

Volusia County Schools  
~**School Board Notes**~

**March 15, 2016**  
**School Board Meeting**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE**

The superintendent congratulated the purchasing and warehouse services department for receiving the [Award of Excellence in Public Procurement](#) from the Florida Association of Procurement Officials (FAPPO). The award recognizes that the school district met or exceeded benchmarks and best practices in the procurement profession in the areas of innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity and leadership attributes. Volusia is one of only 13 agencies to receive the award in the state of Florida and will receive a trophy at the FAPPO annual conference in May.

The Half-Cent Oversight Committee will provide additional assurance to the citizens that the school board will meet its commitments and obligations related to the [projects list](#) promised during the 2014 election. Committee members are Mitch Aten, IT project manager/SharePoint systems analyst, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Sandy Burke Bishop, executive director, Volusia Building Industry Association; Dan Bolerjack, CPA, Bolerjack, Halsema, Bowling & White, PA; Ben Flowers, president, Main Street Community Bank of Florida; and Jim Mather, vice-president, Paytas Homes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

Danielle Leffler, school improvement grant project manager at Atlantic High, was named assistant principal at Atlantic High.

**SALE OF HURST PROPERTY**

The school board approved a [resolution](#) declaring the Hurst property in Daytona Beach as surplus. In addition, the school board approved 1) an [agreement](#) to sell and convey the Hurst property to the County of Volusia; 2) a [facilities usage agreement](#) with the County of Volusia; 3) an [interest-free loan agreement](#) with the County of Volusia; and 4) a [post-closing occupancy agreement](#) with the County of Volusia. The facility is planned to be used as [Hope Place](#), a homeless shelter that will assist students and families ([staff memo](#) and [details](#) regarding Hope Place).

**SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

The school board approved postponing the decision on School Board Policy 313, [Athletics and Activities](#), and School Board Policy 217, [Student Appearance, Dress and Uniform Code](#) to a special meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m. so that all board members are present for the vote.

## **eLEARNING PRESENTATION**

The school board heard a presentation regarding the eLearning program and its successes as it transitioned this year from one location on each side of the county to a program at each high school. So far, 700 students have been served; 1,000 courses have been completed; and 70 students have graduated. Numbers will increase by June. The goal of the program is to increase student achievement through personalized digital learning environments that provide [students](#) with some choice in path, place, pace and time.

## **RICHARD MILBURN MIDDLE SCHOOL: FINANCIAL CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

The school board heard a presentation regarding a [financial corrective action plan](#) for Richard Milburn Middle School, which is a charter school in Volusia County. The school received notice from the Florida Department of Education that it needed to create and submit a financial corrective plan showing how to correct its deteriorating financial condition. The plan submitted to the state will close Richard Milburn Middle School and allow Richard Milburn Academy to absorb the 8th grade students into their high school program; 6th and 7th grade students will return to their home-zoned schools.

## **NAMING CAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

The school board approved naming the media center at Campbell Middle School the “[Vickie J. Presley Media Complex](#).” [Mrs. Presley](#) spent 25 of her 36 years at Campbell Middle School serving as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and principal. During these years, she began nurturing and cultivating an expectation of learning and excellence in every student, faculty and staff member that she encountered.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Fifteen JROTC students to travel to Charleston, South Carolina to attend the Cadet Leadership Course at the Citadel, June 5 -11, 2106
- [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the New Teacher Center to execute a three-year program for lead coaching for the purpose of increasing teacher effectiveness and student outcomes
- A [grant](#) to Dollar General Literacy Foundation for the Starke Elementary media center for a summer literacy program in the amount of \$2,000
- Appointment of Alexis Lenssen, certified financial planner for Raymond James & Associates, to the FUTURES Foundation Board of Directors
- Appointment of the 2017-18 school calendar [committee](#)
- An [agreement](#) with Digitisements to implement a digital signage project in four high schools. Two digital signage screens will be installed in centralized locations, promoting information specifically for each school, while advertising outside businesses. A portion of the net revenue will be shared with Volusia County Schools.

## **NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

**Special Meeting:** Tuesday, March 29, **5:30 p.m.**, DeLand Administrative Complex, regarding School Board Policy 313, [\*Athletics and Activities\*](#), and School Board Policy 217, [\*Student Appearance, Dress and Uniform Code\*](#)

**Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12, **5:30 p.m.**, DeLand Administrative Complex

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