



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
Volusia County School Board Meeting
Reported by Ann Harrell

December 9, 2025

The Volusia County School Board met in regular session with Chairperson Ruben Colon, presiding. Members present were Ms. Jamie Haynes, District 1; Ms. Krista Goodrich, District 2; Mrs. Jessie Thompson, District 3; Donna Brosemer, District 4; and Mr. Ruben Colón, District 5. Also present: Dr. Carmen J. Balgobin, Superintendent and Attorney Evans.

The school board meeting's agenda included the Superintendent's Winter Reading Challenge. The Superintendent is challenging all students to read over the winter break. Students can earn gift cards by reading and logging their minutes into "beanstack.com" through January 5, 2026. Beanstack.com is a digital platform that allows readers to track their reading progress.

NATIONAL "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

Superintendent Dr. Carmen Balgobin was recognized on December 17, 2025, as the **2026 National Woman of the Year** by DALI (District Administration Leadership Institute). She was recognized for outstanding academic gains and a significant reduction in absenteeism.

In addition, the Teacher of the Year Finalists for Volusia County were introduced.

Important dates and events to remember:

December is "Learn a Foreign Language Month"

December 22-January 5, 2026 is Winter Break (no school)

The next Regular Session or Consent Session of the Volusia County School Board will be held on January 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Admin. Center in Deland.