

P. G. Super News

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School Board News

Important Dates:

May 29
Memorial Day

June - July
Fireworks
Safety Month

June 5
World
Environment Day

June 12
School Board
Meeting

June 14-16
Secondary Exams
Student Early
Release

June 14
Flag Day

June 16
Last Day of
School

June 17
Graduation Day



June 18
Father's Day

The School Board held its regular meeting on May 8, 2017 at the County Administration Building.

Special Recognitions and Congratulations!

⇒ May 10 is recognized as National School Nurse Day. **Michelle Grate** introduced and recognized the school nurses in appreciation for their dedicated service. **Ina Moody** (South), **Tiffany Howington** (North) **Stacy Maddox** (Beazley), **Kim Gambill** (Walton), **Doris Brown** (Harrison), **Catina Horne** (Moore/PGEC), **Amanda Dillard** (Clements), **Tonya Bryant** (PGHS), **Connie Moody** (PGEC/Harrison), **Michelle Grate** (SBO).

⇒ **David Dockan** recognized students selected to the All-Virginia Elementary Chorus. **Abriel Fields**, **Ella Iles**, **Matthew Marshall**, **Brooklyn Miller** (North), **Danis Jones**, **Audrey Norris**, **Savannah Lipps** (South), and **Elizabeth DeLong**, **Lorelei Thomas** (Walton).

⇒ **Cheryl Reifer** and **Janet Carr** spoke on the FBLA Regional and State Awards. **Wayne Coleman**, **James Klein**, and **Samantha Kaiser** attended state competition after their 1st and 2nd place finishes in the Regional Competitions to advance to the State level. **James Klein** placed 3rd in the state for his Agribusiness category.

⇒ **Neil Marks** was 1 of 11 students selected in Virginia to attend the ACS National Chemistry Olympiad.

⇒ **Anisa Isaac** competed against high school students across the U.S. and won first place in the Poetry Society of Virginia's Youth Contest for her "Sun Queen" publication and she also placed 2nd for "Digger's Night Out".

⇒ **Chris Waugaman** was joined by Royals media staff, **Chance Thweatt**, **Paul Dennis, Jr.**, **Carlee Lively** and **Hannah Mitchell** and recognized for receiving the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Online Pacemaker Award for the 5th time and the only school in Virginia and surrounding states recognized for this award.

Other news media awards received this year include: Trophy Class at VHSL (TRN, trnwired.org, PGTV News), Savgedge Award 2017 at VHSL (TRN), Silver Crown at CSPA (TRN, trnwired.org), Online Pacemaker Winner at NSPA (trnwired.org), and Best of Show at NSPA Convention (trnwired.org).

⇒ **SFC Ricky Johnson** spoke about JROTC Drill Team's exceptional year placing first in several drill competitions commanded by **Cadet Lt. Col. Ayla Goodwyn**, ultimately competing in the National Drill Team competition in Daytona, FL, where they were up against 40 other schools nationally. The team placed in every event and received a Certificate of Excellence for their accomplishments.

⇒ The VSBA Business Honor Roll Recipients nominated by the School Board were recognized: **The Bank of Southside Virginia** (J. Peter Clements-CEO), **Sebera's** (Dennis Sebera-Owner), and **Roma's Restaurant** (Johnny Ingargiola-Owner).

⇒ The School Resource Officers were recognized in honor of School Resource Day/National Law Enforcement Week (third week in May). **Officers John Pearson**, **Eric McQuage**, **Cliff Skelton**, **Anthony Moegling**, and **Phillip Mayes** were recognized and received a commemorative 2017 Memorial Challenge/Legacy of Honor coin in appreciation of their partnership with the schools.

⇒ The 2017 Support Employees of the Year were recognized: **Sally Musto** (Beazley), **Kent Novak** (Harrison), **James Herman** (North), **Karen Belcher** (South), **Donna Kane** (Walton), **Pamela Cooper** (PGEC), **Jodi Skinner** (Moore), **Willis Ricks** (Clements), **Dennis Carr** (PGHS), **Connie Wilcoxson** (SBO), **Nancy Enochs** (Transportation).

