

September 14, 2011

TO: Principals

FROM: James E. McDaniel, Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTION TAKEN AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

- The Board approved the following overnight field trips:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham High	JROTC – Summer Camp	Ft. Pickett	June 17-22, 2012
Chatham High	FFA – The Big Eastern Exposition	Springfield, MA	September 15-18, 2011
Chatham Middle	FFA – Block & Bridle	Blacksburg, VA	March 23-24, 2012
Chatham Middle	FFA – State Convention	Blacksburg, VA	June 18-22, 2012
Gretna Middle	BETA – Jr. State Convention	Richmond, VA	February 16-18, 2012
Gretna Middle	BETA – Jr. National Convention	Greensboro, NC	June 23-26, 2012
Pittsylvania Career & Tech	Skills USA – State Leadership & Skills Competition	Hampton, VA	April 21-23, 2012
Pittsylvania Career & Tech	Skills USA – National Leadership & Skills Competition	Kansas City, MO	June 23-27, 2012
Tunstall High	AP Social Studies Field Trip	Washing, DC	September 30 – October 2, 2011
Tunstall High	BETA – Senior Leadership Summit	Concord, NC	November 12-14, 2011
Tunstall High	BETA – Senior Convention	Richmond, VA	March 16-18, 2012
Tunstall High	AP Humanities Field Trip	Boston, MA	April 12-14, 2012 (Spring Break)
Tunstall High	BETA – National Convention	Greensboro, NC	June 27-30, 2012
Tunstall Middle	BETA – Jr. State Convention	Richmond, VA	February 16-18, 2012
Tunstall Middle	FFA – Block & Bridle Horse	Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA	February, 2012
Tunstall Middle	FFA – Block & Bridle Livestock	Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA	March, 2012
Tunstall Middle	FFA – Horse Judging CDE	Lexington, VA	April 6-7, 2012
Tunstall Middle	FFA – State Convention	Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA	June 18-21, 2012

- The Board accepted donations received by Mt. Airy Elementary School.
- The Board authorized the application for the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant.
- The Board recognized the following students for attaining perfect scores on all Standards of Learning tests taken for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Subjects</u>
Caitlin Giles	Brosville Elementary School	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Mathematics Virginia Studies
Fernando Colonsifre	Chatham Middle School	Grade 6 Reading Grade 6 Mathematics US History II
Sterling Reynolds	Chatham Middle School	Grade 6 Reading Grade 6 Mathematics US History II
Halcyeon Guy	Dan River Middle School	Grade 6 Reading Grade 6 Mathematics US History II
William Lancaster	Kentuck Elementary School	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Mathematics Virginia Studies
Ethan Moore	Kentuck Elementary School	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Mathematics Virginia Studies
Madison Nuckles	Kentuck Elementary School	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Mathematics Virginia Studies
Amber Nichols	Mt. Airy Elementary School	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Mathematics Virginia Studies
Charlotte Rowland	Mt. Airy Elementary School	Grade 3 Reading Grade 3 History/Social Science Grade 3 Science Grade 3 Mathematics
Adam Saliu	Mt. Airy Elementary School	Grade 3 Reading Grade 3 History/Social Science Grade 3 Science Grade 3 Mathematics
Davis Potts	Stony Mill Elementary School	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Mathematics Virginia Studies
Benjamin Donahue	Tunstall Middle School	Grade 6 Reading Grade 6 Mathematics US History II
Lacey Kirby	Tunstall Middle School	Grade 6 Reading Grade 6 Mathematics US History II

Sydney Liles	Tunstall Middle School	Grade 6 Reading Grade 6 Mathematics US History II
Brandon Warren	Tunstall Middle School	Grade 6 Reading Grade 6 Mathematics US History II
Ethan Stewart	Twin Springs Elementary School	Grade 4 Reading Grade 4 Mathematics Virginia Studies
Haven Wyatt	Stony Mill Elementary School	Reading Mathematics Science Grade 5 History/Social Science Grade 5 Writing
Edward Harville	Tunstall Middle School	Reading Mathematics Grade 6 History/Social Science
Victoria Jamison	Tunstall Middle School	Reading Mathematics Grade 7 History/Social Science

