

Volusia County Schools
~School Board Notes~

April 26, 2016
School Board Meeting

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The school board heard a [legislative report](#), including HB 7029 (school choice bill, also known as the train bill) which amends numerous provisions of the education statutes relating to K-12 education policy and funding, postsecondary education funding, school choice and school construction.

A [financial update](#) was also provided. Between the state's third and fourth calculation, the district's funding increased by \$962,339 due to additional student enrollment; however, because enrollment increased statewide, Volusia's share was prorated. This means \$766,980 of the increased allocation was reclaimed by the state and the district only received \$195,359.

Prior to the fourth calculation, the state allocated \$217,268 in lottery funds which by statute is allocated to schools based on their enrollment. The district distributed most of this to schools; however, in the fourth calculation, the state eliminated those dollars. The district will not take the dollars back from the schools.

Also in the fourth calculation, the state released School Recognition funds (A+) in the amount of \$2,391,466. These dollars are awarded to schools that earned an "A" grade, improved at least one performance grade from the previous year, or sustained the previous year's improvement of more than one letter grade. School Advisory Councils determine how the money will be spent at the school level. A+ funds can only be used for non-recurring bonuses to faculty and staff, non-recurring expenditures for educational equipment or materials and temporary personnel for the school to assist in maintaining and improving student performance.

The adopted budget deficit for 2015-16 is \$6.3 million, which is being offset by one-time unanticipated revenue: BP Oil Spill (\$1.2 M), county tax error (\$1.37 M), and FEFP from 3rd calculation (\$1 M). From the FEFP funds, 13.1 FTE teachers were hired using approximately \$0.8 M. Savings from salary lapse (\$2 M) and fuel (\$1 M) are anticipated, but the actual savings cannot be determined until after end of fiscal year on June 30. The remaining deficit is \$270,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Kimberley Gilliland, who is currently the Director of Special Education for East St. Louis School District in Illinois, was appointed director of Exceptional Student Education, effective May 23.

EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM TUITION RATE PROPOSAL

The school board heard a [report](#) regarding an adjustment to rates for the Extended Day Enrichment Program effective in the 2016-17 school year. There has not been a rate increase since 2008, even though costs have risen due to increases in wages and benefits and an increased number of students paying reduced fees. Without an increase, the program will not remain self-sustaining. The suggested rate was increase \$5 weekly for the afternoon only session and for the combined morning/afternoon sessions, and no changes to the morning only rate schedule. Employees currently receive a 10 percent discount in tuition, and it was suggested to increase the discount to 20 percent. The school board agreed to hold a workshop to discuss the tuition rates and the application process for enrollment in the program.

ECONOMIC AND ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The school board heard a [report](#) on the economic outlook, as well as a [report](#) on school enrollments, school capacities and level of service reports. Volusia County is continuing to grow and is still the largest employer. Student enrollment also continues to grow. Enrollment increases, development activity and impact on school capacities all will be considerations when developing the capital budget.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

The school board approved advertising amendments to the following policies:

- School Board Policy 521, [Wellness Policy](#), to update an existing policy for students. The amendments reflect existing practice and include the annual review of the policy, establishment of a school health advisory committee, and formal recognition of tobacco-free campuses.
- School Board Policy 206, [Student Attendance Policy](#), to implement state laws governing compulsory school attendance. The amendments constitute an update to the policy and include reflecting when students are required to first attend school, the recognition of student attendance monitoring and consideration of interventions, and reflecting state laws governing military dependents.
- School Board Policy 303, Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students, to [update](#) the policy to be in compliance with state law.

DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT WITH BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

The school board approved an [agreement](#) with Bethune-Cookman University (B-CU) to allow eleventh and twelfth grade students to dual enroll. These students will earn high school credit and college credit for approved dual enrollment courses. Based on the current agreement, students at only five high schools may be dual enrolled at B-CU. The 2016-17 agreement includes all ten high schools and also allows students to dual enroll during the summer. The cost for textbooks is dependent upon the number of students who will enroll in the program during the upcoming school year.

RECOGNITION OF ANN MCFALL

The school board presented a proclamation honoring [Ann McFall](#), Supervisor of Elections for Volusia County, upon her retirement. Mrs. McFall is the only elected official to serve as chairman for the School Board of Volusia County and Volusia County Council. While on the school board, Ann McFall addressed the challenges created by rapid population growth, which led to the opening of 12 new schools including Deltona's first high school, Deltona High. She continued her commitment to public education while serving as elections supervisor by educating students about the importance and value of exercising their right to vote and conducting voter registration drives annually at Volusia high schools.

RESOLUTIONS

The school board approved three resolutions, as follows:

- [National Appreciation Week](#), May 2-6
- [National Substitute Teacher Week](#), May 2-6
- [Provider Appreciation Day](#), May 6

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- An agreement with AVID College Readiness System Services and Products serving 10 high schools in the 2016-17 school year
- Extension of an [agreement](#) for five years through June 8, 2021 with the City of Port Orange Parks and Recreation Department to utilize Silver Sands and Creekside middle schools for recreational purposes
- Submittal of an [application](#) to the Snapdragon Book Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$3,616 for the Starke Elementary media center to provide non-fiction books for early readers
- Sixty Deltona High students to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii to perform at the 75th anniversary parade of Pearl Harbor, December 5-9, 2016
- Six Chisholm Elementary students to travel to Ames, Iowa, to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind World 2016 Finals, May 25-29, 2016
- Forty Pine Ridge High students to travel to Washington, DC to attend the Presidential Inauguration, January 16-22, 2017
- Four River Springs middle students to travel to Lansing, Michigan to participate in the Community Problem Solving International Competition at Michigan State University, June 1-5, 2016

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, **4:00 p.m.**, **Mainland High School**, 1255 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach

Workshop: Tuesday, May 17, **4 p.m.**, DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand, regarding the budget

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