

P.G. Super News

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School Board News



Important Dates:

June 21
First Day
of Summer

June 19-August 17
(Summer Hours
Monday-Thursday)

June 21-July 27
Summer School

July 3-4
Independence Day
Holiday

July 10
School Board
Meeting

July 27
Summer School
Graduation



The School Board held its regular meeting on June 12, 2017 at J.E.J. Moore Middle School.

Special Recognitions

⇒ The following retirees were recognized for their combined 837 years of service in education: **Marcelina Albelo**-20 years (Clements); **Jill Andrews**-33 (SBO); **LaEunice Bouldin**-37 (Beazley); **Lisa Britt**-33 (PGHS); **Nelson Britt**-33 (PGHS); **Lynn Clark**-34 (Walton); **Sandra Correll**-17 (SBO); **Arlene Dodson**-34 (Harrison); **Monica Giusto**-30 (Moore); **Thelma Grant**-43 (South); **Raymond Hill**-8 (PGHS); **Boris Jones**-22 (Beazley); **Roma Lackey**-36 (Clements); **Frances Lilley**-40 (South); **Janet Meredith**-36 (Clements); **Sandi Morris**-31 (Clements); **Ruth Morrison**-14 (Beazley); **Sally Musto**-28 (Beazley); **Julie Perry**-39 (Moore); **Carol Peterson**-30 (Clements); **Robin Pruett**-37 (South); **Cheryl Reifer**-36 (PGHS); **William Russell**-39 (Clements); **Judith Smith**-27 (Harrison); **Susan Upton**-41 (Rowanty), **Terry Walker**-34 (PGHS), **Charlotte Williams**-25 (SBO). **Congratulations to all retirees!**

⇒ **Francesco Pino** was recognized for winning the Model Judiciary Program and Mock Trial and being selected the 2016-17 Best Oralist. He presented his case and made his arguments without any notes before the Virginia Supreme Court Justices. **Sabine Labossiere** presented him with a certificate from the Model Judiciary Program.

⇒ N.B. Clements Junior High School received recognition from the Virginia Parent Teacher Association for achieving 25% growth in male membership in the PTSA.

⇒ **Gabriella Delgado-Castro** was presented with the first **Monica Simmons Spirit and Sportsmanship Award** by **Monica Simmons'** family. In addition, the Simmons family will provide a \$100 monetary award to the recipient of this award for the next 15 years. This award was made possible by the local Special Olympics chapter.

⇒ The PG Baseball Team finished the year as Conference 12 Champions (23-1 record), including 5A South Champions, Conference 12 Coach of the Year (**Mikey Roberts**), and Conference 12 Player of the Year (**Justin Starke**). This is the first time in history the ball club advanced to the state level.

⇒ The PG Softball Team also had a terrific season with a 20-2 record and claimed Conference 12 Champions title, including Conference 12 Player of the Year (**Laura Thompson**).

⇒ **Coach Raven Holc** recognized the girls soccer team as Conference 12 Champions (15-4 record) for the second year in row. This is **Coach Holc's** first year coaching, as former **Coach Kendall Warren** retired last year after 18 years in coaching.

⇒ The Royals captured multiple titles during the Conference 12 regional and 5A state competitions. **Nathan Stanko**, **Keith Brown**, **Joseph Kemp**, **Tarik Samuel** won the 4x100 relay state title, **Tarik Samuel** won the 400 meter state title, and; **Keith Brown** won the 200 meter state title. **Coach Will Stevens** stated the relay team is 5th in the nation and they broke 17 school records.

Core Committee Recommendations

≈ **Bill Young**, Chairman of Core Committee, discussed the purpose and expectations of the Core Committee and he recognized the committee members. The Core Committee's recommendations include: 1st Priority—replace William A. Walton and L.L. Beazley Elementary Schools, eliminate trailers at South Elementary School and recommendation to begin in the fall of 2017. 2nd priority—hire an architect to provide planning services for a high school feasibility study to begin in the fall of 2017. He provided the reasons for replacing Walton and Beazley respectively. The committee was not tasked to determine site location, hire an architect or determine where funds would come from to build new schools.



