



Hernando School District

School Board Regular Meeting

Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 6, 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 6:04 P.M. Also present were Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney, John Stratton, Superintendent, and Rylee Rhineberger, Student Representative.

REFLECTION

by Mark Johnson, Board Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by F.W. Springstead High School students

Dana Pearce, Principal of Springstead High School came forward to spotlight her school.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [24-1990](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 2/6/2024.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Susan Duval

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Mrs. Prescott read that she allows for the deletion of item #18. 24-1875: Approve the Deed of Dedication with Hernando County for a portion of Lot 14 of Hi-Way Farms Subdivision.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No one came forward to speak on this item.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

2. [24-1991](#) Student Representative, Rylee Rhineberger of Weeki Wachee High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

PRESENTATIONS

- 3. [24-1909](#) Recognition of the February HCSD Veteran

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

Karen Jordan, Director of Communications came forward to present this item. Terri Washington was recognized by Lisa Braithwaite, Principal at EK8.

- 4. [24-1973](#) Recognition of Al Sorrentino, the CHS Athletic Director, for earning his Certified Athletic Administrator designation from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

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

Dustin Kupcik, District Athletic Director, came forward to recognize Al Sorrentino from Central High School for earning this award.

- 5. [24-1985](#) Approve Proclamation No. P24-006, Black History Month 2024

Attachments: [Black History Month 2024](#)
[Budget Sheet - No Financial Impact](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Karen Jordan, Director of Communications came forward to present this item. Ms. Yant and Ms. Williams came forward to say a few words on this proclamation.

HERNANDO COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION DONATIONS

- 6. [24-1972](#) Presentation by the Hernando County Education Foundation

Attachments: [2-6-24 Budget Sheet HCEF](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Susan Duval

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Debbye Warrell, HCEF came forward to present this item.

PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

7. [24-1988](#) Approve Proclamation No. P24-005, Proclaim February 11th to February 17th of 2024, as Future Business Leaders-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) Week

Attachments: [Proclamation No P24 005](#)
[Budget Sheet Proclamation P24 005](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Beth Lastra, Supervisor of College and Career Programs, came forward to introduce this item. Students, Rylee Rhineberger and Amaya Pereira, came forward to read the proclamation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

8. [24-1992](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Workshop and Regular School Board Meeting of 1/23/2024.

Attachments: [01-23-24 Workshop Minutes DRAFT with links](#)
[01-23-24 Meeting Minutes DRAFT with links](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Gus Guadagnino

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

9. [24-1966](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person" written by Frederick Joseph, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [Challenge 35 The Black Friend Request for Reconsideration Form and Artifacts M4L 039 23](#)
[The Black Friend Peer Reviews](#)
[Challenge 35 The Black Friend Committee Recommendation Form 039 23](#)
[CHALLENGE 35 RESPONSE THE BLACK FRIEND 039 23 M4L HHS 1](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

RESULT: **FAILED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Prescott, Duval

NAYS: Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney read the instructions for this item. The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo and Kim Mulrooney. Mr. Johnson read part of a bill and stated this book should not be in our school district. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that this book is divisive, cites racism, hate speech and promotes CRT. Mr. Guadagnino asked if someone from the committee can speak. Mr. Johnson stated that he sees a violation of state law. Mr. Stratton stated that the law that was cited is in regard to instructional material and library books are not instructing in. Mrs. Hypolite agreed. Discussion took place on when these books were checked out.

- 10. [24-1968](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent’s Recommendation to keep the book, “America” written by E.R. Frank, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [CHALLENGE 37 AMERICA REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FORM AND ARTIFACTS](#)
[Challenge 37 America Peer Reviews](#)
[Challenge 37 America Committee Recommendation Form NCTHS](#)
[Challenge 37 America Superintendent Response](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Gus Guadagnino

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo and Kim Mulrooney.

Mr. Johnson expressed his opinion on this book. Mrs. Rodriguez agreed with Mrs. Mulrooney who stated that these children need help, but does not believe it is through these books. Mr. Guadagnino stated that he does not think anyone is being forced to read these books. Discussion took place on someone telling Mrs. Rodriguez not to read from a book at a previous meeting.

11. [24-1969](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "The Kite Runner" written by Khaled Hosseine, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [Challenge 95 The Kite Runner Artifacts NCTHS 0106 23](#)
[Challenge 101 The Kite Runner Artifacts -CHS 0112-23](#)
[Challenge 102 The Kite Runner Artifacts WWHS 0113 23](#)
[The Kite Runner Peer Reviews](#)
[Challenges 95 101 102 The Kite Runner Committee Recommendation Form NCTHS](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC 02-06-24 Meeting Handout by C. Yakimo 11. 24-1969](#)

RESULT: FAILED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval

NAYS: Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizen's came forward to speak on this item: Carol Yakimo-Alvelo and Kim Mulrooney. Mr. Johnson stated his opinion on this book. Mrs. Rodriguez stated her concern with the wording of the agenda item, specifically how it reads that it is the superintendent's recommendation. Mr. Stratton stated that they have had this discussion before and that this is the committees recommendation, but it is his agenda and he is just following the process that the board has laid out. Mrs. Prescott stated her opinion on the book from when she read it.

