District Advisory Committee
November 5, 2025, Minutes

Opening
Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Vice Chairman Angela Kopnicky; Mrs. Jessie Thompson, school board member; Mr. John Cash, chief of staff; Mr. Todd Seis, chief financial officer; Mr. Paul Metzger, director, IT Software/Systems; and Ms. Danielle Johnson, communications coordinator, were all in attendance. The minutes from October 1, 2025, DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Volusia County Schools Final Budget – Dr. Todd Seis
Dr. Seis shared a PowerPoint Presentation. Here are some highlights:

Adopted Budget

FUND	MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTION	2025-26
100	General Fund	$ 702,959,023
200	Debt Service Fund	42,711,195
300	Capital Projects Fund	468,944,109
400	Special Revenue Fund	132,480,245
700	Internal Service Fund	18,937,641
	Total	**$ 1,366,032,213**

- Each fund listed in the above chart can only be utilized for certain items. Salaries can only be from the general (operating) fund
- Within the last two years the budget has decreased $20 million due to lower student enrollment
- A chart was included in the PowerPoint comparing cumulative raises vs. revenue change (FY2022-2026)
- Discussion regarding how property taxes are calculated
- In the month of December the district begins working with FLDOE on the next year's budget
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Half-Cent Sales Tax Campaign Updates- Mr. Ron Young, Director, Planning and Construction Mr. Paul Metzger, Director, IT Software/Systems, Ms. Danielle Johnson, Coordinator, Community Information Services

- Ron Young gave an overview on the Half-Cent Sales Tax, which was approved by voters initially in 2001, extended in 2014 and runs through 2031. For every $100 spent the district receives 50 cents towards sales tax revenues
- This revenue is for capital improvements and big-ticket items such as rebuilds, air conditioning, athletics.
- A referendum approved by voters explains what the revenue can be spent on, and a Project Oversight Committee oversees all upcoming projects
- The revenues have reached over $400 million dollars. That may sound like a lot of money; however remember these funds are for big ticket items. The replacement of one middle school cost was $70 million. The average cost to replace an elementary school is $45 million

- A webpage has been create where you can view the history of the sales tax, available uses, and information about how its use is overseen by a committee. Click here to view site.
- There are additional tabs on the left that can be explored, including a project highlights tab featuring videos, photos and information about major projects like school renovations, safety and security, and technology initiatives.
- Additionally, you can explore the new half-cent dashboard (best viewed by clicking the full screen icon in the bottom right corner). This dashboard transparently displays the use of all half-cent funds by school, year, and category.

Superintendent Comments- Mr. Cash brought greetings on behalf of Dr. Balgobin

- Thank you for representing your school, gathering information and sharing it with your SAC
- Please share the dashboard regarding the half-cent sales tax with your school

School Board Member Comments: Ms. Jessie Thompson, District 3

Thanked all DAC representatives for coming, especially the students that attended. Requested all DAC members to please reach out to the school board members via email and share dates and times of upcoming celebrations, plays, productions with them. They would love to attend some of these functions when possible.

Member Comments

Multiple schools recently received a Schools of Excellence rating. They are: Pine Trail Elementary, Ormond Beach Elementary, Coronado Beach Elementary, Sweetwater Elementary, Cypress Creek Elementary, Seabreeze High School. These schools performed in the top 20% statewide for sustained academic achievement over multiple years

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 3**, 5:15 p.m. at Mainland High School in the multipurpose room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.