

BOARD *Briefs*

Meeting Summary

May 20, 2009

Presentation

The School Board presented awards of recognition to the Business Partnership winners.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed student housing and attendance area of the 11th high school.

The School Board Approved:

- The renewal of liability and property insurance as submitted by the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool.
- April 2009 payrolls in the amount of \$43,716,737.68.
- The contract award for the renewal of Godwin Middle School to Taft Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$3,755,000.
- The School Board meeting minutes of May 6, 2009.
- The Disciplinary Committee meeting minutes of May 6, 2009.
- The increase of \$3,380,000 to the 2009 budget and appropriation for the Special Education Regional School Fund.
- The sanitary sewer easement and temporary construction easements at Osbourn Park High School to the Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority.
- The resolution authorizing the Chairman of the School Board to request that the Board of County Supervisors approve the operation

of the before- and after-school daycare programs operated by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington at Potomac View and Sinclair Elementary Schools for the 2009-10 school year.

- The confirmation of the poll conducted on May 18, 2009 to approve the candidate selected for the position of School Board clerk.
- The recommended changes to the Code of Behavior for the 2009-10 school year.
- The formal proposal for a Regional Academic Year Governor's School for submission to the Virginia Board of Education for first review on July 23, 2009 and for final review on September 17, 2009. In accordance with Policy 854, the Prince William County School Board approves "The Governor's School @ Innovation Park – a STEM initiative in collaboration with George Mason University" as the name for AYGS#19.
- The recommended Boundary Plan B1 for the 11th high school and other area high schools.
- **Policy 361**, Office of Internal Audit, and **Policy 351**, Reporting, Investigating, and Prosecuting Fraud and Embezzlement.
- That the School Board endorses the concept of a statewide standard for calculation of grade point averages, including weighting factors for IB, AP, and honors courses; that the Board will add this to our Legislative package for the coming

session of the General Assembly; and that the Board will forward the resolution to the Virginia School Boards Association's (VSBA) Legislative Policies and Resolutions Committee for possible inclusion in VSBA's lobbying package for the coming year.

- That the School Board establish a School Board/Board of County Supervisors Budget Review Committee and that Chairman At-Large, Milton C. Johns, and Mrs. Betty Covington (Dumfries) be appointed to that committee.

Citizens' Time

Citizens addressed the School Board on the dangers of asphalt plants near elementary schools.

School Board Decision on Boundary Plan B1 for the 11th High School

The School Board approved implementation of the new boundaries in the following manner: Rising ninth and tenth graders residing in the 11th high school's attendance area will attend the 11th high school. Rising 11th graders residing in the 11th high school's attendance area will have a one-time choice to attend the 11th high school or remain at their current high school. There will be no second chance to select. There will be no 12th grade at the 11th high school during its first year of operation. Those 12th grade students in the 11th high school's attendance areas will remain



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at their currently assigned high school.

With respect to all other boundary areas moved from one high school to another, only rising 9th graders will move to the newly assigned high school in fall 2011.

Further, that the Superintendent establish a specialty program at the 11th high school and that this program accept transfers of up to 100 percent of the school's capacity. See Planning Office Web site for details.

Superintendent's Time

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

- That a symposium on Instructional Consultation Teams, presented last spring at the American Educational Research Association's Conference, by School Division and University of Maryland staff was rated the best symposium within Division H of the Association. Division H focuses on research in schools.
- There was a Closing the Gap Summit on April 13 and over 350 Prince William County employees attended. On April 18 a student leadership conference was held at the request of students and over 250 students from grade 9–12 attended the conference.

- Prince William County Public Schools Fine Arts program will present the first annual Music Faculty Recital on May 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Potomac High School located at 3401 Panther Pride Drive in Dumfries. The concert is free and open to the public.
- Loch Lomond Elementary School in Manassas and Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary School in Woodbridge are among 124 schools being honored by the Virginia Board of Education for raising the academic achievement of disadvantaged students in reading and mathematics. They have been named Distinguished Title I Schools.
- The Media Production Services Office received a Hermes Award for two spectacular distance learning programs they produced.
- Potomac View Elementary School is one of 71 schools from across the country that has achieved recognition as a model counseling program. Melissa Masino, Potomac View's school counselor, worked collaboratively with Principal Susan Porter to establish a Comprehensive School Counseling program at Potomac View Elementary School. Potomac View Elementary School is the second Prince William County elementary school to receive this

national recognition. Bristow Run Elementary School was the first school in Virginia to earn the designation.

- The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award and the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award receptions were held at the Washington Post building and honored Prince William County's Principal of the Year and the Teacher of the Year.

2008-09 School Board Meetings

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

May 27.....Closed
 June 3.....Public
 June 17.....Public

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