

# BOARD *Briefs*

## Meeting Summary

**May 6, 2009**

### The School Board Approved:

- The local plan and budget for Career and Technical Education 2009–10 funds.
- May 10–16 as Business Appreciation Week.
- The Disciplinary Committee minutes of April 15, 22, and 29.
- The School Board minutes of April 15, 2009.
- The naming of the new wing recently added to Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary School in honor of Mrs. Lillie G. Jessie, current principal.
- The FY 2010 school budget in the total amount of \$1,135,794,538. (See announcement on this page.)
- Appointment of Mr. Brian Bassett to the Safe Schools Advisory Committee for the Neabsco District.

### Citizens' Time

Citizens addressed the School Board on attendance boundaries for the 11<sup>th</sup> high school in Nokesville and waivers for kindergarten attendance at elementary schools.

### Presentations

Ms. Pam Gauch, interim associate superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability, and Ms. Clarice Torian, director of Student Services, gave a presentation on the recommended revisions to the 2009–10 Code of Behavior.

Mrs. Gail Hubbard, supervisor of Gifted Education and Special Programs, presented a final draft of the proposal for the Academic Year Governor's School #19.

Mr. David Cline, associate superintendent for Finance and Support Services, and Mr. Lionel White, supervisor of Planning, gave a presentation on the attendance area recommendations for the 11<sup>th</sup> high school.

### School Board Adjusts Final Operating Budget

#### *High School and Middle School Sports Participation Fees Eliminated*

The School Board unanimously approved [the final recommendations to the Fiscal Year 2010 General Operating Budget](#), which totals \$785,893,698. The final adjustments included the elimination for the proposed plan to collect a \$50 participation fee in high school and middle school sports. Other adjustments included the restoration of the full 5-percent match for the employee 403(b) program and funds to support economically disadvantaged students at middle and high schools.

Following the Board of County Supervisors adoption of a county budget at the end of April, the School Division received about \$3.7 million

more than what was in the School Board's previously advertised budget. This was due to the Board of County Supervisors setting the tax rate slightly higher than what was originally projected.

Never in the history of Prince William County Public Schools has there been a budget challenge of the magnitude we faced this year. Even with these additional funds, the School Division will still operate with a reduction in revenue from the previous year. The final budget represents the continued provision of quality programs and services, a 2.9-percent cost of living increase for all employees, and the preservation of as many jobs as possible.

### **2008-09 School Board Meetings**

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