 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 4-23-24](#)  
[2024 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 4-23-24](#)

**All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items**

9. [24-2158](#) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Hernando County School District and Pace Center for Girls, Inc. "Reach Program" for one (1) year from March 8, 20204 to March 8, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Pace REACH Hernando & HCSB MOU - AAH Stamped](#)  
[Pace REACH Hernando & Hernando County School District](#)  
[\(ADDENDUM\) \(part 2\) - signed KP](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

10. [24-2161](#) Approve Field Trip for Hernando County School District Students to Attend the 2024 Florida History Day at the Tallahassee Community College in Tallahassee, Florida, May 5-7, 2024

**Attachments:** [Florida History Day Agenda](#)  
[Budget Sheet FL History Day](#)

11. [24-2168](#) Approve Field Trip for Hernando County School District Students to MarineLab Environmental Education Center in Key Largo, Florida, June 14-17, 2024

**Attachments:** [MarineLab Agenda](#)  
[MarineLab Field Trip Packet](#)  
[Budget Sheet MarineLab](#)

**All Other Support Operations Agenda Items**

**All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items**

13. [24-2077](#) Approve the Piggyback of OMNIA Partners/National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), Region 14 Education Service Center, RFP #46-22, Contract #14-22: Threat and Weapons Detection Software and Equipment awarded to Zeroeyes and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual amount of \$250,000.00 using Millage Funds.

**Attachments:** [24-838-33 PB ZeroEyes \(04-23-2024\) \(1\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised WITH Financial Impact Zeroeyes](#)  
[04\\_9\\_024](#)

14. [24-2147](#) Approve the piggyback of the State of Florida, Florida Department of Education ITB #2023-02, Type A, Type C and Type D School Busses with Optional Equipment, awarded to Sun State International Truck, LLC and authorize the purchase of Seven (7) 77 Passenger School Buses for a total cost of \$1,047,732.

**Attachments:** [Tab sheet 23.071.33 PB Type A, C and D School Buses \(04.23.24\)](#)  
[Hernando 3-2024 Quote 77 Pass w+Valeo AC](#)  
[6510 Budget Sheet \(04012024rev\)](#)

15. [24-2150](#) Approve the Purchase of the Registration Fees for Students Attending Saint Leo University in June 2024 and Authorize Purchase Orders in an Estimated Amount of \$65,000.00
- Attachments:** [2024 CSI Summer Camp HCS Flyer](#)  
[Summer 2024 Invoice](#)  
[Budget Sheet St Leo Camp](#)
16. [24-2155](#) Approve the renewal of Bid No. 22-968-38 RN, Tree Trimming Services, to Hernando Tree Pros for tree trimming services and authorize the purchase of services for an estimated annual spending of \$75,000.00.
- Attachments:** [22-968-38 RN Tree Trimming \(04-23-24\)](#)  
[Tree Trimming Budget Sheet 04-2024](#)
17. [24-2156](#) Approve renewing Bid No. 22-968-40RN, Lift Stations & Sump Pump: Maintenance Services & Repairs, to multiple vendors for lift stations and sump pump services and repairs and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual spending of \$100,000.00.
- Attachments:** [22-968-40 RN Lift Stations \(04-23-24\) \(1\)](#)  
[Lift Station Services Budget sheet 04-2024](#)
18. [24-2160](#) Approve the renewal of Skyward annual license, maintenance and hosting and authorize the issuance of purchase orders for an estimated annual amount of \$400,000.00.
- Attachments:** [Skyward Renewal 24-25](#)  
[Budget Sheet- Skyward Renewal- 2024-2025](#)
19. [24-2167](#) Approve the renewal of contract Bid No. 23-485-20 RN, Toilet Tissue/Paper Towels (Warehouse Delivery) to Buckeye Cleaning Center for the Purchase of Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel Products for an estimated annual spending of \$350,000.00.
- Attachments:** [23-485-20 RN Toilet Tissue \(04-23-2024\)](#)  
[Budget Sheet ACC](#)
20. [24-2169](#) Approve the Contract and Authorize the Purchase of Architectural Services to Reuse Existing Plans from Harvard Jolly, Inc. for \$1,159,222.00.
- Attachments:** [24-2169 AIA-C103 Owner-Consultant Agreement.pdf](#)  
[24-2169 AIA-B201 Architect's Services.pdf](#)  
[24-2169 EXHIBIT A - HCSB Consultant's Insurance & Bond Reqmts.pdf](#)  
[24-2169 EXHIBIT B - HCSB Standard Addendum to Agreements.pdf](#)  
[24-2169 EXHIBIT C - Conflict of Interest Statement.pdf](#)  
[24-2169 EXHIBIT D - Consultant's Fee Proposal.pdf](#)  
[24-2169 EXHIBIT E - HJ-PBK 2024 Hourly Billing Rates.pdf](#)  
[24-2169 Budget Sheet.pdf](#)
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**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION**

12. [24-2157](#) Approve out of state Travel for Glenn M. Lastra Jr., Patty Martin, and Ed LaRose of the Elementary School Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (FF&E) Committee to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the VS Furniture Expo for School Expansion on May 8th & 9th, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Experience Days STD May 2024](#)  
[Temp Duty Leaves.pdf \(2\)](#)  
[Budget sheet for 24-2157](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Shannon Rodriguez

**SECONDER:** Gus Guadagnino

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

*This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Mrs. Rodriguez for discussion. Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities and Construction came forward to explain this trip.*

21. [24-2170](#) Approve the Purchase of Advanced Placement Exams from College Board and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders for an Estimated Amount of \$249,128.00

**Attachments:** [AP Exam Costs 2023-2024](#)  
[Budget Sheet College Board](#)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Susan Duval

**SECONDER:** Gus Guadagnino

**AYES:** Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Rodriguez

**NAYS:** Johnson

*This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Mrs. Rodriguez for discussion. John Morris, Director of Secondary Curriculum came forward to explain this item.*

*The Board recessed at 7:28 A.M. and reconvened at 7:31 A.M.*

**ADDENDUM ITEMS****CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK FORMS)**

22. [24-2208](#) 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 031424 ACC](#)  
[04-23-24 Handout by D. Phillipsen - Pink Sheets](#)

*Mrs. Hypolite read the instructions for this item. The following citizens came forward to speak: David Phillipsen (handout), Jack Martin, Kathleen Robinson Harrison (handout) and Ken Mayon.*

**INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

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**GENERAL COUNSEL****SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

*The Board made comments on the following topics: Passover, transportation staff appreciation, student code of conduct, upcoming school district events, reminder of the 8:30 AM May 7, 2024 Special School Board Meeting on book challenges, and Let's Talk.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.*

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**Superintendent**

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**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.

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