

Volusia County Schools  
~School Board Notes~

August 11, 2015  
School Board Meeting

**SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE**

The school board was updated regarding the progress of GCA, the company that was hired to perform custodial services effective July 1. Overall GCA has been responsive to schools and is working to make sure schools are clean and ready to open. They currently have 362 employees and are in the process of hiring more so that they will be fully staffed for the school year. Staffing is based on the industry standard utilizing the amount of square footage per custodian.

**HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The school board heard a presentation regarding high school athletic facilities, which included historical information and details regarding constraints at each school. The school board directed staff to prepare a report which prioritizes projects at each school site with a focus on safety, exploring partnerships and ensuring equity between schools.

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The school board heard a presentation that included a historical look at previous discussions regarding the student dress code policy, steps taken to gain input from the community and considerations for implementing changes to the student dress code policy in the 2016-17 school year. The school board directed staff to survey parents, teachers and principals at all grade levels and high school students to gather opinions regarding a district-wide uniform policy. The survey will take place during open houses and a report will be made to the board in November. Any policy changes will be effective for the 2016-17 school year.

**SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

- The school board approved amendments to School Board Policy 208, [Code of Student Conduct and Discipline](#). The adoption completes the process for the 2015-16 school year.
- The school board approved advertising amendments School Board Policy 307, *Student Progression Plan*. The proposed [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. All proposed changes are detailed on the [summary](#).

**RECOGNITION**

The school board recognized [Dr. Amy Blowers](#), instruction and curriculum specialist for Volusia Online Learning, who received the 2015 International Literacy Association Award for Technology and Reading. The award honors educators in grades K-12 who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- 2014-15 Annual update to the Florida Educational Equity Act Plan (Equity Plan), which is a monitoring tool that enables the Office of Equal Educational Opportunity to insure that the law is adhered to and that educational resources are equitably distributed.
- Purchase of the [Raptor Technologies Visitor Management System](#), which is a web-based system to manage visitors, volunteers, students and faculty. This system has an offender/predator alert monitoring feature that will inform staff if a visitor is an offender/predator and offers a wide range of reports for accountability.
- Joint [agreement](#) with the Volusia County Sheriff's Department to provide 14 school resource deputies assigned to middle and high schools to foster better relationships between students, staff and law enforcement personnel.

## **NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, August 25, 4 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand

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