The School Board held its regular meeting on August 8, 2016.

**Recognitions**

* Lizbeth Guadalupe-Diaz received the Drs. Singh and Bhuller Tri-Cities Outstanding Educator of the Year Award, sponsored by the John Randolph Foundation. Lisa Sharpe and Bonnie Falls (from John Randolph Foundation) presented her with a $2,500 grant to use towards enhancing her teaching skills and congratulated her on the award to maintain standards of excellence.

* Doug Reese was recognized as he retires from the school division with 32 years of service.

**Action Items**

- School Crisis Emergency Management & Medical Emergency Response Plan and School Safety Audit

**Discussions Items**

- 2016 Summer School Enrollment—1,095 students completed the summer academic and enrichment programs
- School Staffing Agreements and MOUs
- 2016 Department of Defense Educational Activity Grant—Students Centered Learning to Support Success (S-Cl@SS) Grant—$1,250,000 DoDEA Grant
- 2016 Professional Development Report—580 professional development activities
- 2015-16 Budget Review / Funding Categories

**Presentations**

- Katie Sloan, Coordinator of Programs and Community Impact, reported on Smart Beginnings Southeast. Smart Beginnings is a non-profit organization that leads families and community partners in maximizing resources to assure that all children, ages 0-5, are prepared emotionally, cognitively, socially and physically for school readiness. She described the programs offered through the community and she thanked the School Board for supporting early childhood educational opportunities so children will be ready to succeed in school and in life.

- Ron Rhodes updated the Board on construction and maintenance work throughout the division: 233 work orders completed, Monarch Consultants completed roof punch lists at Walton Elementary and PGHS, parking lot/sidewalk work completed at Beazley Elementary, water main tie-in to county water at the bus garage. Work continues at PGEC to complete installation of power, water, and sewer at the location. The Transportation Department is working on transportation requests and completing routes for the upcoming year. The annual bus rodeo will be held at PGHS on August 15-17 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

**School Board Member Comments**

^ Mr. Franklin said it is a tremendous task to get the schools ready to open for the first day of school. There are a lot of people behind the scenes who work daily to get the buildings ready for that first day of school and he thanked the custodians, maintenance personnel, directors and administrators for working diligently to have our buildings ready for a successful opening day.

^ Mr. Stevenson attended the Rowanty Technical School earlier in the day and he stated there is a sense of renewed energy at Rowanty with revitalized leadership. He also commended custodian and maintenance staffs for doing a great job getting the buildings ready for opening day.

^ Mr. Foster recognized Officer Butch Pearson for always being available for the meetings. He congratulated Mr. Nelson and staff for another successful summer school graduation ceremony. He apologized for being unable to attend, but he heard it was an excellent ceremony for the few who graduated in the summer event.
School Board News
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Superintendent’s Report/Information Items
→ Current enrollment as of August 3, 2016 - Projection
→ 2016-17 Student Expulsion/Suspension Report
→ Final 2015-16 Expulsion Statistics
→ 2016-17 Current Building Use Requests
→ Student/Employee Emergency Monthly Report via School Messenger
→ 2016 Orientation Schedules
→ VSBA Newsletter

Upcoming Events:
→ Transportation Driver Skills Meeting, Training and Rodeo at PGHS, August 15-17, 2016 beginning at 7:00 a.m.
→ Back to School Event at Scott Park, August 25, 2016, 4:00—7:00 p.m.—REMEMINDER
→ Convocation—August 29, 2016 at PGHS beginning at 8:00 a.m.
→ Prince George Golf Tournament at Prince George Golf Course, September 24, 2016
→ VSBA Education Foundation Workshop, Williamsburg, VA - November 15, 2016
→ VSBA Annual Conference, Williamsburg, VA — November 16-18, 2016

New Employees at the School Board Office

Chanda Hannah—Social Worker
(replaced Jane Ball)

Jennifer Mays—Accounting Associate (replaced Audrey Dorton)

Jennifer McGuire—Student Services Coordinator
(replaced Jessica Little)

Tierra Tillie—Social Worker
(replaced Heather Mitchell)

Welcome to All New Staff

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ORIENTATION DATES
(continued)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS
J.E.J. Moore Middle School
August 31, 2016
Grade 6—8:30 a.m.
Grade 7—1:00 p.m.

N.B. Clements Junior H.S.
August 30, 2016
Last Name A-M—8:30 a.m.
Last Name N-Z—11:30 a.m.

Prince George H.S.
August 30, 2016
All Students 7:00 p.m.

Prince George Education Center
August 31, 2016
Meet and Greet the Teachers
PG Pals—11:00 a.m.

The next School Board Meeting is Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

4th ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR
Thursday, August 25, 2016
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
@ Scott Park