

Volusia County Schools
~School Board Notes~

June 14, 2016
School Board Meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

The school board approved the following administrative appointments:

- Estelle Callaway, teacher at University High to assistant principal at Southwestern Middle
- Curtis Nash, assistant principal at Lake Brantley High to assistant principal at University High
- Paul Struska, assistant principal at Kings Trail Elementary to assistant principal at Volusia Pines Elementary

BUDGET PRESENTATION

The school board heard a [presentation](#) regarding the 2014-15 adopted budget and the 2016-17 preliminary budget. Funding increased \$27.12 million from 2014-15 to 2016-17. These additional dollars are obligated for budget increases for 2015-16 and 2016-17. Additional expenses include the hiring of more than 150 teachers to meet state class size requirements and to support instructional programs at a cost of \$10.69 million. It also includes \$8.34 million in raises that were granted in 2014-15 that resulted in increases to the 2015-16 budget. The remainder is dedicated for specific purposes, such as charter schools, and increased operational costs, such as school resource deputies. Measures taken to balance the budget include a 6.4% reduction to central office departments, cuts to instructional & support programs, reductions in fuel costs and teacher retirements savings. The board is on track to eliminate deficit spending for the first time since 2009.

DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The school board heard an [update](#) regarding the 2015-2016 District Advisory Committee meetings, attendance of members and preparation for next year's activities.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

The school board approved amendments to the following policies:

- 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. No changes have been made to the proposed amendments since its last presentation to the board on April 26, 2016.

- School Board Policy 303, *Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students*, to update the policy to be in compliance with state law. Read a summary of the changes [here](#). No changes have been made to the proposed amendments since its last presentation to the board on April 26, 2016.
- School Board Policy 313, *Athletics and Activities*. State law regulates participation in interscholastic extracurricular student activities. The law provides a set of academic and behavior standards, including maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in courses required for graduation. Policy 313 provides for stricter standards than provided by state law by requiring that a high school student receive a passing grade for each course required for graduation, even if that student maintains a 2.0 grade point average. The amendment repeals the restrictions and relies only on the eligibility standards in state law. No changes have been made to the proposed amendments since its last presentation to the board on March 29, 2016.
- 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. No changes have been made to the proposed amendments since its last presentation to the board on April 26, 2016.

SUPERINTENDENT'S 2015-16 EVALUATION

The school board approved the superintendent's evaluation, which was prepared by School Board Chairman Ida Wright and School Board Attorney Ted Doran based upon the individual evaluations submitted by teach board member.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Two Mainland High students to [travel](#) to Amber Cove, Dominican Republic, June 17-24 to compete in the Clean Tech Science Competition and STEM activities
- Submittal to the Lois Lenski Covey Foundation a [grant](#) in the amount of \$3,000 for Edgewater Public's media center to update high interest fiction books for all reading levels
- Submittal to the Scholastic Reading Club a [grant](#) for the media centers at [Pierson Elementary](#), [Starke Elementary](#) and [Atlantic High](#) in the amount of \$2,400, \$5,896 and \$10,000 respectively to purchase books
- Purchase of laptops and carts for [students](#) and [teachers](#)
- Appointment of Jerry Mayes, economic development director for the city of Deltona, and Amy Ringue, association professor for the College of Education at Daytona State College, to the FUTURES Foundation Board of Directors

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 29, 5:30 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Ave., DeLand,

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