

# P.G. Super News

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## School Board News

The School Board held its regular meeting on June 11, 2018 at J.E.J. Moore Middle School.

### Special Recognitions

- ⇒ **Col. Adam Butler** presented each school principal a certificate of appreciation thanking them for all they do in educating and supporting the military children.
- ⇒ **Coach Mickey Roberts** stated the baseball team ended the season with a 21-3 record and are Group 5 State Champions, baseball's first state title! He thanked many people for their roles in the ball club (coaches, statisticians, announcer, athletic director, principal, his wife and daughter, the fans and his ball team). **Tevin Tucker** was named Player of the Year and **Coach Roberts** was named Coach of the Year.
- ⇒ **Coach Nealan Chandler** praised his incredible softball team as they became the Class 5 State Champions for the first time in school history, with a 23-1 record and an impressive 43-3 record in two years. Opponents scored only 23 runs on the Royals while the Royals scored 224 runs the entire season. He also thanked his assistant coach, parents, and community for their support this season.
- ⇒ **Assistant Coach Julia Ellison** talked about the amazing group of girls on the soccer team. They overcame a lot of diversity (injuries and weather) but they worked hard for a 8-7-1 record and first time winner in a regional tournament.
- ⇒ **Assistant Coach Don Wills** explained it was his first year coaching varsity but the soccer team was great to work with throughout the season (9-6-1). He stated this is the 15th year the soccer team has been in back-to-back regional tournaments.
- ⇒ **Coach Will Stevens** recognized the Boys Track team and their accomplishments this season. The 4x1 relay team, consisting of **Javonte Harding, Nathan Stanko, Anthony Thomas, Jordaen Scott, Chandler Coleman** (alternate), finish 6th overall in state. **Kai Samuel** finished 3rd in the region and 10th overall in state in the men's 800, **Richard Fulton** placed 9th

Overall in the men's high jump, **Javonte Harding** placed 2nd overall in the 100 Meter Dash and state champion in the 200 Meter Dash. The team finished 10th overall in the state.

- ⇒ **Coach Kenya Grissett** recognized the girls' tennis team. The girls did a phenomenal job this season advancing to the All-Region tournament. She thanked **Mrs. Thweatt** for allowing her flexibility with her work schedule and supporting her to coach the tennis team.
- ⇒ The following retirees were recognized for their combined 787 years of service in education: **Sue Brockwell-42** (Transportation); **Dale Butler-32** (Clements); **Vickie Cain-41** (PGHS); **Alvin Chandler-24** (PGHS); **Julianne Ellison-36** (Harrison); **Trudy Goodman-25** (Walton); **Robin Graham-38** (PGE); **Joni Humphries-30** (Moore); **Debbie Jenks-21** (Clements); **Felicia Kershaw-39** (Moore); **Sharon Kushma-35** (Walton); **Barbara Lynch-40** (Walton); **Sherri Moring-30** (Beazley); **Mona Parsons-42** (Transportation); **Anne Roberts-33** (PGHS); **Mickey Roberts-35** (PGHS); **Chris Romig-40** (North); **James Scruggs-30** (SBO); **Bonnie Sponsler-18** (South); **Karen Wall-40** (Beazley); **Linda Webb-29** (South); **James Wicks-30** (South); **Linda Wicks-35** (South); **Warren Winterson-5** (PGHS); **Russell Wyche-17** (Transportation)
- ⇒ **Mike Nelson** presented **Courtney South** with a medal and letter honoring her perfect attendance for K-12.

### Presentations

- ≈ **Stephanie Bishop** shared some highlights from the year-long journey at Moore Middle School. This year's theme, "Unlock Your Destination", allowed students to make great strides in the areas of reading and math through LLI, Lightsail, TransMath and VMATH programs. The Social Studies and Science Departments are leading the way with



### Important Dates:

June 18—August 16  
(Summer Hours  
Monday-Thursday)

June 20—July 25  
Summer School

June 21  
First Day  
of Summer

July 4-5  
Independence Day  
Holiday

July 16  
School Board  
Meeting

July 26  
Summer School  
Graduation  
@ 1:00 p.m.



enjoy!



### School Board Member Comments

**Mr. Eley** spoke about the year winding down and he thanked the staff for another successful school year. He spoke about the special night for all the athletes and retirees. He's looking forward to graduation, reminiscing that 25 years ago he walked across that same stage. He also expressed his gratitude for serving on the school board the last six months.

