

BOARD *Briefs*

Meeting Summary

June 17, 2009

The School Board Approved:

- That Laura Matthews, reporter for the “Old Bridge Observer,” and Barbara Norkus, reporter for the “Bull Run Observer,” be placed on the Virginia School Boards Association media honor roll. The media honor roll recognizes media representatives in the categories of print, radio, and television.
- The City of Manassas School Board and the City of Manassas Park School Board requests for their students to participate in several Prince William County School Division programs for the 2009-10 school year.
- That the Superintendent and supervisor of Purchasing award contracts and approve change orders from June 18-September 2, 2009, to meet school opening and operational requirements. The Superintendent will furnish a list of the awards for review by the School Board at the September 2, 2009 meeting.
- The payrolls for May in the amount of \$45,219,368.33.
- The annual tuition rates and fees for FY 2010.
- The minutes of the School Board meetings of May 27 and June 3, 2009.
- The minutes of the Disciplinary Committee meeting of June 10, 2009.
- The appointment/reappointment of six individuals to the Career &

Technical Education Advisory Council, and the Safe Schools Advisory Council.

- The requested underground utility easement at Stonewall Jackson High School to Verizon.
- The necessary utility and storm drainage easements from property located at 10901 Reid Lane, to the 11th high school in Nokesville.
- The site lease with New Cingular Wireless at Forest Park High School.
- The Memorandum of Understanding and the Trust Agreement that will allow for the creation of the new joint Governmental Accounting Standards Board 45 trust.
- The approval of Angela Dent as clerk of the School Board and Cheryl Patterson as deputy clerk of the School Board.
- The confirmation of the School Board poll conducted on June 4 to approve the candidate selected for the position of secretary to the School Board.
- **Policy 810**, Facilities Planning, and the deletion of **Policy 810.01**, Long-Range Education Facilities Planning.
- Maintaining the Standards of Learning Testing for third-grade history and social sciences.
- That the School Board affirms its support of the authority and autonomy of local school boards and that the Board draft a letter on this topic and send it to the VSBA Board of Directors, the Prince

William County Congressional and the General Assembly delegations.

- That the Superintendent shall ensure school administrators and staff understand that the School Division’s wellness policy does not prohibit parents from bringing in snacks or treats to their children’s classroom as long as the parent coordinates with the teacher and administration in advance. This shall also be communicated to parents at back-to-school events so that there is no misunderstanding of the policy.
- The hiring of a nonpaid intern(s) and/or allowing volunteers to assist the School Board secretary, deputy clerk, and clerk to support the School Board, subject to review by the Department for Human Resources and the School Board legal representative of an appropriate job description and confidentiality agreement.
- The Appreciation Resolution for Craig Gerhart, county executive.

Tabled

The second reading for the proposed Smoke Free Environment, Policy 403, was tabled to a future Board meeting.

Citizens’ Time

A citizen addressed the School Board about considering adding a student advisor to the School Board.

Presentation



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Mr. David Cline, associate superintendent for Finance and Support Services, gave a brief update on the FY 2009 fourth-quarter budget.

Superintendent's Time

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

- The Prince William Health District (PWH) has confirmed 11 cases of the H1N1 virus in Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS). The PWH has informed us that, from now on, not all individuals having flu-like symptoms will be tested, making it impossible to know the exact number of cases. As we receive information from the PWH regarding our schools, it will be posted to the PWCS Web site.
- All 10 PWCS high schools once again made the "Newsweek" list of the best in the nation. Both Battlefield and Freedom High Schools made the list this year, their first year of eligibility.
- Barry Rosenberg, principal of Swans Creek Elementary School has received the University of Virginia Curry School Outstanding Principal Award.
- Hildy Conrad, ESOL assistant at West Gate Elementary, took quick action on Thursday, May 28, when the second graders at West Gate Elementary School took a field trip to Osbourn Park High School. A

nine-year-old student started choking, could not even speak, and needed help. Conrad was able to administer the Heimlich maneuver, allowing the student to breathe.

- Lara Brittain, music teacher at Forest Park High School, has been named Outstanding Music Educator by Heritage Festivals.

Best Wishes From the Superintendent

As the 2008-09 academic year comes to a close, I wish everyone a refreshing summer break filled with relaxing times spent with family, friends, hobbies, and other pursuits. I thank all of our employees for their hard work over this school year.

Comcast Channel 18 and Verizon Channel 36.

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.

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