EXPULSION RECOMMENDATIONS

12. [24-1965](#) Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2024-01-01 for one (1) year.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

13. [24-1967](#) Enter a Final Order Expelling the Student in Case No. E2024-01-02 for one (1) year.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN FORMS)

14. [24-1993](#) Citizen Input on agenda items for this meeting (Green Form)

Attachments: [Citizen Input Speaker Green Form 110917 ACC](#)

No one came forward to speak on this item. The board recessed at 7:59 P.M. and reconvened at 8:05 P.M.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

19. 24- 1962: *Approve Renewing Bid No.21-200-33 RN: Promotional Products: Screen Printing, Embroidery Services and Custom Orders RE-BID to Multiple Vendors and Authorize Purchases on an as Needed Basis for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$220,000.00*

21. 24-1964: *Award Bid No. 24-204-16, Computers & Technology: Equipment, Software, Peripheral Devices and Related Products to multiple vendors and authorize the purchase of the goods and/or services for an annual estimated spending of \$2,000,000.00.*

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Personnel Recommendations

15. [24-1961](#) Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Attachments: [23-24 BOARD AGENDA FEBRUARY 6 2024](#)
[2023 2024 OFF ESOL Teachers 2 6 2024](#)
[2024 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 2-6-24](#)
[2024 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 2-6-24](#)

All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items

16. [24-1971](#) Approve out of state field trip for Commander Christian Cruz and NJROTC Cadets to Blacksburg, South Carolina for Orienteering Nationals on March 14 - March 18, 2024.

Attachments: [Budget Sheet CHS 031424](#)

All Other Business Services Agenda Items

- 17. [24-1960](#) Approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendment No. 2 for Quarter Ending December 31, 2023

Attachments: [24 GF BA 2](#)
[24 DSF BA 2](#)
[24 CPF BA 2](#)
[24 FSF BA 2](#)
[24 SRF BA 2](#)
[24 ESSER II BA 2](#)
[24 ESSER III BA 2](#)
[24 ARP-HCY BA 2](#)

All Other Support Operations Agenda Items

All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items

- 20. [24-1963](#) Approve the Purchase of Dual Enrollment (DE) Tuition from the University of Florida (UF) and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders Not to Exceed \$10,000.00

Attachments: [UF DE Agreement Approved 050923](#)
[Budget Sheet UF Agreement](#)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION

- 18. [24-1875](#) Approve the Deed of Dedication with Hernando County for a portion of Lot 14 of Hi-Way Farms Subdivision.

Attachments: [24-1875 Deed of Dedication](#)
[24-1875 Budget Sheet](#)

This item was deleted from the agenda at the adoption of the agenda.

- 19. [24-1962](#) Approve Renewing Bid No.21-200-33 RN: Promotional Products: Screen Printing, Embroidery Services and Custom Orders RE-BID to Multiple Vendors and Authorize Purchases on an as Needed Basis for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$220,000.00

Attachments: [21 200 33 RN Promotional Products 02 06 2024](#)
[Budget Sheet Bid No. 21 200 33 RN](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion by Board Member Rodriguez. Mr. Stratton explained this renewal.

21. [24-1964](#) Award Bid No. 24-204-16, Computers & Technology: Equipment, Software, Peripheral Devices and Related Products to multiple vendors and authorize the purchase of the goods and/or services for an annual estimated spending of \$2,000,000.00.

Attachments: [24-204-16 Computers & Technology \(02-06-24\) Tabulation Budget Sheet](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion by Board Member Rodriguez. Mr. Joe Amato, Director of TIS came forward to explain this item.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK FORMS)

22. [24-1994](#) 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](#)

Ayanna Hypolite, School Board Attorney read the instructions for this item. The following citizens came forward to speak: Susan Pribil, Cheryl Paradis, Madalyn Sapia, Gabriella Buchel, Kim Mulrooney, Diane Liptak, Aja Moore, Wendy Porter, Carla Johns.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL COUNSEL

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Duval thanked the BOCC for supporting the name change of the South Brooksville Kennedy Park to the Coach Lorenzo Hamilton Senior Park. Mr. Guadagnino thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a happy valentines days. Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the citizen who spoke about the removal of the informal meetings. She also agreed with a speaker who spoke on being able to write a note if their child is sick. Mrs. Rodriguez spoke about impact fees and allowing students to work for longer hours and various other topics. Mr. Johnson wished everyone a happy valentines day. He also explained some updates on impact fees. Mr. Johnson stated that he believes there should be an informal meeting. He also spoke about starting a fishing team at Weeki Wachee High School (WWHS). There will be a fishing clinic on April 13th at WWHS at 8 A.M. Mrs. Prescott thanked everyone for coming out. Mrs. Prescott stated that they can discuss having the informals brought back. Mr. Stratton explained that the chair at the time decided to not put the informals on the calendar that was voted on in November. He stated that the Board can decide having them. Mrs. Prescott explained that at the Organizational meeting in November, no one brought up the informals. Mr. Johnson stated that he did not realize they went away permanently. Mr. Guadagnino explained what the original purpose of the informal was. Mr. Johnson disagreed with him. Mrs. Prescott asked the board to consider using their speaker buttons, as they did in the past. Mr. Johnson agreed. They also spoke about allowing each

board member 10 minutes to speak. Mrs. Hypolite warned of making motions without having public input. Mr. Johnson stated that he plans on speaking about disciplines at the next meeting, which will be longer than 10 minutes. Mr. Stratton spoke about absenteeism, impact fees, student disciplines, and dress code. He also spoke about teacher professional development as it was an incredible event. The next citizens academy is this Thursday. He also shared that the Interlocal is happening on March 14th at PHSC, at the Brooksville Campus and the City of Brooksville is hosting. Mrs. Prescott brought up the Juneteenth holiday and would like an agenda item on it for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 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.
