



Hernando School District

School Board Workshop

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

2:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Board Chair Kayce Hawkins
Vice Chair Shannon Rodriguez
Board Member Michelle Bonczek
Board Member Mark Johnson

Absent: Board Member Susan Duval

The Workshop was called to order at 2:00 P.M. Also present were Robert Meyers, School Board Attorney, and Ray Pinder, Superintendent.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-3801](#) Review and Tentative Approval of the Volunteer Handbook

Attachments: [~striketrough updates to volunteer handbook 26-3801](#)
[~clean copy Final new changes Volunteer Handbook 26-3801](#)
[budget sheet no financial impact](#)
[06-23-26 Handout Item #1. 26-3801](#)

Angel Pagan, Director of Safe Schools came forward to present this item.

2. [26-3857](#) Review and tentative approval of the 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook

Attachments: [26.27 Ath Handbook Summary of Changes](#)
[26.27 Athletic Handbook Strikethrough](#)
[26.27 Athletic Handbook clean](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Dustin Kupcik, District Athletic Director came forward to present this item. Discussion focused primarily on student-athlete attendance eligibility requirements and consistency in enforcing attendance standards across schools. Board members discussed: attendance requirements for athletic participation and their alignment with the Student Progression Plan; the impact of Nature Coast Technical High School's block scheduling model and its differing attendance thresholds for eligibility; concerns regarding consistency among coaches in enforcing attendance requirements; administrative challenges associated with monitoring attendance data and communicating eligibility information to coaches; and the balance between promoting attendance and ensuring fair opportunities for student-athletes. Superintendent Pinder emphasized the importance of establishing consistent procedures to support implementation of attendance requirements

district-wide. The board consensus was to move forward as presented, however, Mrs. Hawkins disagreed.

3. [26-3885](#) Review and tentative approval of the 2026-2027 Wilton Simpson Technical College Handbook

Attachments: [Summary of Changes to the 2627 WSTC Handbook R](#)
[WSTC Program Catalog 2026_27 strikethrough copy](#)
[WSTC Program Catalog 2026_27 clean copy pdf](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC \(1\)](#)

Radiah Dent, Director of Adult and Technical Programs came forward to present this item. Board discussion included questions regarding enrollment periods for Career and Technical Education programs and short-term programs such as phlebotomy, logistics, medical laboratory technician, and nail specialty courses. Dr. Dent explained that enrollment timelines vary by program and that updated information would be posted on the website.

4. [26-3865](#) Presentation on the 2026-2027 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan (CERP)

Attachments: [CERP 2026 2027 HCSB](#)
[CERPTemp2627 workshop](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Tiffany Howard, Director of Elementary and ELA Programs; and Kelly Downey, Supervisor of Literacy, Intervention, and Elementary Academic Programs, came forward to present this item. Board discussion focused on significant gains in VPK readiness indicators. The presentation concluded with a review of district literacy goals and plans for the upcoming school year.

5. [26-3771](#) Review and Tentative Approval of the Revised Student Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 School Year, by Jill Kolasa, Director of Student Services

Attachments: [Outline of Revisions](#)
[2026.27 SCC DRAFT](#)
[2026.27 SCC FINAL](#)
[Budget Sheet](#)

Jill Kolasa, Director of Student Services, and Ryan Wilson, Discipline Hearing Officer, came forward to present this item. Board members discussed language related to student interviews conducted during investigations. Questions were raised regarding parent notification procedures. In regard to tobacco violations, the committee recommended an increase from level 2 offense to a level 3 violation. Staff reported a decline in tobacco-related incidents over the past several years while noting that vaping remains one of the district's most common discipline concerns. The committee also recommended to add a new disciplinary code addressing discriminatory language. Board members discussed modifying consequences for kindergarten through second-grade students to allow additional flexibility and interventions prior to out-of-school suspension. Staff agreed to revise the proposed language for further review.

6. [26-3781](#) Presentation of Dynamic Sports Performance Academy (DSPA) at D.S. Parrott Middle School by Dr. Christopher Clifford and Lauren Schumacher

Attachments: [DSPA_Combined_Presentation](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)
[06-23-26 Handout Item #6. 26-3781](#)

Chris Clifford, Principal of DS Parrott Middle School, Lauren Schumacher, Assistant Principal, and Gina Michalicka, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning came forward to present this item. Consensus is to market the academy and come back to the Board in December.

7. [26-3561](#) Review of the F.W. Springstead High School Beach Volleyball Court naming rights agreement

Attachments: [Signed contract for 26-3561 FWSHS BVB Court Naming.pdf](#)
[Exhibits for 26-3561.pdf](#)
[26 3561 Affidavit.pdf](#)
[26 3561 PUR 1355.pdf](#)
[26 3561 WS Chambers Law Naming Rights Summary.pdf](#)
[26 3561 shs beach courts sign and resume.pdf](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC.pdf](#)

Dustin Kupcik, District Athletic Director came forward to present this item. The Board's direction included: providing an accounting of donations and project contributions related to construction of the beach volleyball courts; continuing development of a standardized process for future naming rights requests; and ensuring recognition of all contributing community partners. The consensus of the Board was to keep the item on the regular meeting agenda for consideration. Board members expressed appreciation to Chambers Law Firm, LaRocca, and all community partners whose contributions made the project possible.

- *8. [26-3881](#) Presentation on the Adoption of K-12 World Languages, Health, and Physical Education Instructional Materials

Attachments: [Hernando FL MS 678 Canvas Brief Overview](#)
[Hernando HOPE Core and Variation Canvas Presentation Brief](#)
[Overview](#)
[2025 2026 K-12 Health and Physical Education Instructional Materials](#)
[Adoption List](#)
[2025 2026 K-12 World Languages Instructional Materials Adoption](#)
[List](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

John Morris, Director of Secondary Programs came forward to present this item. Board members asked questions regarding the adoption process and curriculum updates. Dr. Morris noted that the materials reflect current state requirements and provide updated resources for both students and teachers.

GENERAL COUNSEL

ADDENDUM ITEMS

GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

School Board Comments

Board members discussed several of the items presented during the workshop and expressed appreciation to district staff, community partners, and volunteers for their continued support of district programs and initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 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.
