



**SANDRA "SAM" HIMMEL – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
**FLORIDA'S 2020 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR**

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*"Where Learning is the Expectation  
and Caring is a Commitment."*

**THOMAS KENNEDY**  
DISTRICT 1

**VIRGINIA BRYANT**  
DISTRICT 2

**DOUGLAS A. DODD**  
DISTRICT 3

**SANDRA COUNTS**  
DISTRICT 4

**JOSEPH FAHERTY**  
DISTRICT 5

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## **2023 Organizational Meeting of the Citrus County School Board**

(November 14, 2023) Full speed ahead for the Citrus County School Board. During the annual organizational meeting Tuesday afternoon, board members voted on school board member Thomas Kennedy as the new chairperson for the 2023-2024 term. This is Kennedy's fourth time as Chairman. Vice-chairman is now school board member Sandy Counts. All motions moved unanimously five to zero.

Former School Board Chairman Doug Dodd was presented with a plaque by Superintendent Sam Himmel and incoming Chairman Thomas Kennedy thanking him for his tenure as Chairman.

The responsibilities of the school board chairperson include running meetings, keeping track of unfinished business and upcoming issues, meeting with school district officials, reviewing meeting agendas, signing all documents on behalf of the school board, representing the school board and district, managing discussions among board members and all other tasks to ensure meetings run efficiently and decisions are lawful.

School board members also voted 5-0 to rehire Wes Bradshaw, the school board attorney.

All Regular School Board Business Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 4:00 p.m. Any Special Meetings/Workshops will be called as needed.

Congratulations to our new Chair, Thomas Kennedy and Vice-Chair, Sandy Counts!

You can watch yesterday's board meeting and find future board meetings by visiting [11/14/2023 School Board Meeting - YouTube](#).