Agenda

November 17, 2026
School Board of Manatee County
Board Reorganization Meeting and Meeting of Leasing Corporation - 10:00 AM
Walter Miller School Support Center
Board Room

Times Indicated are Approximate

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS**
4. **REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD**
    1. Election of Chairman
    2. Election of Vice-Chairman
    3. Set Schedule for Regular School Board Meetings for the 2026-2027 Year
    4. Discussion Regarding Workshops
    5. Discussion Regarding Board Committee Assignments for 2026-2027
5. **RECESS REORGANIZATION MEETING**
6. **ANNUAL MEETING OF MANATEE SCHOOL BOARD LEASING CORPORATION**
    1. Call to Order the Annual Meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation
    2. Annual Meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation
    3. Adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation
7. **RECONVENE REORGANIZATION MEETING**
8. **SUPERINTENDENTS COMMENTS**
9. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.1

School Board of Manatee County
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Action Item

Title
Election of Chairman

Executive Summary
Section 1001.371, Florida Statutes, requires that in November of each year, the district school board shall organize by electing a chair. It may elect a vice chair, and the district school superintendent shall act ex officio as the secretary. At the organization meeting, the district school superintendent shall act as Chair until the organization is completed.

Superintendent Laurie Breslin will call for a motion of nomination for Chairman of the Board.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Financial Impact
No Financial Impact

Contact
Submitting Department: School Board

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.2

School Board of Manatee County
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Action Item

Title
Election of Vice-Chairman

Executive Summary
Section 1001.371, Florida Statutes, requires that in November of each year, the district school board shall organize by electing a chair. It may elect a vice chair, and the district school superintendent shall act ex officio as the secretary. At the organization meeting, the district school superintendent shall act as Chair until the organization is completed.

Superintendent Laurie Breslin will call for a motion of nomination for Vice-Chairman of the Board.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Financial Impact
No Financial Impact

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.3

School Board of Manatee County
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Action Item

Title
Set Schedule for Regular School Board Meetings for the 2026-2027 Year

Executive Summary
The School Board will discuss and determine the schedule of Regular Board Meetings for the 2026-2027 year. Two options are attached for review and discussion.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Financial Impact
No Financial Impact

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.4

School Board of Manatee County
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Action Item

Title
Discussion Regarding Workshops

Executive Summary
The School Board will discuss and determine the schedule of Regular Board workshops for the 2026-2027 year.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Financial Impact
No Financial Impact

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Submitting Department: School Board

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.5

School Board of Manatee County
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Action Item

Title
Discussion Regarding Board Committee Assignments for 2026-2027

Executive Summary
The School Board conducts its annual organizational meeting in November, to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Generally, Board Member committee assignments for the following calendar year are addressed at the first Business Meeting following the Board's annual organization. The Board will hold discussion regarding the determination of Board Member committee assignments. The Committee Worksheet will come before the Board in December for final approval and vote.

Attached is the current list of Board Committee Assignments, which includes a blank column for assignment of upcoming committee representation.

This item aligns with the District's Strategic Plan Goal(s) which state(s):

Financial Impact
No Financial Impact

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Attachments:
2026-27 Memo re Board Committee Worksheet
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To: Board Members
cc: Superintendent Breslin

Date: October 21, 2026

Re: Board Committees Worksheet

Attached is the worksheet for the 2026-27 Board Committees. The worksheet includes the name of the committee, the purpose, the typical meeting schedule, the Board Member who served on the committee for the past year, and a sign-up column for the coming year.

As you review the list, please let me know if there are additional committees that should be listed, committees that should no longer be on the list, or any possible revisions to update meeting times, etc.

The attached list will be reviewed and discussed at the Reorganization meeting held November 17, 2026. Following that meeting, the Committee selections are made and should be provided to me by Tuesday, November 26. The final list and assignments will be placed on the first Regular Board Meeting agenda in December for approval.

***If you see an error on this list, for example the current Board Member serving on the Committee is incorrect; please let me know.

Please let me know if I can be of any other assistance.

Thank you.

Laura E. Cox

COMMITTEE WORKSHEET 2026-27 Draft

Committee Name	Committee Purpose	Meeting Schedule	Cost	2025-2026 Board Member	2026-2027 Board Member
Audit Committee	Promote, maintain, and enhance the independence and objectivity of the internal auditing function of the district by ensuring broad audit coverage, adequate consideration of audit/review reports and appropriate action on recommendations.	First Wednesday of every other month and as called	None	Charles Kennedy	.
Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition	Collaborate on educational best practices and legislation among the school districts in central Florida.	Monthly; 2nd Monday 9:30 – noon Orange County School District	Hotel/mileage/ meals reimbursement	Richard Tatem	.
Children's Services Advisory Board **(County requires School Board Member participation on this Board) – This is a 3-year appointment.**	Make recommendations regarding the expenditure of dedicated funding, consult with agencies involved in the Children's Services Delivery System in an effort to minimize duplication of services & complete other duties as assigned by the County Commission.	Monthly; 3rd Wednesday 3:30 p.m. (more frequently during budget preparation)	None	Heather Felton	Heather Felton.

