

Volusia County Schools
~School Board Notes~

January 25, 2016
School Board Meeting

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The school board heard a [financial update](#), which included information regarding the 2015-16 budget deficit of \$6.3 million. Because the board must adopt a balanced budget, the fund balance (savings account) was used to offset the deficit. The report included clarification to reports that the district did not intend to provide raises for the next three years. During current negotiations, the district has proposed a 3.12% average raise for the 2016-17 school year. The status of the general fund budget comparing December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2014 was discussed, as well as Florida lottery funds received. The district is working on the 2016-17 budget and is projecting an increase in enrollment and the need to hire additional teachers to meet class size.

DISTRICT TESTING UPDATE

The school board heard a [report](#) on the district's testing program. Action is being taken on the results of the teacher survey, including providing flexibility and more instructional time, and replacing the required exam administration in a fixed window with school-based decisions.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

The school board approved amendments to:

- School Board Policy 801, [Public Participation In School Board Meetings](#), to consolidate the time dedicated to public input to one segment of the agenda, rather than two.
- School Board Policy 217, [Student Appearance, Dress and Uniform Code](#). A draft uniform policy was presented to the school board on December 8. At that meeting, the board directed several revisions to be made to include adding a white collared oxford style button down shirt and black denim pants, and allowing principals to designate up to four weeks (instead of two weeks) to suspend uniform requirements for school events or other activities. At the January 25 meeting, an additional amendment to allow blue denim pants was approved. The policy must be re-advertised and brought back to the board for approval at its March 15 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

The school board approved the following resolutions:

- [School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day](#), February 5
- [Celebrate Literacy Week](#), January 25 - 29

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Submittal of a [grant application](#) to the Laura Bush Foundation for the Holly Hill School media center in the amount of \$7,000
- 2016-17 [holiday schedule](#)

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, **5:30 p.m.**, DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand

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