

Volusia County Schools  
~School Board Notes~

September 22, 2015  
School Board Meeting

**SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE**

The superintendent stated he is in favor of suspending the results of the spring 2015 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). State law requires that test results be used for school grades; teacher evaluations; and the placement, promotion and graduation requirements of students. Currently, its planned use will have statewide negative impacts on students, teachers, school grades and the local economy. He has addressed his concerns and desire to suspend the intended use of the FSA results with the District Advisory Committee, Volusia County Council of PTAs, FUTURES and the Volusia Teachers Organization. Information was also sent to principals to share with their School Advisory Councils. These groups have been asked to e-mail their state legislators regarding the use of the FSA data for this year.

Deltona Middle School and its community have suffered greatly over the last few days. The superintendent asked everyone to make it a point to keep baby Trenton and Deltona Middle School in our hearts and thoughts.

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

Debra Muller was named the new Chief Financial Officer, effective September 24.

**INCREASING LOCAL CONTROL OF SCHOOL BOARDS**

The school board authorized submittal of [proposed legislation](#) to increase local control of district school boards be submitted to the Volusia state legislative delegation and others for consideration in the 2016 regular Florida legislative session. The proposed legislation extends the same flexibility granted to all charter schools to school boards and would increase the home rule powers, granting flexibility to increase student academic achievement, innovation and financial efficiencies.

**TEMPORARY NAMING PRIVILEGES**

The school board approved the [agreement](#) between Spruce Creek High School and Intervest Construction (ICI Homes) for temporary naming privileges of the school's outdoor multi-purpose sports complex. In exchange for a payment of \$20,000, that complex will be renamed as the "ICI Homes Outdoor Multi-Purpose Sports Complex" for a period of five years. An additional payment of \$80,000 will be paid to the school if the permanent seating capacity is increased from its current level; however, the district is not obligated to increase seating capacity under this agreement. The total amount of funds that could be generated under this agreement is \$100,000.

**CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

**Ormond Beach Preparatory School**

The school board approved the [application](#) for Ormond Beach Preparatory Charter School and authorized the district to negotiate with the applicant for a charter contract, which must return to the school board for approval. The school intends to open in August 2016 with 162 students in grades K-2 and gradually increase to 420 students in grades K-5 in the fifth year of operation. The [evaluation](#) supports the superintendent's recommendation for approval.

### **Big Engine K5 Charter School**

The school board denied the [application](#) of the Big Engine K5 Charter School. Only 21 percent of the application areas were rated as "meets the standard" and the remaining 79 percent were rated as "does not meet the standard" or "partially meets the standard." The problems identified in the [evaluation](#) are substantial.

### **POLICY AMENDMENTS**

The school board approved [amendments](#) to School Board Policy 307, *Student Progression Plan*. The amendments serve as the annual update to the plan for the 2015-16 school year and reflect changes to state law resulting from the 2015 regular legislative session and some district initiatives.

### **EQUITY PLAN UPDATE**

The school board heard the annual update to the Florida Educational Equity Act Plan (Equity Plan), which is a monitoring tool that enables the Department of Education's Office of Equal Educational Opportunity (OEEO) to ensure that provisions of the law are adhered to and that educational resources are equitably distributed. This year's plan focuses on enrollment of minorities in advanced programs of study, gender equity in athletics, employment equity, pregnant and parenting students, and single-gender classes.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

The school board approved two resolutions:

- [United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties](#)
- [Disability History and Awareness Week](#), October 1-9

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Renewal of a [contract](#) with ArchiveSocial to assist with public records requirements in regard to social media
- Renewal of [subscription](#) with Clearswift Corporation to manage the district's e-mail filter and anti-virus licenses
- 2016-2017 school calendar committee members

### **NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, October 13, 4 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand

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