

# BOARD *Briefs*

## Meeting Summary

**October 7, 2009**

### The School Board Approved:

- The minutes of the School Board meetings of September 2 and 16, 2009.
- November 15–21, 2009 as American Education Week.
- November 16–20, 2009 as International Education Week.
- October 11–17, 2009 as Earth Science Week.
- November 4–10, 2009 as National French Week.
- October 18–24, 2009 as Custodial Appreciation Week.
- November 16–20, 2009 as Attendance Officer Appreciation Week.
- October as Virginia Disability History and Awareness Month.
- October 19–23, 2009 as Virginia GED and Lifelong Learning Awareness Week.
- The 2010 Legislative Priorities.
- **Policy 506**, Work Conditions of all Employees.

### Presentations

- Dr. Pat Puttre, associate superintendent for Middle Schools, provided the School Board with program and academic achievement information for the 2009–10 school year.
- Pam Gauch, associate superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability, gave a presentation on the measures from the Strategic Plan. The plan contains

the goals and objectives of the School Division for the period FY 2005–10.

- Mr. Lionel White, supervisor of Planning, reported on the 2009–10 student membership. The official membership for the School Division is taken on September 30. The count will be used for a variety of purposes including reporting, staffing, budgeting, and enrollment projections both by the state and the School Division.

### Citizens' Time

Citizens addressed the School Board on merit pay for teachers and math achievement.

### VSBA Awards

Mr. Johns, Chairman At-Large, presented Virginia School Boards Association Academy Award certificates and pins to the School Board members and Superintendent. Vice Chairman Denita Ramirez, Woodbridge District, presented a certificate and pin to Chairman Johns.

### Superintendent's Time

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

- PWCS will receive two grants worth approximately \$2 million, allowing us to expand our preschool Head Start services. Congratulations to Kathy Channell, administrative coordinator of Head Start, and Pam

Brick, our grants coordinator, who developed the grant proposals.

- October 19–23, school divisions and communities across the country will observe National School Bus Safety Week. In Prince William County, over 800 school buses transport more than 56,000 students to and from school each school day and travel nearly 10.5 million miles a year. Our school bus drivers are doing a great job, but they need the cooperation of other motorists. I urge our residents to please exercise caution when driving near school buses.
- Seven PWCS students have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, and four students have been named National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists. Congratulations to these students on their achievements.
- Congratulations to Vince Reese, Advanced Placement Economics teacher at Osbourn Park High School. Mr. Reese has been named the 2009 Outstanding Economic Educator of the Year for Northern Virginia by the George Mason University Center for Economic Education.
- Congratulations to all employees within the School Division for some remarkable gains made in the Strategic Plan goals.



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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 21

November 4

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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