⇒ **Nancy Enochs** was announced as the division's 2017 Support Employee of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017



Graduation Events

June 10, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m.
Baccalaureate Service-
Union Branch
Baptist Church

June 11, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m.
Convocation - PGHS Gym

June 17, 2017 @
9:00 a.m.
Graduation—Prince George
Athletic Complex

Today Appreciate Your
Treasures: Faith, Family, and
Friends are the most valuable and
yet are unavailable for
purchase. It's not the things that
can be bought that are life's
richest treasure.
- Helen Steiner Rice

The next School Board
Meeting is Monday,
June 12, 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.
@ J.E.J. Moore Middle
School



Summer Work Hours for
12-month employees
June 19-August 17, 2017
(Monday-Thursday)

Action Items / Approved

- ≈ School District Lunch Increase
- ≈ Purchase of new vehicles
- ≈ 2017-18 Special Education Annual Plan
- ≈ Prince George Education Alliance Partnership Report-Grand Canyon University Agreement
- ≈ VRS Resolution for Retiree Health Care Credit for Non-Professional Staff
- ≈ Social Studies Textbook Adoption
- ≈ Proposal for a Pilot 9th Grade PG Pals II Cohort at PGEA for 2017-18

Superintendent's Report/Info Items

- April 2017 Bus and School Suspension Report; 2016-17 Expulsion and Reinstatement Report; May 3, 2017 Attendance Report; Student/Employee Emergency Monthly Report via School Messenger; and 2016-17 Year-to-Date Building Use Requests
- Letter from Rasa Lakas, DOE, dated April 10, 2017 recognizing the Food and Nutrition Services Department
- Thank you email from Joseph Waymack dated April 28, 2017
- Prince George Journal news articles from April 26, 2017
- Rowanty Technical Center's 40th Anniversary Open House Announcement

Upcoming Events:

- 1st Annual PG Alliance for Education Foundation Golf Tournament—May 19, 2017 @ PG Golf Course
- VSBA School Law Conference—June 2, 2017
- Free Webinar: The Research on School Choice—June 14, 2017
- VSBA Conference on Education—Richmond Marriott—July 18, 2017



SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Stevenson commented on the misconception that MYP program is not necessarily a gifted program. He also replied that agendas and minutes are posted on the school division's website monthly, and "we are transparent". He spoke on the great groups of students and staff recognized this evening. Each month we honor students and employees for various accomplishments and he would like to see our meetings in a larger room to accommodate our honorees.



School Board Comments (continued)

Mr. Cox commented on the car show at PGHS, another success prom, and celebration of employee appreciation week. He thanked employees for a job well done.

Mr. Foster thanked the school board and county staff members for meeting last week on self-insured funding. There are disparities between the two entities on this matter but both groups had good dialogue and he thanked our staff and the county's staff for providing data. Pierce Benefit Group has been working with employees during open enrollment and he has heard all positive comments during the enrollment period. He is excited to attend an operations workshop by Ms. Munford, Energy Specialist, regarding cost savings. He addressed the rumors that there was a shortage of paper. "Not one school has gone without paper". Prior to spring break all paper from the warehouse was distributed to the schools. Another Purchase Order was prepared to carry us through the rest of this school year. The warehouse where paper is stored is not temperature controlled, therefore, we can't store paper at lengths of time. This was all "fake news and there was no paper shortage". More paper was delivered to schools today. He also acknowledged this is a stressful testing season and he wanted staff to know we are behind them and appreciate all they do during testing time and every day!

Public Comments



Sharon Jadrnak thanked those responsible for preparing and explaining the PowerPoint presentation on the Honors Algebra and Foreign Language Options for students. She spoke on Federal Impact Aid surplus and on the shortage of paper in the schools.

Vickie Mitchell voiced concerns about the MYP/IB Program. After hearing the presentation she assumes the division will drop the IB Program and offer only honor classes and she asked, "What will happen to the rising 6th graders?" She also said agendas should be advertised and parents should be made aware of meetings and minutes needed to be posted and available to parents.

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PRESENTATIONS

Update from Cenergistic—Jon Hampton

Mr. Hampton spoke on the loss of energy savings since last year. He identified the electric, natural gas and water and sewer losses by school. The success of the program depends on everyone and he indicated old habits and resistance to change are barriers. He indicated teamwork and senior staff support are the key to turning the program around to see a real savings to the school district. He offered recommendations for the school division to implement for the remainder of the Energy Saving Contract. It was suggested **Rhonda Munford** provide a workshop for the Board members explaining operations and cost saving measures for the division.

