

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

October 13, 2015
School Board Meeting

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The superintendent stated the district was notified that the charter school application for the Ormond Beach Preparatory School has been withdrawn by the applicant. There were three other applicants for charter schools. One was denied and the other two applicants withdrew before the review process was completed.

T-scores from the Florida Standards Assessment were recently released and the proposed cut scores were identified. While school and district grades cannot be projected, the data does show areas of growth and areas that declined and need to be addressed. The State Board of Education will vote on the proposed cut scores in January and, at that time, district performance will be calculated and shared with the school board and schools.

The school board heard an update from GCA, the firm that provides custodial services for the school district. Staffing is at 408 employees, some of which are part-time. Surveys from 61 principals have been received and the average rating is 90%.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Scott Hallett, social studies specialist, was named assistant principal at Spruce Creek High, effective November 2.

PIERSON ELEMENTARY REPLACEMENT SCHOOL

The school board approved the architect selection committee's rankings for the design of the Pierson Elementary replacement school and authorized staff to negotiate a contract with the number one ranked firm, BRPH Architects/Engineers.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION WALK ZONE ANALYSIS

The school board heard a [presentation](#) that outlined the requirements to become eligible for transportation and identified the number of students living one to two miles from schools.

STUDENT UNIFORM SURVEY RESULTS

The school board heard a [presentation](#) regarding the results of the uniform survey. Responses were received by 21,587 people: 49.2% in favor, 46.9% not in favor and 3.9% no opinion. The presentation included information regarding four school districts with uniform policies and a timeline for making amendments to the current dress code policy. Over the next two weeks, each school board member will gather input from student leaders at high schools in his/her respective district.

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

The school board authorized the superintendent to communicate with community stakeholders on any interest to raise funds necessary to construct an athletic stadium on the grounds of University High, Orange City. The concept is to consider community stakeholders, including local governments, businesses, parents and other interested parties, organizing a fundraising campaign to cover construction and design costs, while the school district may provide the land for the development of the stadium and be responsible for maintenance costs. Any other similar requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and standards for expectations will be developed.

RECOGNITIONS

The school board recognized:

- [Read-Pattillo Elementary](#) for their family and community involvement project, Fall Fun With a Fabulous Flavor, being selected as a regional winner by the Florida Department of Education
- [Read-Pattillo Elementary](#) for winning the Alliance for a Healthier Generation “Bronze National Healthy Schools Award”
- School Way Café managers for receiving awards from the Florida State Nutrition Association Annual Conference:
 - [Winnie Crockrell](#), Read-Pattillo Elementary, Super School Award (National School Lunch Week)
 - Winnie Crockrell, Read-Pattillo Elementary, Smart Start Award (National School Breakfast Week)
 - [Jennifer Devore](#), Southwestern Middle School, FSNA President's Bronze Award
- State school bus safety week poster contest winners:
 - [Asia Williams](#), Cypress Creek Elementary, Division I
 - [Lana Jackson](#), Cypress Creek Elementary, Division II
 - [Jennifer Russell](#), Creekside Middle, Division III
 - Givanna Calderon, Cypress Creek Elementary, Division IV
 - [Jared Welty](#), Cypress Creek Elementary, Division V

RESOLUTIONS

The school board approved two resolutions:

- [National School Lunch Week](#), October 12-16
- [National School Bus Safety Week](#), October 19-23

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Grant [application](#) to the Lowe’s Charitable and Education Foundation for a traditional and hydroponics gardening program at Spruce Creek High in the amount of \$2,500
- [Purchase](#) of projectors for the district’s refresh cycle in classrooms throughout the district. The cost includes a 3-year warranty for 150 projectors

- [Purchase](#) of computer hardware for the blended learning project in high schools and Galaxy Middle to meet the online graduation requirement in state law. Estimated delivery is December 2015.
- [Interlocal agreement](#) between Volusia County and the school district to allow both parties to fuel fleet vehicles at any fueling location within the district, owned by either party.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 4 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand

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