5. The Board recognized the following individuals as recipients of the VSBA 2011 Media Honor Roll Awards:

Mr. Robert Benson, Editor for the *Danville Register*
Ms. Susan Worley, Reporter for the *Star-Tribune*
Mr. Tim Davis, Editor for the *Star-Tribune*

6. Ms. Nancy C. Towler, Director of Elementary Education, introduced the Character Word of the Month for September which was “Trustworthiness.”
7. There was no presentation from the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA).
8. Mr. Donald R. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business, provided an update on the progress of the Chatham High School athletics fields, the high school storage units and the cafeteria at Brosville Elementary School. The bids for the project were over budget; therefore, the Board granted permission for the Superintendent to renegotiate the bid with Blair Construction to within budget. These negotiations were completed with Blair Construction. It is anticipated that this project will begin very soon.

9. Mrs. Avery Wyatt, Director of the Summer Piedmont Regional Governor's School, provided an overview of the 2011 summer program. The program was held at Chatham High School, June 20-30, 2011. There were thirteen (13) classes offered and a computer lab. There were 350 identified gifted students in grades 4-7 that participated in the program. There were eight (8) different school divisions and four (4) private schools participating with eighteen (18) faculty members and an administrative intern. The Virginia Department of Education provided \$17,600.00 with each participating school division contributing \$10,550.00 to fund the program. During the program there were many speakers and 43 field trips taken. Appreciation was expressed to the participating school divisions, the Chatham High School faculty and staff, the Information Technology Department, the Transportation Department, the Instruction Department, the Superintendent and the School Board for the support of the program. The Piedmont Regional Governor's School will be held again next year during the week of June 18-28, 2012.
10. The Superintendent provided the following reports:
- A partnership has been formed with the publishers of "Class Candy." This publication includes information about the school division and helpful items for the students. This publication is providing another opportunity to publicize Pittsylvania County Schools.
 - Congratulations were expressed to Mr. Don C. Moon who was recently recognized as one of the top chief financial officers for large non-profit organizations in Virginia.
 - The opening of the 2011-2012 school year was very smooth. The Superintendent has visited many of the classrooms. The students and staff are doing very well.
 - A letter has been drafted to Mr. W. Dan Sleeper, County Administrator, to address the controversy surrounding the funding for the revitalization projects for the high schools. A review of this letter along with the attachments was provided. The purpose of the letter is to define and delineate, according to the Code of Virginia and the Attorney General's opinion, the authority of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board as it relates to the appropriation of funds.
- The Board endorsed the letter to Mr. W. Dan Sleeper, County Administrator, as presented and approved the change orders as described in the documentation.
- Information was provided relative to earthquake protocol and a school building damage report from the recent earthquake.

- A trend analysis for home school students was provided to the Board members.
 - An updated summary report for out-of-zone transfer requests for the 2011-2012 school year was provided to the Board.
 - Upcoming VSBA conference includes the following:
 - VSBA Annual Convention, November 16-19, 2011, Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia (The Student Representatives will attend a workshop on November 17, 2011.)
 - Student Representatives were reminded to respond to the questionnaire provided by the VSBA by October 1, 2011.
11. Mr. Miller asked about any concerns that had been expressed relative to shingles. He has noticed a number of pharmacies offering inoculations for shingles. Dr. Jeff Early, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, indicated that he would follow-up with the Health Department relative to this issue.
12. The Board waived the first reading and approved the following School Board Policies:
- GB-PC, Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination
 - GBA/JFHA-PC, Sexual Harassment/Harassment Based on Race, National Origin, Disability and Religion
 - JB-PC, Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination
 - JBA, Section 504 Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures
 - JFHA/GBA-PC, Sexual Harassment/Harassment Based on Race, National Origin, Disability and Religion
13. The Board approved the request for special projects for Southside Elementary School PTO to install fencing around the playground at no cost to the school system.
14. The Board approved the request for special projects for Chatham Middle School PTO to provide a concrete platform to create a student pavilion center at the rear of the library/FACS lab at no cost to the school system.