The School Board held its regular meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017.

**Special Recognitions**

* Robin Germanos spoke about attending the Big Lots Grand Opening and being presented with a $2000 check to use on supplies for students and teachers. She welcomed Big Lots into the county as a community partner.

* Michelle Grate was recognized for achieving certification on Emergency Preparedness/FEMA Emergency Response. The Emergency Management courses have prepared her to handle emergency situations in the community and she recommended other community members consider taking the course.

**Presentations**

* Rodney Demet and Steve Martin spoke about the progress of the Boys to Men Club at Clements JHS. They thanked Clements staff, Steve Bhatt, Chris Romig, Bill Barnes, and the school board for their continued support. Chris Vines spoke on his experiences with the program and how it has changed his life. It has taught him to trust people, his grades have improved with tutoring offered and his mentors inspire him to be a better person.

* Bill Gandel presented the 2016-17 annual Special Education Advisory Committee’s (SEAC) report. He summarized activities to include adding the SEAC application to the website, promoting community information events through special workshops aimed at parents and teachers, increasing membership, providing various in-service webinars and training events, and continuing to support the Special Olympics of which over 70 athletes registered for bowling, basketball and track and field events. They hosted a “meet and greet” for parents, students, instructional personnel and SEAC members. SEAC will continue to provide workshops and events to benefit students, parents, and staff to ensure the best education for our special students.

* Cheryl Simmers presented the Board with Save the Date cards for the year, 2017-18 school calendar with specific industry certification testing dates, and statistics on testing from the 2016-17 school year. She indicated that 94% of students tested during 2016-17 received some type of certification. Total enrollment this year is 327 students, up 19%, and three programs are totally filled with 2-3 more classes almost to capacity. She invited folks to visit Rowanty. The students are excited and have a positive attitude this year and they take pride in the work they do at Rowanty. She ended by thanking the Board for their support.

* Ron Rhodes personally thanked his staff. Over 100 buses/cars were serviced in a short period of time and he thanked Wayne, Moore, Steve Hohenesee, Tom Fowler, Kyle Hayes, and Al Cairnes for maintaining the garage area inside and outside. His operations and maintenance staff (Tony Vlk, Ralph Otey, John Campo, Tyrone Jones, Tommy Patterson, Greg Matthew, Brian Wood and Buddy Smith) have assembled new tables, completed work orders and other activities throughout the summer, including Jay Dee Johnson mowing all the grass around the division. Rhonda Munford has assisted him in the office including working with vendors, ordering supplies, having Freedom Flags placed in the schools, etc. Warren Cole and Charles Johnston came out of retirement to assist during vacations and they spread all the mulch throughout the summer. He also thanked John Brockwell, Chris Reynolds, and Barry Taylor for collaboratively working together within the maintenance/technology depts.

* Clarence Thweatt thanked administrators as they worked diligently with the transportation department, and staff (Karen Perry, Nancy Enochs, Annie Holdsworth, Catherine Pack) for getting 100 routes together to transport students. He reported on the job fair
statistics but stated we are still down 6 drivers. The 77 and 65 passenger buses are almost at capacity and some buses have 3 students to a seat but they continue to work on this problem.

Discussion Items
- Comprehensive Plan Updates—Instruction (Elementary, Secondary, Special Education)
- VRS 403(b) Plan Election for Hybrid Members
- Purchasing Policy Changes
- Financial Report for August 2017
- School Staffing Agreements and MOUs
- Residency Request Proposal
- Transportation Contract Services Update

Superintendent’s Informational Items
- Active Enrollment Summary Sept. 5, 2017
- 2017-18 Year-to-Date Building Use Requests, Expulsions and Reinstatements, Out of District Requests, Tuition Requests
- 2017-18 Risk Management Grant from VML
- PTA/PTO/PTSO meetings and after hour events for 2017-18

Upcoming Events
- Superintendent Evaluation Workshop—September 14, 2017—Charlottesville
- VSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference—September 28, 2017—Charlottesville
- VSBA Webinar—Bring the Media on Board with Proactive Communication Tactics—October 4, 2017
- CodeRVA Angel Sponsor Kick-Off Event—October 18, 2017
- November is "VSBA Take Your Legislator to School" Month
- VSBA Education Foundation Workshop—November 14, 2017—Williamsburg
- VSBA Annual Conference and Clerk’s Conference—November 15-17, 2017—Williamsburg

Familiar Faces in New Places / Meet the Newest Administrative Members

South Elementary
Susan Braswell, Principal (former assistant principal)
Chris Wills, Assistant Principal (new to South transferred from Clements)

North Elementary
Chris Romig, Principal (new to North transferred from Clements)

William A. Walton Elementary
Julie Connolly, Assistant Principal (former teacher)

J.E.J. Moore Middle
Donna Branch-Harris, Assistant Principal (new to Moore transferred from North)

N.B. Clements Junior High
Tana Jones, Principal (former assistant principal transferred from Moore)
Amber Thompson, Assistant Principal (new employee from York County)

Prince George High
Barbara Davenport, Assistant Principal (new employee from Henrico)

The next School Board Meeting is Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.