

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

October 8, 2013
School Board Meeting

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The superintendent updated the school board on the half-cent sales tax extension which is being placed on the November 2014 ballot. The citizens' capital needs committee met in September and a report was also made to the District Advisory Committee regarding capital needs for facilities, technology and safety/security.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

- The school board approved adoption of amendments to [School Board Policy 525 – Policy Against Bullying and Harassment](#), which was previously adopted by emergency rule in August 2013. During the 2013 regular session, the legislature amended state law governing the bullying and harassment of students and school employees. Specifically, the legislature amended language governing the prohibition of cyberbullying.
- The school board approved advertising amendments to [School Board Policy 521 – Wellness Policy](#), which is required by state law to maintain an appropriate food and nutrition program for students. Proposed amendments include requiring schools to maintain evidence of meeting district wellness plan goals; providing for annual review of the policy; updating the definition of whole grain breads; and referencing district drug, alcohol and tobacco use policies.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRIORITIES

The superintendent provided information to the school board to begin the discussion regarding legislative priorities. Discussion will continue at the next school board meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

The school board recognized the following:

- Auburn Smith, a junior at Spruce Creek High, for being named the Easter Seals 2013 National Youth Representative. Auburn, who was born with spina bifida, is also a nationally ranked wheelchair tennis player
- BB&T Bank for donating \$115,000 to FUTURES Foundation to support the Volusia County Schools Homeless Program
- School Way Café managers for receiving awards from the Florida School Nutrition Association Annual Conference:
 - Winnie Crockrell, Holly Hill School, Super School Award (National School Lunch Week), large district, secondary school
 - Debra Feeney, Volusia Pines Elementary, Nutrition Award, large district, elementary school

- Maureen Brown, Cypress Creek Elementary, Louise Sublette Award of Excellence. The Louise Sublette Award is the highest award a school nutrition professional can earn. Maureen was also recognized at the National Conference held in Kansas City in July.
- Teresa Azevedo, Creekside Middle, President's Gold Medallion; Overall President's Gold Award of Excellence; Florida Smart Start (Florida School Breakfast Week) large district, secondary; SWAC Award (Student Wellness Activity Club).
- Seven students who placed in the state poster contest for the Florida Association of Pupil Transportation. The first place winners' posters will be judged for the national conference. This year's state poster contest winners are all from Cypress Creek Elementary, Ektemal Francis-Hanna, art teacher. The winners are:
 - Division I
 - First Place - Lindsey Larrimore
 - Division II
 - First Place – Jennifer Russell
 - Second Place –Carson Wright
 - Third Place – Ria Kolluru
 - Division IV
 - First Place – JA’Niya Williams
 - Second Place – Merissa Austin
 - Third Place – Josh Alexander
- Safety Awareness Award winners:
 - Poster contest
 - First Place – Courtney Cormier, DeLand High
 - Second Place – Elianna Secundino, Pierson Elementary
 - Third Place – Ashley Leahy, DeLand Middle
 - Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest
 - First Place – Group: Bradley Vendehey, Richie Voitel, Ryan Goodridge and Jon Pait, University High
 - Second Place – Group: Tatiana Rodriguez, Briana Gehrman, Jennifer Palumbo and Jaylene Torres, University High
 - Third Place – Michael Brzezinski, Deltona High

RESOLUTIONS

The school board approved the following:

- A resolution recognizing [National School Lunch Week](#), October 14-18
- A resolution recognizing [National School Bus Safety Week](#), October 21-15

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Several consent items were approved by the school board, including:

- The purchase of laptops and laptop carts from GovConnection to meet the building requirement capacity for computer based testing in the middle schools
- The Volusia County School District [Tentative Facilities Five-Year Work Program](#)

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 4 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Avenue, DeLand.

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