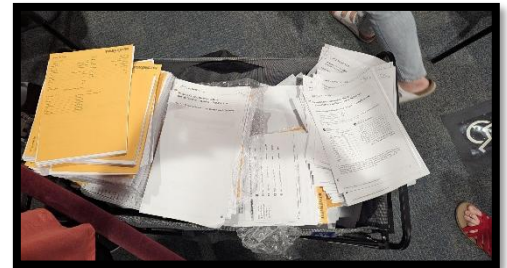
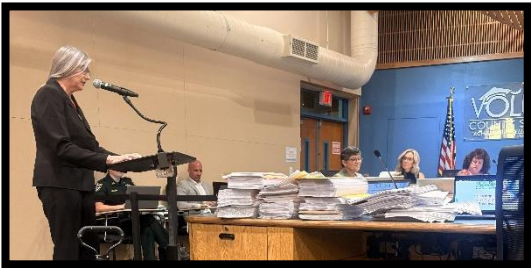


Information Update: YOUR UNION makes a big impact at VCS Board meeting

Last night, VUE members and leaders stood up and spoke out during the school board meeting to address ongoing issues affecting our members and our students. The board listened to statements made about the appropriateness of testing in primary grades, ongoing issues with the Copy Center, and the need to prioritize employees during negotiations.

The issues with the Copy Center are being felt across this district at every level. We've spoken with the board about this issue multiple times, suggested solutions, and requested their help, but nothing has changed, so last night, we decided to "show" them the impact of this flawed process.



Stacks of unusable copies that arrived too late to support instruction were placed before Board members to provide evidence of the effect of these changes, and VUE Steward Laura Bechard (Taylor Middle/High) shared her story and the stories of others at her school about the impact of this problem on teachers and students, yet not one board member acknowledged what was sitting in front of them or the impact these ongoing problems are having on employees and students. Silence does not make the problem disappear, only action creates change.

During the Board Action Items section of the agenda, the Board approved the MOU that was signed on July 29, 2026, related to TSIA funding. However, an important clarification was intentionally made to the members of the board; *the approval alone does not finalize the agreement*. Instructional personnel must ratify any agreement before it becomes legitimate. Our members have a voice in this process.

The Board was strongly encouraged to approach the next two bargaining sessions seriously and with the intent of completing the entire process, which includes prioritizing employees in salary negotiations. YOUR UNION is committed to doing the work to get this done. The Board needs to make sure they are too.

WE NEED YOU to attend the upcoming bargaining sessions. If we want to wrap negotiations up and end with the improvements we need, YOUR voice is critical for achieving this goal.

Plan to attend one or both of the following bargaining sessions. Join your colleagues who are showing up and providing direction to the members of the VUE bargaining team.

- Tuesday, September 15, at Olson, beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 16, at VUE, beginning at 4:30 pm

Put on something red, invite a friend, and join us to create the change we need in VCS. Don't just read the update, be a part of the process!

If you are interested in watching the board meeting, please click [HERE](#).

In Solidarity,

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