

Application to ½ Cent Tax Community Accountability Committee

Hernando County voters approved reinstatement of a half-cent discretionary sales surtax (hereinafter the “1/2 Penny”) on Sept. 8, 2015. All proceeds from the ½ Penny will be used for Capital 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 ½ Penny proceeds collected between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2025.

The District is committed to being transparent and accountable to the residents of Hernando County for the use of the sales surtax proceeds. In a manner consistent with the Board-approved resolution prompting the request for a special election hereby forms the Citizens Accountability Committee for the purpose of developing reports for the School Board. The reports shall focus on information concerning project status, progress and spending. The Committee will provide general oversight to the School Board’s maintenance and capital construction projects involving funds from the ½ Penny, and assist with the School Board in disseminating information regarding projects funded by the 1/2 Penny to the general public.

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) community members and two (2) ex officio School Board Employees of which shall be the District’s Director of Facilities Operations or designee and Director of Budget or designee.

The Superintendent shall select committee members through an application process. The Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among the seven (7) 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 two (2) consecutive regular meetings without good cause. In addition to the seven (7) member committee a list of two (2) alternates shall be selected shall the need arise to provide a replacement for any committee member unable to complete their term.

Committee members are part of a citizen advisory committee, and *are exempt* from the requirement of filing financial disclosure pursuant to § 112.3145, Fla. Stat.

Committee members, shall be subject to the requirements of § 112.313, Fla. Stat., § 112.3143, Fla. Stat., and pertinent Opinions of the Florida Commission on Ethics, and neither Committee members or company(ies) in which the members have a direct financial interest, shall do business with the District during the members' term.

The Committee shall be non partisan with respect to political party and while serving on the committee, no member will actively campaign for an elected position within the County. Committee members shall serve a two (2) year term with a maximum of two (2) terms. The initial terms shall be staggered as determined by the Superintendent of Schools to ensure overlap of committee members.

The School Board will reasonably provide adequate support to the Committee to discharge its responsibilities, The Board, with the advice and consultation 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 Committee shall meet on a quarterly 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 and attachments for membership shall be submitted to the Superintendent.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Please attach your background, vitae or resume and two letters of reference and send to:

**Hernando Co. School District
John Stratton, Superintendent
919 N. Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34601**

OR email to figueroa_b@hcsb.k12.fl.us