

P.G. Super News

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Prince George County Public Schools

October 29, 2018

Important Dates:

November
American Indian
Heritage Month

November 4
Daylight Savings
Time Ends
(turn clocks back)

November 6
Election Day
(No school for students)



November 11
Veterans Day

November 19
School Board Meeting

November 12-16
American Education
Week

November 21-23
Thanksgiving Holiday
Break



WE SALUTE
ALL VETERANS!

School Board News

The School Board held its regular meeting on October 8, 2018.

Special Recognitions

⇒ **Meredith Baker** and **Michael Campbell** were recognized for being selected to the VSBA Media Honor Roll Program. **Mr. Cox** presented them with commendation certificates from the VSBA.

Presentations

* **Shel Douglas** gave her report on the successful 7th Annual Back to School Fair stating 756 book bags were given away to students during the fair and at Family Night at Bexley Trailer Park. It is estimated 2,700 visitors attended the event, including local emergency response teams, community resource fair participants and school and county personnel. Activities, crafts and free haircuts were available for the children. She thanked the School Board, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Library, BBQ Bliss, and P.G. Women's Club for partnering with the county and she also thanked the John Randolph Foundation, Rotary Club, CFS, community members, and local churches for their donations and support in the event.

* **William Gandel** presented the 2017-18 Annual Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). There are currently 834 students in the SPED program. He reported on changes made to the SEAC committee functions, improvements to the program, and the Special Olympics program.

* **Mattie Thweatt** commented that Prince George Education Center opened the school year with 22 Project Choice students, 13 students in the PG Pals I program, and 14 students in the PG Pals II program. She thanked **Mr. Rhodes** and the maintenance department for fixing the sidewalk area around the facility. **Greg Matthews** and **Charles Johnston** did an excellent job, were very professional and friendly with staff and

Presentations (continued)

students. Former student, **Ti'asia Lindsay**, gave testimony about how her time at the Education Center changed her to be the person she is today.

* **Clarence Thweatt** thanked the Board for raising the starting pay for drivers. He reported on the number of new drivers that had started training. He has been working with **Mr. Rhodes** to work through the Transportation Advisory Group's checklist to meet TAG's recommendations. He explained the three bonuses a driver is eligible for: signing bonus, referral bonus, and perfect attendance bonus. He is also working with **Mr. Rhodes** and **Mr. Brockwell** on the parent mobile application pilot to track buses.

Action Items

- ^ Request for Approval and Appropriation of the Federal Department of Defense Educational Activity (DoDEA) Grant Funds for Use in FY 19
- ^ Appointment of Superintendent as Special Agent for Public Law 89-10 and Other Federal Projects
- ^ Fraud, Waste and Abuse Policy/Procedures
- ^ 2017-18 Final Budget Adjustments

Discussion Items

- + Recruitment of Coaches
- + Update on Fieldhouse Expansion Project
- + Policy JED
- + Placement and Use of Equipment Necessary for Filming or Recording Meetings
- + School Staffing Agreements
- + Fiscal Year 2017-18 School Activity Fund Audit Reports
- + Fiscal Year 2017-18 PTO & Booster Club Audit Reports
- + 2017-18 Projected Fund Balance Report—Year End Status by Fund Unaudited September 26, 2018
- + Financial Report for September 2018

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School Board Comments



Mr. Eley thanked **Mr. Nelson** and **Mr. Butler** for the event Friday night honoring the state champions in track, wrestling, baseball and softball. He also expressed his gratitude to **Coach Carroll** and **Becky Haydt** for their part in the bench dedication for **Mr. Hawks**, **Rev. Livesay** and **Mr. Skalsky**. The ring ceremony was very nice and timely, but the bench dedication was memorable and no better way to recognize the men who stood side-by-side, week-after-week, as dedicated football supporters.

Mr. Foster attended the Fort Lee Community Action meeting last week. He publically thanked **Ms. Simmers** and **Mr. Nelson** for doing a "bang up job" as keynote speakers providing information on career and technical education programs, educational offerings, and athletic programs. He commended **Mr. Butler** for the constant communication he provides to the board reminding them of sporting events and special events. He was in the office last week and was pleasantly surprised that the lobby was full of excitement with transportation applicants lined up. He hopes to get to visit all schools very soon.

Mr. Stevenson attended the Rowanty meeting earlier in the day and they discussed the past spring Job Fair. Seventy potential employers were part of the fair and they are looking to make the next Job Fair available to all high school seniors. The board voted earlier on a location for the new Walton Elementary School site.

Superintendent's Report

- Active Enrollment Summary October 5, 2018
- 2018-19 Suspensions and Reinstatements
- 2017-18 Charity Contributions
- Pamela Stolz—Recipient of Merrill Lee-Fox Outstanding Award
- Nicole Hancock—Nominated for Excellence in Education Award sponsored by NBC12 and Henrico Federal Credit Union
- National School Lunch Week—October 15-19, 2018
- National School Bus Safety Week—October 22-26, 2018
- VSBA Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- VSBA/VACORP Free Webinar - "What School Board Members Need to Know about School Bus Safety" — October 25, 2018
- November—"VSBA Take your Legislator to School" Month
- PGAEF Golf Tournament—November 3, 2018—Prince George Golf Course
- VSBA Education Foundation Workshop—November 13, 2018—Williamsburg
- 2018 VSBA Annual Convention and Clerk's Conference—November 14-16, 2018— Williamsburg
- VSBA Webinar Series—Budget and Finance Basics— December 12-13, 2018
- NSBA Conference 2019—Philadelphia—March 30— April 1, 2019

**The next School Board Meeting is
Monday, November 19, 2018
at 6:30 p.m.**

TURN CLOCKS BACK NOVEMBER 4TH!



School Board Comments continued:

The School Board has asked to be placed on the Supervisors' agenda to look at a second site for construction of the school to be more economical for the county.

Mr. Johnson piggybacked off **Mr. Eley's** comments about the presentation of state rings. "It was a wonderful, well planned, executed event. It was very rewarding to see the excitement and emotion on the kids' faces and feel the emotions of the bench dedication to three supporters of the football program". He was impressed with the sense of safety and security at our high school events. Friday's event was well attended and our administrators and police officers worked together to keep our families safe. He also commented on the board's split vote earlier relating to building a new school, "We don't always agree, but we stand united to build a new school. It will go forward and I will support the board wherever the school is built".

Mr. Cox thanked **Mr. Nelson** and **Mr. Butler** for making the night special for the baseball and softball teams, and track and wrestling champions during the ring presentations. "The students will not forget that moment". He also remarked that the Board is working on building the new elementary school in its same location, and we are doing what is right for our students and parents. He also commented that the graduation rate is going up so we are moving in the right direction and thanked our staff for making this happen.