

Volusia County Schools  
~School Board Notes~

September 8, 2015  
School Board Meeting

**SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE**

The school board was updated regarding the validity study for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Superintendents across the state of Florida believe that the results of the FSA cannot be fairly used in teacher evaluations or to calculate A-F grades for public schools and that it should only be used as a baseline. Only 65 percent of the evaluation test items for third and tenth grade match Florida State Standards. The test items were originally written to measure Utah standards, which is where the field test took place. Additionally, the computer-based test administration was problematic.

The school board was also updated on the progress of GCA, who provides custodial services for the school district. They are still working on detailing and pressure washing, but are making good progress. Staffing is at 392 employees and more employees have been hired and are waiting on uniforms and badges.

**OPERATING BUDGET 2015-2016**

The school board approved Volusia County School's [2015-2016 Operating Budget](#) as follows:

General Fund	\$477,979,069
Capital Projects Funds	133,425,127
Debt Service Funds	73,979,129
Special Revenue – Food Service	37,381,523
Special Revenue –Other	42,944,278
Special Revenue – Race to the Top	554,883
Internal Service Funds (Self-Insured Programs)	<u>14,961,975</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 781,225,984</b>

**MILLAGE RATE 2015-2016**

The school board approved levying the ad-valorem property [tax millage rate](#) for 2015-2016, as follows:

Required Local Effort	4.944
Required Local Effort - Prior Period Adjustment	0.005
Discretionary Operating Millage	0.748
Discretionary Local Capital Improvement	1.500
Debt Service	<u>0.000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.197</b>

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- A [contract](#) with A+ Tutoring to provide tutoring services to private school students who qualify for Title I services during the 2015-16 school year
- A [resolution](#) supporting the earliest possible construction of a paved path along US 17 between Washington Avenue and the new Pierson Elementary school site

### **NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, September 22, 4 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand

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