

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

April 8, 2014
School Board Meeting

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The superintendent stated the district is reviewing and analyzing the Senate and House finance plans, although neither is final until the conference committee concludes their work. Both plans show an increase in funding for Volusia with the major difference being in categoricals and how funding is distributed. The increase appears to be about the same as last year, most of which is due to increased student enrollment. In addition, the state is proposing to increase required local taxes by \$8.6 million. There are a large number of education bills being heard during this legislative session, some of which are positive and others that have problems and issues.

2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school board approved the [2014-15 school calendar](#), noting spring break is tentative and may be changed pending finalization of the state testing dates. The first day of school for students will be August 18, 2014 and the last day for students will be June 3, 2015.

DATA CENTER PROJECT

The school board heard a presentation regarding the progress on updating the technology equipment in the district's data center.

ACADEMY PRESENTATIONS

Deltona High Health Occupations Academy

The school board heard a [presentation](#) regarding the opportunities offered to students through the Health Occupations Academy.

Atlantic High Aeronautical Program

The school board heard a [presentation](#) regarding the new aerospace program that is being developed into an academy in partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

RESOLUTIONS

The school board approved proclaiming April as [School Library Month](#) and Autism Awareness Month.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The school board approved the following items:

- Submittal of a [grant application](#) to Scholarship Management Services for the 2014 Unsung Heroes Award to implement the "On the Ball" program at Spirit Elementary, which will replace standard classroom chairs with ball chairs.

- Establishing projects for courtyard security fencing at Creekside Middle and Longstreet Elementary

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

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