



School Board Meeting Highlights

Apr. 2, 2024 - The School Board of Orange County held its regularly-scheduled board meeting at 5 p.m. at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center. These are the highlights of the meeting:

New school names announced for schools opening for 2024-25 school year

- **Atwater Bay Elementary** is the name for a new school located in the Horizon West/Village H North area. The name Atwater Bay was chosen because it represents the street where the school is located. The school was previously known as site 47-E-W-4.
- **Luminary Middle** is the name of the new school located in the Lake Nona area. The name Luminary Middle was chosen because it represents the street, Luminary Boulevard, where the school is located. The school was previously known as site 129-M-SE-2.

Strategic Plan Update – Mental Health

Student Services presented on the structure of the mental health framework in OCPS. In addition, updated response results were shared with School Board members for awareness.

[The entire presentation can be viewed here.](#)

Policy revisions approved

- [Board Policy IJOA School Trips and Excursions](#)
The purpose of the revisions to this policy is to update and clarify the expectations as they relate to all field trips. The focus on the initial proposed revisions is to remove the prohibition of field trips for the last two (2) weeks of school and to update the terminology.
- [Board Policy IA Student Progression Plan](#)
The purpose of the revisions to this policy is to remove the crosswalks of the End of Course (EOC) exam grade percentages for algebra I and geometry. The FDOE created new exams and they provided new scales scores in November. Therefore, a new crosswalk is needed in order to finalize course grades with the EOC's counting as 30%.

School Board approves K-12 Science textbooks, High School Financial Literacy and Money Management Courses

This was the second opportunity for the public to comment on the recommended materials prior to adoption. [This adoption cycle includes K-12 Science](#). The 5-year purchase of K-12 Science is in accordance with the FLDOE implementation schedule and revised adoption schedule that followed Executive Order 19-32. In addition, a committee was convened to select [instructional materials for the new high school required Financial Literacy and Money Management course](#) for one year. Another adoption will occur in 2024-2025 to choose a 3-year option in alignment with the revised FLDOE instructional materials adoption timeline.

Proclamations adopted for April 2024

[National Arab American Heritage Month](#)

[Autism Awareness Month](#)

[School Library Media Month](#)

[National Volunteer Month](#)

[April 1 - 5 as National Assistant Principals Week](#)

[April 14 - 20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week](#)

School Board recognitions [All recognition photos.](#)

- **Districtwide School Board Spotlight:** Chair Jacobs recognized Wolf Lake Middle SAFE Coordinator Luther Washington. Three weeks ago, he saved an eighth-grade student from choking during lunch. He successfully administered the Heimlich maneuver.
- **Scripps Regional Spelling Bee and Spanish Spelling Bee winners:** Discovery Middle eighth-grade student Elvis Avetis, second-place winner and eighth-grade SunRidge Middle student Nathan Crabbendam and third-place winner and sixth-grade Orlando Gifted Academy student Velvizhi Sethirayar. Corner Lake Middle eighth grader Katerin Puerto won the OCPS Spanish Spelling Bee at Cypress Creek High in January.
- **Winter 2024 sports team champions:** Dr. Phillips High School Girls Basketball team, Olympia High School Boys Wrestling team, West Orange High School Competitive Cheer team and Winter Park High School Competitive Cheer team.
- **Superintendent Student Advisory Council:** Wekiva High School students spoke about school spirit and introduced the school's 25-member chorus in a performance.

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