

Citizen's Accountability Committee

Hernando County voters approved reinstatement of a half-cent discretionary sales surtax on Sept. 8, 2015. All proceeds from the sales surtax will be used for maintenance and repair projects. The Hernando County School District's five-year Capital Improvement Plan identifies the projects to be funded using sales surtax proceeds, including types and estimated cost of projects. The District's five-year Capital Improvement Plan will serve as the primary source document for all projects to be funded using sales surtax proceeds collected between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2025.

The District is committed to being transparent, as appropriate, is accountable to the residents of Hernando County for using sales surtax proceeds in a manner consistent with the Board-approved resolution that prompted the request for a special election and hereby forms the Citizen's Accountability Committee for the purpose of developing reports for the Board of Education on project spending and progress and disseminating information regarding projects funded by the half-cent sales surtax to the general public.

The group will consist of the District's Director of Facilities Operations, Director of Budget and five community representative's one from each district representing the School Board.

Community members will be selected by the Superintendent in consultation with Board members and should represent each Board voting district. School Board members are encouraged to take into consideration representation from various racial and ethnic groups and professionals with a background in accounting, finance, or construction and design.

The terms of community members nominated by School Board members shall be consistent with the terms of their respective nominating School Board members, unless the nominating School Board member exercises his/her discretion to remove the Committee member.

The Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among the five (5) community members, All Committee members serve in a voluntary capacity and shall be residents of Hernando County. Community members will be removed automatically should they miss three (3) consecutive regular meetings without good cause. Committee members, and/or their company(ies) in which the members have a direct financial interest, shall not do business with the District during the members' term, In accordance with § 112.313, Fla. Stat., and pertinent Opinions of the Florida Commission on Ethics.

The School Board will reasonably provide adequate support to the Committee to discharge its responsibilities, The Board, with the advice and counsel of the Committee, shall ensure reasonable access to District personnel and public documents. Committee activities shall be reported to the School Board on a regular basis.

The Audit Committee will meet on a regular basis and call special meetings as required with proper notice. Four (4) voting members shall constitute a quorum. Committee meetings are to be conducted under *Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised*. All Committee and subcommittee meetings are governed by the Sunshine Law as required by Chapter 286, Fla. Stat.

Application for membership shall be submitted to the Superintendent in the following format:
Name:

Address, Phone and email:

Representing District:

Describe qualities that you feel make you an exceptional candidate for this committee:

Background, Vita or Resume:

Letters of Reference: (minimum of 2)

This is a Board Advisory Committee, which will require open meetings, public advertisements, etc.