

# BOARD *Briefs*

## Meeting Summary

**October 21, 2009**

### The School Board Approved:

- The payrolls for September 2009 in the amount of \$42,406,904.20.
- November 2009 as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Observance Month.
- November 9–13, 2009 as School Psychology Week.
- October 18–25, 2009 as Read Aloud to a Child Week.
- November 15–21, 2009 as National Geography Awareness Week.
- The STEM Service Learning Grant.

### Presentations

Mr. Michael Mulgrew, Associate Superintendent for High Schools, provided the School Board with information regarding graduation rates in Virginia. Mr. Mulgrew also gave a short presentation and update on information received from the Traditional High School Task Force regarding the feasibility study.

Mr. David Cline, Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services, gave an update on the first quarter budget for FY 2010.

### Citizens' Time

Citizens addressed the School Board on the following subjects:

- Merit pay for teachers.
- Avondale Development.
- ING, Inc. presented the Unsung Heroes Award to Ms. Netia Elam, teacher at Bull Run Middle School.

- Brentsville Special Education Advisory Committee.
- Journey through Hallowed Ground Partnership.

### Superintendent's Time

Dr. Steven L. Walts, Superintendent of Schools, congratulated the following:

- Susan Garlock, Adult Education Lead Teacher, for recently being named Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Association for Adult and Continuing Education.
- Department of Human Resources for winning the 2009 Web Site Development Award presented by the American Association of School Personnel Administrators.
- Mr. Paul O'Connor, supervisor of Facilities Management, for his suggestion that saved PWCS \$150,000. The masonry shop in the office of Structures and Grounds, which Mr. O'Connor supervises, had been given an outside estimate that replacing a deteriorating brick wall at Osbourn Park High School with a metal panel system could cost as much as \$200,000. With the help of tradesmen bricklayers, the PWCS masonry employees repaired the wall at Osbourn Park for a total cost of just over \$50,000. Congratulations to Paul O'Connor and to all those who were involved with this project.
- Osbourn Park High School's Chamber Orchestra for being recognized in the "Mark of

Excellence National Orchestra Honors Program." There were 155 entries from throughout the United States and Osbourn Park is ranked among the top 12 high school orchestra programs, equivalent to being a state-level winner.

- The "Singing Sunrays" of Alvey Elementary School for being featured in the September 2009 issue of "Music, K–12," a national magazine and resource for music teachers.

School Board meetings are planned as follows. Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the School Board Meeting Room at 14715 Bristow Road, Manassas. Citizens who wish to address the School Board under Citizens' Time may notify the Board Clerk in writing, by phone, or by electronic mail prior to noon on the day of the meeting. Citizens may also sign up to speak prior to 6:55 p.m. on the evening of the meeting.

### **2009-10 School Board Meetings**

**Closed Sessions start at 6 p.m. and are followed by public meetings that start at 7 p.m.**

November 4  
November 17\*

(\*Tuesday meeting due to VSBA meeting)

December 2

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