School Board Member Comments

Mr. Foster stated we are in the home stretch of another successful and safe year. "Our success rides on the backs of our employees" and our employees are what makes our system great. He replied the Board will listen to any ideas or resolutions for consideration. He also commended the Graduation Committee for their efforts in making all the graduating ceremonial events successful.



Upcoming Events:

- June 14—Free Webinar: The Research on School Choice
- July 18—VSBA Conference on Education—Richmond Marriott
- August 7—VSBA Webinar - Communication: How to Foster a Positive Relationship between the School Board and Board of Supervisors

*The Board initiated a moment of silence in remembrance of
Jerry Skalsky*

*Get Well Wishes to
Roger Franklin*

School Board News (continued)

Presentations

≈ **Stephanie Bishop** reported on J.E.J. Moore's biggest asset and valuable resource...its people. In July 2016, **Paul Penrod** was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and he had no remaining biological family for support, but he had the Moore family to ensure his care. **JoAnne Davis** and **Joni Humphries** helped organize his treatment schedule, brought him food, clothes, took him out for fellowship, communicated with doctors and hospice, took turns staying with him during his final weeks and will fulfill his final wish to be buried beside his wife in Massachusetts. "**Mrs. Davis** and **Mrs. Humphries** are shining examples of the people at Moore and what we, as educators, want for our students—to show compassion and care and to put others above ourselves." **Mr. Penrod** wrote a message to his Moore family prior to his death to express his gratitude and love for his "Moore family". He also left one of his paintings, "Dictator", to the faculty at Moore M.S.

≈ **Ron Rhodes** reported on the recalled parking brake interlock mechanism. Thirty-one buses are affected by this, but the buses will be repaired in time for the new school year. He also reported on other construction and maintenance issues throughout the division including bids for windows at South, Harrison, replacing furniture, and carpet in designated schools, completing work orders, installing slide gate at field house, etc. Bus drivers and garage personnel are on point for graduation and he encouraged people to use the transfer buses to/from the stadium.

≈ **Clarence Thweatt** commended **Karen Perry**, **Nancy Enochs**, and **Cathy Pack** for their assistance in compiling data for staggered school times. Even if the division goes to staggered times, data shows we are still deficient in drivers and some buses are full to capacity. All information presented is still in preliminary stages and more information will be forthcoming.

Public Comment

◇ **Jenna Haskins** spoke on the busing issues and lack of drivers. She stated

bus issues need to be addressed and resolved and suggested options (i.e. pay increase, benefits, etc.) to maintain drivers. She also asked the Board to consider the 10-point grading scale to be consistent with the majority of localities across the state.

Action Items Approved

- ◇ 2017-18 ESEA Consolidated Grant
- ◇ 2017-18 Title III Statewide Consortium Grant Application
- ◇ Paying Warrants through June 30, 2017
- ◇ Authorization of Signatures in Absence of Division Superintendent
- ◇ Contract for Ricoh copiers and large scale color printer
- ◇ Revised 2016-17 Budget Based on Transfers between General Fund and Federal Grants Fund
- ◇ Technology Funds Reimbursement Resolution
- ◇ Bid Approvals for Batteries Inc., Scott Electric, Presentations Systems South, Monster Technology, and B.W. Wilson
- ◇ Shred-It Document Destruction
- ◇ Policy Changes JHCH, JHCH-G, JHCI, and JHCI-P

Discussion Items

- √ 2017-18 Student Conduct and Safety Handbook
- √ Grading Scale Proposal
- √ VSBA Policy Manual Revisions including administrative changes to other policies
- √ VSBA Advocate for Education
- √ VSBA Media Honor Roll
- √ VSBA Board of Distinction, VSBA Regional School Board Member of the Year, VSBA School Board of the Year
- √ Financial Report for May 2017

Superintendent's Report/Info Items

- May 2017 Bus and School Suspensions
- 2016-17 Expulsions and Reinstatements
- Current enrollment as of June 7, 2017
- 2016-17 Year-to-Date Building Requests
- Student/Employee Monthly Report via School Messenger
- National Beta Club School of Merit—N.B. Clements Junior High School
- Letter from Mona Harrison
- News from our Schools