

BOARD *Briefs*

Meeting Summary

November 4, 2009

The School Board Approved:

- December 7–11, 2009 as National Inclusive Schools Week.
- New course offerings in the Middle School Career and Technical Education Program for the 2010-11 school year. The high school course catalog will include Arabic I, offered at Hylton High School, and Introduction to Culinary Arts will be offered at all high schools.
- The Cooperative Agreement between the Department for Blind and Vision Impaired and Prince William County School Division.
- The Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board and the Prince William District Health Department relating to the In-School Influenza Vaccine Program.
- The Head Start Continuation Grant, Head Start Annual Self-Assessment, and Policy Council By-Laws as required by Head Start Act 42 USC 9837.
- The application for Qualified School Construction Bonds.
- The Memorandum of Agreement with Northern Virginia Community College for dual enrollment. This offering will allow high school students to take college-level courses and receive both college credit and high school credit toward graduation.

Presentations

Mr. Kris Pedersen, interim associate superintendent for Student Learning

and Accountability, gave an update on the Pay for Performance Committee progress. Mr. Pedersen is responding to the Board's assignment to develop a pay for performance plan for teachers in advance of this year's budgeting cycle.

Mr. David Cline, associate superintendent for Finance and Support Services, gave an update on H1N1 committee meetings.

Citizens' Time

Citizens addressed the School Board on merit pay for teachers.

Superintendent's Time

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

- Sharon Dravvorn, a Woodbridge High School math teacher, for receiving the Milken Educator Award. This is a \$25,000 award given to outstanding educators across the nation by the Milken Family Foundation to honor them for what they do for students and for their country.
- The Communications and Technology Services Department for bringing national recognition to the School Division for digital School Board communications. The School Division ranked among the top ten districts nationwide in the 2009 Digital School Districts Survey conducted by the Center for Digital Education and the National

School Boards Association. PWCS tied for second in the top-ten ranking.

- Izora Everson, a teacher at Potomac High School, for being selected by the U.S. State Department to participate in a two-week professional development program in Nicaragua in April.
- The Office of Science and Family Life Education for receiving a \$27,000 grant from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association to purchase technology equipment for the science departments
- Fred M. Lynn Middle School for receiving more than \$5,200 worth of books from Borders Books in Woodbridge. Borders selected this middle school as the beneficiary of its fall book drive, which invites customers to donate a book to a school library. Many thanks to Borders customers for their kind generosity.

Veterans Day

With Veterans Day approaching on November 11, PWCS salutes our nation's heroes. We thank all of the men and women in our armed forces for the contributions they have made to keep our nation safe and secure. We pay special tribute to School Division employees who are military veterans; not only are they our valued colleagues and friends; their dedication reminds us each day of the importance of freedom and patriotism



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in this great country. The School Division will observe Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11. All schools and Central Offices will be closed on this day.

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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 17*

(*Tuesday meeting due to VSBA meeting)

December 2

December 16

January 6

January 20

February 3

February 17

March 3

March 17

April 7

April 21

May 5

May 19

June 2

June 16

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