Auditor Selection Committee	The auditor selection committee for a district school board, must consist of at least three members. One member of the auditor selection committee must be a member of the governing body of an entity, who shall serve as the chair of the committee. The primary purpose of the auditor selection committee is to assist the governing body in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required in s. 218.39;	As Needed	None	Charles Kennedy	.
Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Advocacy Committee **(Board Member and an Alternate required)**	A nonprofit corporation representing all school board members in Florida, providing training and certification programs, as well as legislative liaison services.		FSBA Annual Dues: $23,765.00	Heather Felton Alternate- Richard Tatem	.
FSBA Board of Directors (Elected by FSBA Members at General Meeting)	Participate on the state-wide Board of Directors to evaluate and implement educational best practices and legislative initiatives.	As called; meet at least twice per year.	Hotel/mileage/ meals reimbursement	Alt for Region- Heather Felton Term is one year and designated during the summer conference	
FSBA - Florida Education Investment Trust Fund (FEITF) Now known as FL PALM 2 School Board members statewide appointed by FSBA	A common law trust organized under the laws of The State of Florida, designed to meet the cash management and short-term investment needs of school districts, political subdivisions of the State or instrumentalities of political subdivisions of the State. The FSBA and FADSS sponsor the Fund	As called	Hotel/mileage/ meals reimbursement	Chad Choate, III	.

FSBA Finance Committee	Monitors the financial operation and budgetary process of FSBA.			Charles Kennedy	
Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards				Heather Felton	
Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance	Collaborate with business entities to enhance educational and occupational opportunities for students.	Monthly	None	Richard Tatem	.
Local Coordinating Board (LCB) 8100 15th St E Sarasota 941-359-5772	Work with metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for disadvantaged children	Every other Month Wednesday	www.mympo.org	Charles Kennedy	C
Legislative Liaison	Collaborate with legislative delegation, FSBA, district's legislative liaison, and Superintendent regarding educational initiatives.	Weekly during Legislative Session	Cost of district's legislative liaison	Cindy Spray Alt-Chad Choate	
Manatee County Chamber of Commerce	Collaborate with business entities to enhance educational and occupational opportunities for students.	Monthly	Annual Dues $350	Cindy Spray	
MTC Board of Governors **(Bylaws indicate ideal representation includes a School Board Member)**	Provide vision and oversight for MTC.	Quarterly	None	Richard Tatem	
School Health Advisory	To advise on the delivery of a coordinated school	The full committee meets twice a year	None	Heather Felton	

Committee	health program that addresses physical, social and emotional health of students and staff.	(November and March) but subcommittees meet as frequently as needed during the school year to work on special projects.			
Value Adjustment Board **(Florida Statue requires School Board Member)**	Consider and act upon the recommended decisions of special magistrates regarding homestead exemptions, assessments, and appeals concerning ad valorem tax deferrals and classifications.	As called, at least twice per year in autumn and spring.	None	Cindy Spray Alt- Richard Tatem	.
Manatee Education Foundation MEF Bylaws state that this position is held by the Chair of the School Board)	To provide funding for innovative programs and enhanced educational opportunities for the teachers and students of Manatee County Public Schools beyond allocated state dollars.			Chad Choate III	.
Manatee County Fair Board	The Manatee County Fair is sponsored annually by the Manatee River Fair Association, Inc., and is dedicated to providing a clean, family-friendly environment for visitors to gather and enjoy what is best about Manatee County!	Quarterly, possibly more near fair time.	$50 paid by Board member	Heather Felton	.
School Board Liaison for IT & Cybersecurity				Charles Kennedy	.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.1

School Board of Manatee County
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Title
Call to Order the Annual Meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation

Executive Summary
The Chairman will call to order the annual meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation.

Contact
Submitting Department: School Board

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.2

School Board of Manatee County
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Title
Annual Meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation

Executive Summary
Under the Articles of Incorporation for the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation, the members of the not-for-profit corporation are the members of the School Board. The Articles of Incorporation provide that the Board of Directors, unless changed by the membership, are the members of the School Board. The Articles also provide that the Chair of the School Board will be the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, and the Vice-Chair of the School Board will be the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The officers are the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. It provides that the Chair of the School Board is the President, the Vice-Chair is the Vice-President, and the Secretary/Treasurer is the Secretary of the School Board, which is the Superintendent.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.3

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Title
Adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation

Executive Summary
The Chairman will adjourn the annual meeting of the Manatee School Board Leasing Corporation.

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Submitting Department: School Board