

Volusia County Schools
~School Board Notes~

July 27, 2015
School Board Meeting

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The superintendent updated the school board on the settlement of \$1.5 million for lost funding related to the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Because enrollment continues to increase and we must be in compliance with class size, the money will be spent to hire teachers and other expenditures that directly impact classrooms.

To address teacher concerns, teams of teachers along with district staff revised curriculum maps for every subject area to be teacher friendly with pacing maps and resources. These are now available to all teachers for use during summer planning. Regarding elementary English/language arts concerns, “A” rated districts were visited to see what they were doing differently in their schools. As a result of these visits, Volusia’s teachers and district staff created elementary English/language arts modules that contain lesson plans, activities and resources, which were rolled out with the revised curriculum maps. To address concerns regarding the lack of elementary reading resources, additional resources were purchased based on research and input from teachers and administrators. These are available on-line to assist teachers with summer planning.

The new custodial vendor, GCA, is making progress cleaning schools and is being responsive to principals. They have an aggressive action plan, which the district is monitoring.

FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools received a [\\$1,000 check](#) to support the teenage homeless program within Volusia County Schools from the Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS	
SCHOOL	ADMINISTRATOR
New Smyrna Beach Middle	Eidie Velez
Ormond Beach Middle	Dale Johns

TENTATIVE BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE FOR 2015-16

The school board heard a presentation and adopted the tentative Volusia County Schools’ budget for 2015-16 and the proposed district tax levy. The tentative budget is \$780.6 million and the total millage rate is 7.197 which is 2.59% higher than the rolled-back rate of 7.0151 mills. The rolled-back rate is the property tax levy that will, after the value of new construction is deducted, produce the same amount of revenue as the previous year. A public hearing on the final budget is scheduled for the September 8 school board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The school board approved the consent agenda, including the following items:

- Dual enrollment articulation [agreement](#) with Daytona State College for 2015-16
- AVID College Readiness System Services and Products [agreement](#) to serve 10 high schools for 2015-16
- Payment of AdvancED Education, Inc. [accreditation fees](#) for the school district and all 69 schools for 2015-16
- Purchase of computers to refresh staff [computers](#) in the transportation and routing offices

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 4 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand

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