**Mr. Foster** said the word "sacrifice" is a word under-utilized. All of us sacrifice time away from our families to do what is right for our children "Thank you" for all you do. He also spoke about the reappointment of **Mrs. Williams** as superintendent. "Thank you for your sacrifices **Mrs. Williams**."

**Mr. Stevenson** thanked **Mr. Rhodes** and staff in getting Clements back up and operational before the end of the year. He stated over one million dollars in scholarships were given out to students at Convocation. He also congratulated all state championship winners this year (baseball, softball, wrestling and track).

**Mr. Johnson** stated it has been a privilege serving on the board the second half of the school year. He has met wonderful groups of individuals who have the same objective to work with kids to make them the best they can be and to be good citizens. He looks forward to continue serving on the board.

**Mr. Cox** congratulated the two state championships in one day. He expressed his appreciation to **Ron Rhodes** for getting the charter buses scheduled on such short notice for the championship games and for getting Clements' power restored for students to return back to school. He is disappointed in the negative media coverage during the closing of the school.

# School Board News (continued)

## Presentations (continued)

Performance Based Learning. To expand on the PBL journey, Moore's library is being transformed into a new Library Innovation Center courtesy of a Cameron Foundation grant. **Mrs. Barnwell** shared information on the new technology available in the Innovation Center for enriched learning experiences (laptops, virtual reality goggles for station use, interactive touch screen display panels, etc.). Student-centered activities are the standard instead of just the circulation of books. **Ms. Branch-Harris** explained that the future of the Innovation Center will be geared at building 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking, with resources such as interactive panels (students brainstorming, sharing ideas and collaborating); production studio (students create, edit, produce and report school news); maker space area (students utilize devices—3D printer, robotics, etc.) to transform ideas from paper into real-life situations). The administrators presented the board with gifts made from some of these resources.

≈ **Ron Rhodes** provided an update on replacement windows at Harrison and South. They are on target to start replacement on June 18, 2018. He also indicated that the Transportation consultant is gathering the data needed. Once they have obtained all data they will review and meet with the division for next steps. The old track has been removed and new track surfacing is scheduled to start on June 18, 2018. They will also be resurfacing the areas around the high jump and pole vaulting areas. Lastly, Clements School will be back in session on Tuesday at its regular time.

## Public Comment

◇ **Leila Holmes** addressed the Board in April. **Christian Dimas-Manjvar** wrote to **Congressman McEachin** about bullying in schools and resolutions. **Ms. Holmes** read the reply letter from the **Congressman**.

## Action Items Approved

- ◇ Bid approvals for Leete Tire, PMI Lubricants, AmeriGas, James River Solutions, Tidewater Fleet, Sonny Merryman, Container First Services, Houchins Pest Control, Unifirst, B.W. Wilson, and Rutherford Supply.
- ◇ 2018-19 Title III Statewide Consortium Grant Application
- ◇ Paying Warrants through June 30, 2018
- ◇ Authorization of Signatures in Absence of Division Superintendent
- ◇ SkillsUSA Club Request
- ◇ VSBA Delegate—**Rob Eley** and Alternate Delegate—**Chris Johnson**
- ◇ Date Change for July Meeting—July 16, 2018

## Discussion Items

- √ Health Insurance Stipend-Transportation (Drivers Only)
- √ ESSA Reporting Requirements for FY2019
- √ VSBA Media Honor Roll
- √ Financial Report for May 2018
- √ Stipend for Additional Duties
- √ Policy Manual Revisions

## Superintendent's Report/Info Items

- Current enrollment as of June 6, 2018
- ASBJ Article—"ESSA School Spending Rule Poses Challenges"
- Note of appreciation dated May 30, 2018 from Cindy and George Poulson
- Thank you note from Evan Wolff
- VSBA Showcases for Success Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

- VSBA New Chairman/Board Member Orientation @ Richmond Marriott, July 16, 2018
- VSBA Conference on Education @ Richmond Marriott, July 17, 2018
- 2nd Annual Prince George Alliance for Education Foundation Golf Tournament (postponed to October)

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**The next School Board Meeting is  
 Monday, July 16, 2018  
 at 6:30 P.M.**  
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