

# BOARD *Briefs*

## Meeting Summary

**September 2, 2009**

### The School Board Approved:

- Payrolls for June in the amount of \$44,081,365.91 and July in the amount of \$41,066,279.65.
- Summer contract awards for July and August 2009 in the amount of \$2,858,006.63.
- October 2009 as United Way Month.
- The minutes of the School Board meeting of June 17, 2009.
- The minutes of the Disciplinary Committee meetings of June 24, July 8, 22, and 29, 2009.
- A temporary construction easement at Ann Ludwig School to PTC Roadside Development, LLC.
- October 18–24, 2009 as National Chemistry Week.
- September 15–October 15, 2009 as Hispanic Heritage Observance Month.
- The Cooperative Agreement concerning the establishment and operation of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology between Fairfax County Public Schools and Prince William County Public Schools for the 2010–11 academic year.
- That staff provide information to the Board of County Supervisors concerning the impact to the school system of the rezoning of Heathcote Commons, Marque at Heritage Hunt, and Kensington Place South.
- The agreement of sale to purchase 21.7 acres on Linton Hall Road for a

new elementary school in the amount of \$3,924,756.

- The lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington, D.C. for the use of the premises at Sinclair Elementary and Potomac View Elementary Schools to pilot before and after school day-care programs.
- The appointees to the Governing Board for the Governor’s School at Innovation Park, a Regional Academic-Year Governor’s School.
- The temporary one-year assignment of Kristin Hamilton as a teaching fellow for the National Education Association.
- The appointments of six Special Education Advisory Committee members.

### Citizens’ Time

Citizens addressed the School Board on the following topics:

- The annual Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run.
- Prince William Education Association.
- PWCS Feasibility Study for a traditional high school.

### Presentation

Mr. Keith Imon, associate superintendent for Communications and Technology Services, gave a presentation on the priorities for the 2010 Legislative Session that will convene on January 13, 2010.

### Superintendent’s Time

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

1. SAT scores are on the rise in Prince William County Public Schools. Our scores are up 11 points over the previous year, while scores for both Virginia and the nation declined slightly. We commend our teachers, principals, and students for their hard work.
2. Congratulations to the Purchasing Office for receiving recertification of the Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.
3. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Prince William County Public Schools for our fiscal year 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
4. Congratulations to the Forest Park High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Mitchell Kelley placed second in the nation in the Networking Concepts event. Jonathan Graham, placed third in the nation in the Cyber Security event. In addition, the chapter received the “Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit.”



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5. Sixty-five Prince William County Public Schools rising juniors or seniors were selected to attend Summer Residential Governor's School Programs for academics, mentorship, and visual and performing arts from July 5 to August 1.

6. On July 23, the Virginia Board of Education unanimously approved the proposed Regional Academic Governor's School. The school is named The Governor's School @ Innovation Park, and will be housed at George Mason University's Prince William Campus. The anticipated opening date for the school is September 2010.

7. Prince William County Public Schools, along with George Mason University, has received a \$330,000 three-year grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the Bay Watershed Education and Training Program, otherwise known as B-WET Program.

8. The Prince William County Public Schools logo and mission – Providing A *World-Class* Education – is now a registered trademark. Thanks to Dr. Otaigbe for making the suggestion to file for this distinction.

9. The top 10 reasons to be excited about starting the new school year.

10. This summer, key administrators participated in joint meetings with government officials at the county,

state, and national levels. A School Division H1N1 task force was formed and a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) was created, which is being updated continually, and weekly planning meetings continue to be held. For more information on H1N1, go to the School Division Web site and look for messages from school administrators in newsletters or take-home packets.

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.**

September 16

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

March 3

March 17

April 7

April 21

May 5

May 19

June 2

June 16

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