

HARTRIDGE ACADEMY

Board Meeting, September 14, 2026

The board was called to order. All members - Lopez, Kelley, and Street were in attendance with Principal Richards. Minutes from the June 2026 meetings were read and approved for signature.

The principal provided the contents of the charter renewal application to be submitted. The decision to apply for renewal was discussed and approved during the June 8 meeting. PCSB policies and procedures were discussed for adoption with knowledge that parent agreements to stronger restrictions would still prevail. The PCSB renewal process timeline and denial to accept our renewal later has resulted in rescheduling meetings with new Hartridge families, ESE meetings, and required state testing was shared. Meetings will have to be rescheduled to September 25 -October 20. Hartridge will request October 28 as the renewal visit to accommodate the district's preference of Wednesdays. October 27 or 28 will also be offered if needed. Time was taken to reflect on the positive impact Hartridge has had on the community for 25 years. It was noted that two former Hartridge elementary students are now parents who have enrolled their children. Hartridge will seek the option to add Hartridge Alumni as a priority for available spaces during enrollment beginning SY2728. An attorney has been retained to advise Hartridge through the renewal process and contract negotiations. A motion was made to approve the renewal application content, seconded, and unanimously approved. The principal reminded the staff that it can't simply be sent electronically since the district is requiring that paper copies be assembled into multiple notebooks, document and attachments scanned consecutively as one document then separately onto multiple flash-drives, tabs inserted, etc. Hartridge has prescheduled ESE meetings this week including evenings for working parents making this week difficult for assembly and scanning. Florida statute does not have a mandatory due date for charter renewals nor does the PCSB contract, but the principal will attempt to do so as soon as possible for the convenience of PCSB's schedule.

Principal Richards provided financial statements and bank statements. The audit is moving forward and all requests to date have been provided. She shared that the new year has started safely and with enthusiasm by returning and new families. Florida's mandatory progress monitoring assessments are near completion, showing that several new families have children who will require special education services.

Other items on the consent agenda were discussed. A motion was made to accept the agenda in its entirety, seconded, and unanimously approved. There was no further business and no audience requesting to speak. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

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Consent Agenda

1. Approve FCPCS evaluation system for 2627
2. Approve "Purple Star School" application and events. Use fund balance up to \$5000 to cover the expenses for monthly events' supplies and academic field trips.
3. Approve amended budget for 2627 and projected 5 year
4. Approve charter renewal application content and to submit and the related attorney costs.
5. Approve hiring of Director of Operations position when needed.
6. Adopt Polk County Anti-bullying policy.
7. Adopt PCSB Internet Policy and the additional restrictions/rules specific to Hartridge.
8. Approve SIP 2627 (CIMS2) and FSSAT safe schools report.