

# BOARD *Briefs*

## Meeting Summary

**September 16, 2009**

**The School Board Approved:**

- Payrolls for August 2009 in the amount of \$40,690,327.57.
- October 12–16, 2009 as School Lunch Week.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between Prince William County Public Schools and Shenandoah University relating to the Teachers for Tomorrow program for 2009–10 school year.
- October 19–23, 2009 as School Bus Safety Week.
- The Articulation Agreement between Germanna Community College and Prince William County School of Practical Nursing for the purpose of providing graduates an opportunity for career advancement by awarding credit for previous coursework in the School of Practical Nursing.
- The Memorandum of Agreement with Prince William School Board and Westminster at Lake Ridge for the purpose of providing students enrolled in the School of Practical Nursing with clinical practice in planned educational programs.
- The Memorandum of Agreement with Birmingham Green and Potomac Hospital for the purpose of providing students enrolled in the School of Practical Nursing with clinical practice in planned education programs.
- **Policy 264.01**, Boundary Planning Process; **Policy 711**, Student Registration and Withdrawal; and

**Policy 722**, Home Instruction by Parents and Partial Enrollment of Home Instruction and Private School Students.

**Superintendent's Time**

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

- Today the Commonwealth of Virginia announced the accreditation status of schools based on performance on Standards of Learning tests during the last school year. Prince William County residents can be proud that all schools once again are accredited. We made gains again this year on the mathematics tests given at the middle school level and we will continue to focus our efforts in this area. Ninety-eight percent of elementary schools exceeded the state math benchmark of 70 percent passing by at least 15 points, while 13 out of 17 middle schools and all high schools scored 80 percent passing or higher, which is 10 points higher than the benchmark.
- Eleven students on the Model United Nations team at Osborn Park High School competed this summer against the world's best Model UN teams in Beijing. The team won second place in the Outstanding Delegation Category.
- Congratulations to School Board member Betty Covington, who has received a 2009 Human Rights Award from the Prince William

County Human Rights Commission. The award was presented to Mrs. Covington for her many contributions to the Town of Dumfries and her advocacy for the students of Prince William County.

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.**

- October 7
- October 21
- November 4
- November 17\*
- (\*Tuesday meeting due to VSBA meeting)
- December 2
- December 16
- January 6
- January 20
- February 3
- February 17

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