New Web Page Presentation—John Brockwell

Mr. Brockwell stated the current district web page was created 11 years ago and it is time for change. Many school divisions have updated their websites to be compliant with the Office of Civil Rights (handicapped accessible). The eChalk® Learning Management System was used when creating the new webpage. It was built around the most used links in the past and there are 4 categories to choose from: About Us, Schools, Parents, and Employees. The webpage has a link to each school webpage. **Steve Gay** gave a demonstration on the new webpage that will be rolled out on July 1, 2017.

<http://prince-george-county-public-schools.echalksites.com>

Foreign Language and Advanced Math Options for J.E.J. Moore Middle School—Post MYP

- William Barnes

Mr. Barnes presented a PowerPoint presentation to offer Honors Algebra I and Foreign Language Options for the class of 2024 (current 5th graders). He spoke on the prerequisites for rising 6th graders in both the Algebra and Foreign Language classes to be offered. The proposed foreign language and advance math options presented offers more opportunity for more students and not just for a specific group of students.

Construction and Maintenance Update—Ron Rhodes

Mr. Rhodes provided a sewer pump update at North Elementary. After assessment it was determined there was a faulty check valve. A new check valve was installed and this corrected the problem. The division has already seen a reduction in the last month's reading, and it will continue to monitor. **Mr. Rhodes** provide the board with an update on building requests and furniture that has been purchased and delivered to the schools from carryover funds. The department has been looking at options for a change in bell schedules next year to free up some drivers and/or eliminate some routes. The test bell schedules include grouping N.B. Clements Junior High and high school students on one bell schedule, Moore, North, South and Harrison on another bell schedule and Beazley and Walton

Construction and Maintenance Update (continued)

on a third bell schedule. This is still in testing stages but the goal is to have extra drivers and to pick up and deliver students to school and home in a timely fashion. Work orders are down (111) because one worker is designated to cutting grass.

Report from N.B. Clements Junior High School

- Chris Romig

After Clements was accredited with warning, the team adopted a slogan, "Academic Success Under Construction," and made changes to their School Improvement Plan, aligning their goals with the division's objectives. PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) were formed based on staff's interests and talents. Staff came up with 6 PLCs to become Royal STRONG determined to provide equal opportunities for all students. S-School Safety; T-Tiered System of Supports; R-Remediation; O-Outreach and Communication; N-Needs Based Instruction; G-Grade Monitoring. **Mr. Wills** explained ways they challenged students to be punctual, prepared, responsible and productive and increase the awareness and focus on positive behaviors. He explained the first Positive Behavior Intervention, "Royals at the Ready". First period classes are tracked daily to determine if 1) the class is present and on time; 2) appropriately dressed; and 3) prepared with homework and materials. Class progress was displayed in the cafeteria and recognized at the end of each 9 weeks. The second Positive Behavior Intervention was Reverse Referrals, recognizing students for acts of kindness and willingness to support each other. **Mr. Sumner** shared a new Intervention Screener Sheet developed to not only show student grades but also student state and district-wide assessment data. This monitoring worksheet also flags students as Tier 1, 2 or 3 which allows staff to know what type of intervention is required for that student. **Diane O'Hare** and **Kelly Burton** approached staff about a Project Based Learning (PBL) assignment for their English class. Students became big brothers/big sisters for students at the Dominion School of Autism and students at North Elementary who would benefit from extra support or friends. The project not only helped students learn more about autism and Asperger's syndrome by working with others in real-life, but also taught and reinforced reading comprehension and research skills. Students spoke of their experiences and how they contributed to the project (i.e. making sensory equipment, providing stress balls, fidgets, creating pamphlet on autism, field trip to North Elementary to work with autistic students, created a presentation to promote positive/negative traits, tips for teachers, color chart, etc.). Students who attended the meeting included **William Headley, Avery McDaniel, Jared Purdel, Ethan Post, Bella Friedhof, Emma Woodward-Burdett, Emma Davis, and Ande Davis**. Clements regained full accreditation and has had another successful year because of the support of staff, students, parents, and school board office staff.