

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

September 24, 2013
School Board Meeting

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The superintendent stated the school board has requested that an extension of the half-cent sales tax be placed on the November 2014 ballot. There will be two phases to prepare for the election: identifying capital needs and an informational campaign. Phase I includes a citizens' capital needs committee that will meet September through December, which will result in a capital project list to be recommended to the school board. Capital needs include facilities, technology, and safety/security. In Phase II, a second committee comprised of community members will work January through October on campaign activities leading to Election Day on November 4. The current half-cent sales tax expires at the end of 2016.

SEASIDE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

The school board did not approve a charter school application for [Seaside School](#) for a K-12 school that fosters artistic talents and nurtures intellectual curiosity. The proposed school had planned to open in Edgewater in September 2014.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY AGAINST BULLYING AND HARRASSMENT

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.

NAMING OF THE GALAXY MIDDLE GYMNASIUM

The school board approved naming the gymnasium at Galaxy Middle the “Sydne F. Burke Gymnasium.” Coach Burke served 23 of her 45 years as the physical education teacher at Galaxy Middle and is recognized around Volusia County and the state of Florida as a staunch advocate for children’s fitness and children’s health.

PEER ASSISTANCE AND REVIEW (PAR) PROGRAM UPDATE

The school board heard a presentation describing the mentoring program provided to each novice teacher by the Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program. The PAR program is an effective and successful mentoring program that is highly respected within and beyond the district. Mentors have been trained in strategies for mentoring, coaching and providing feedback with the use of research-based observation tools. PAR teachers also serve as Peer Evaluators and have been trained in gathering evidence for the Volusia System for Empowering Teachers (VSET).

FIVE STAR SCHOOL AWARDS

The school board recognized 51 schools as recipients of the Florida Department of Education Five Star School Award, an incentive program to recognize exemplary community involvement in our schools. The award is presented to schools meeting 100% of 29 criteria in the categories of community/business partnerships, family involvement, volunteers, student community service and school advisory councils.

Blue Lake Elementary	Ormond Beach Elementary
The Chiles Academy	Ormond Beach Middle
Chisholm Elementary	Ortona Elementary
Citrus Grove Elementary	Osceola Elementary
Coronado Beach Elementary	Osteen Elementary
Creekside Middle	Pathways Elementary
Cypress Creek Elementary	Port Orange Elementary
DeBary Elementary	Pride Elementary
Deltona High	Read-Pattillo Elementary
Deltona Lakes Elementary	River Springs Middle
Discovery Elementary	Seabreeze High
Edgewater Public	Silver Sands Middle
Enterprise Elementary	Small, Turie T. Elementary
Forest Lake Elementary	Southwestern Middle
Freedom Elementary	Spirit Elementary
Friendship Elementary	Spruce Creek Elementary
Galaxy Middle	Spruce Creek High
Heritage Middle	Sugar Mill Elementary
Hinson, David S. Sr. Middle	Sunrise Elementary
Horizon Elementary	Sweetwater Elementary
Indian River Elementary	Timbercrest Elementary
Longstreet, R.J. Elementary	Tomoka Elementary
Manatee Cove Elementary	Volusia Pines Elementary
Marks, George W. Elementary	Westside Elementary
New Smyrna Beach Middle	Woodward Avenue Elementary
Orange City Elementary	

RESOLUTIONS

The school board approved the following:

- A resolution recognizing [United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties](#) for helping to improve people's lives.
- A resolution recognizing [Disability History and Awareness Weeks](#), October 1-11, 2013 and the educators who have contributed to improved instructional leadership and

promoted understanding and awareness of individuals with disabilities through their dedication to Florida's ESE programs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

The school board approved the superintendent's 2012-13 performance evaluation, assigning an overall rating of outstanding.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Students from DeLand High, DeLand Middle, Heritage Middle, New Smyrna Beach High and Pine Ridge High to travel to Kentucky for the National FFA Convention.
- Submittal of a grant application in the amount of \$5,880 to the Wish You Well Foundation to implement an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) technology program at Citrus Grove Elementary
- An agreement not to exceed \$48,908 with the Gallup Organization to provide for the continuation of the TeacherInsight web-based teacher assessment program, maintenance and technical support, updates, data reporting and analysis.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 4 p.m., DeLand Administrative Complex, 200 N. Clara Avenue, DeLand.

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