



# HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 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.

## WORKSHOP

1-28-20

2:00 PM

### 1-28-20 Workshop Minutes

#### CALL TO ORDER

2:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 28, 2020 at District Office-Board Room, 919 North Broad Street, Brooksville, FL.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gus Guadagnino	Board Member	Present	1:55 PM
Susan Duval	Board Chair	Present	1:56 PM
Linda K. Prescott	Vice Chair	Present	1:56 PM
Jimmy Lodato	Board Member	Present	1:55 PM
Kay Hatch	Board Member	Present	1:56 PM

*The School Board Workshop was called to order on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 2:00 P.M., in the School Board Room, 919 N. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601, with Ms. Susan Duval, Chairperson, presiding, Mrs. Linda Prescott, Vice Chairperson, and members, Mr. Gus Guadagnino, Mrs. Kay Hatch and Mr. Jimmy Lodato, present. Also present were, Mr. John Stratton, Superintendent; Mr. Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney.*

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. Agenda Item (ID # 4121)

##### Informational Item on Footsteps2Brilliance

*Gina Michalicka, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Carrie LaBarge and Ivette Mendoza came forward to present this item.*

*Mr. Guadagnino requested handouts to give out to the community. Mrs. LaBarge explained that there is an ambassador at each participating schools to help recruit the families to sign up. Mr. Lodato asked about bringing this program into additional schools. Mrs. Michalicka explained they will sit down to evaluate and be strategic about that decision. Mr. Lodato asked to see the marketing plan. Mrs. Michalicka explained that they will incorporate this program with the reading challenge, as well as the YMCA and BGC before/after school programs. Ms. Duval asked for another update in June.*

2. Agenda Item (ID # 4177)

##### BEST Academy Charter Renewal Request

*Dawn Williams, Supervisor of School Choice and Andre Buford, Principal of BEST Academy came forward to speak on this item. Dawn Williams explained that the charter school asked for a 10-year renewal, however, the recommendation to the school board is a 2-year renewal. Mr. Buford asked for more than a 2-year contract. He stated his school is out performing any other Title I school in the county. He feels they are doing their part and work tirelessly to give the students a quality education. After some discussion, Mr. Lodato stated that he is in favor of a 5-year contract.*

*Ms. Duval stated that she does not doubt Mr. Buford's sincerity, but has many questions within the documents. Ms. Duval asked if the board members listed in the DOE accountability report are current. Mr. Buford listed the changes. Mrs. Williams clarified that this report is from the 2017-18 school year and that DOE has just opened for the 2018-19 data entry. Mrs. Prescott asked if they should wait until they get the data for 2018-19 entered. Ms. Duval asked to continue addressing her concerns. It was determined that the lease is up in 2024. Ms. Duval spoke about the independent audit report and how the net position dropped substantially. Mr. Buford explained that they are working on increasing student enrollment. Ms. Duval also had concern regarding staff development and Mr. Buford stated they do in-house training that he provides. Ms. Duval asked where the cost for the SRO is within the report. Mr. Buford stated it could be coded in the Operation of Plant category or General Administration category. Ms. Duval also had concerns on the total capital assets being down. Mr. Buford stated it could be because money was moved into a money market savings account. Discussion took place on using the same CPA firm and removing the staff member he had. Mr. Buford also explained that the monthly reports are being sent to the district contact. Ms. Duval listed her concerns in the 2018-19 annual review. Mr. Buford stated that some of these concerns have been corrected. Mrs. Williams mentioned that she has not been notified of the corrections.*

*After many questions, Ms. Duval stated that she is in favor of a 2-year contract. She would like to see consistency over the next 2 years. Mr. Lodato stated he disagrees because they will not have enough time within 2-years to turn this around. He is in favor of a 5-year contract with annual updates. Mrs. Hatch asked what will be the ramifications if we do what Mr. Lodato suggested. Ms. Duval expressed her thoughts and opinion. Mrs. Prescott asked if we were to approve the 5-year contract and then within a year they are in financial despair, what can the board do? Mr. Alfonso stated there is board policy and statutes. The board would have to terminate the application, which is not an easy process. He stated that today they are talking about the renewal of the charter, which is up to the comfort level of this board.*

3. Agenda Item (ID # 4190)

Turnaround School Supplemental Services Allocation Update

*Angela Kennedy, Director of Federal Programs and Alexa Neal, AP from Moton Elementary School came forward to present this item.*

4. Agenda Item (ID # 4138)

Review and Tentative Approval of an Amendment to the 2019-2020 Student Progression Plan and School Procedures Handbook

*John Morris, Supervisor of Secondary Programs and Beth Lastra, Supervisor of College and Career Programs came forward to present this item.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TENTATIVE APPROVAL</b>
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5. Agenda Item (ID # 4196)

Presentation of Facilities & Construction Update

*Brian Ragan, Director of Facilities came forward to present this item.*

6. Agenda Item (ID # 4204)

Presentation and Information on the Hernando County School District Reduced Schedule Policy

*Mr. John Morris, Supervisor of Secondary Programs and Toni-Ann Noyes, Principal of NCTHS came forward to present this item. Mr. Morris explained that they are looking to implement the change for next year. Ms. Duval wants to speak with Mrs. Noyes regarding some suggestions she has with the hardship form.*

**GENERAL COUNSEL**

**ADDENDUM ITEMS**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION**

**School Board Comments**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:29 P.M.*