



PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Dr. Mark R. Jones
Division Superintendent

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TO: Principals

FROM: Mark R. Jones, Ed.D., Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTION TAKEN AT APRIL MEETING

1. The Board approved the following administrative appointments effective July 1, 2017:
 - Mrs. Angela Rigney, Director of Career & Technical Education
 - Mrs. Rebecca Roberts, Principal of the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center
 - Mr. Carter Lowry, Principal of Gretna Middle School
 - Mrs. Kirsten Harper, Assistant Principal of Gretna Middle School
 - Mrs. Katie Thompson, Assistant Principal at Stony Mill Elementary School
 - Mrs. Kathryn Lowry, Principal of Hurt Elementary School
 - Mrs. Patricia Hawkins, Principal of Twin Springs Elementary School
 - Mrs. Amy Emond, Principal of Union Hall Elementary School
 - Dr. Leslie Hackworth, Principal of Southside Elementary School

2. The Board approved the following overnight field trips:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham High	Outdoor Regional Track Competition	Radford, VA	May 24-26, 2017
Chatham High	Outdoor State Track Competition	Harrisonburg, VA	June 2 & 3, 2017
Gretna High	FBLA State Conference	Reston, VA	April 7-9, 2017
Gretna High	Outdoor Regional Track Competition	Radford, VA	May 24-26, 2017
Gretna High	Outdoor State Track Competition	Harrisonburg, VA	June 2 & 3, 2017
Stony Mill	All Virginia Elementary Chorus (All-State)	Chesapeake, VA	March 31-April 2, 2017
Tunstall High	Robotics Competition	Richmond, VA	April 5-8, 2017
Tunstall High	Robotics Championship	St. Louis, MO	April 26-30, 2017
Tunstall High	DECA International Career Leadership Conference	Anaheim, CA	April 25-30, 2017

3. The Board accepted a donation of \$100.00 from Combustion Technologies for the SkillsUSA competition expenses for the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center.

4. Mr. Frank Blevins, Student Representative from Dan River High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for April which was "Caring."

5. Mr. Henry Walker, a teacher at Chatham High School and President of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA), addressed the Board. He provided an overview of several legislative issues that could have affected education but were vetoed by the Governor. He also encouraged the Board to host the legislative breakfast again next year.

6. The Superintendent reported on the following items:
 - Congratulations were expressed Lance Hardcastle, senior at Chatham High School, as the recipient of a Jefferson Scholarship. The Jefferson Scholarship provides full financial support for four years of undergraduate study at the University of Virginia.
 - The following teachers will be recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Recognition Ceremony on May 8, 2017, as Educators of the Year:
 - Stacey Harville, Brosville Elementary School
 - Harriet Sherlock, Chatham Elementary School
 - Christy Lipscomb, Chatham High School
 - Jesse Dalton, Chatham Middle School
 - Katie Petrick, Dan River High School
 - Leslie Bassett, Dan River Middle School
 - Katie Reynolds, Gretna Elementary School
 - Paul Shelton, Gretna High School
 - Dana Robertson, Gretna Middle School
 - Melanie Frederick, Hurt Elementary School
 - Stephanie Giles, Kentuck Elementary School
 - Chasity Wertz, Mt. Airy Elementary School
 - Joan Hendrix, Pittsylvania Career and Technical Center
 - Stephanie O'Brien, Regional Alternative School/STEM Academy
 - Paige Hines, Stony Mill Elementary School
 - Michael Dowell, Southside Elementary School
 - Ann Thompson, Tunstall Middle School
 - Patricia Buchanan, Tunstall High School
 - Cynthia Scarce, Twin Springs Elementary School
 - Lisa Nichols, Union Hall Elementary School
 - Information was provided relative to the per pupil expenditures for the students in Pittsylvania County Schools. The total per pupil expenditure is \$9,279.00. This information has also been provided to parents.
 - The March 31 Average Daily Membership (ADM) was 8,796.91 students. The 2016-2017 budget was based on an ADM of 8,831 students.
 - Dr. Lillian Holland will develop a committee to study the local health insurance option at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. A report will be provided to the Board upon development of the Committee.
 - The school system will operate on summer hours beginning June 5, 2017, and continuing through July 21, 2017. Employees will have the option to work four (4) ten-hour days or four (4) eight-hour days with a mandatory annual leave day on Friday. All operations will be closed on Fridays during this time with the exception of the week of July 4. All employees will work a regular schedule during this week because of the July 4 Holiday.

- A listing of the membership of the Minority Advisory Council was provided. The Council will meet on April 20, 2017. Council members whose terms are expiring June 30, 2017, will be asked if they wish to continue service.
- The VSBA art contest winners for Pittsylvania County Schools have been selected and were on display. The winning artwork that will be presented at the Spring Regional Forum on April 25, 2017 include the following:
 - High School – Trapped by Sarah Richardson (a student at Chatham High School)
 - Middle School – Trump by Haley Wade (a student at Dan River Middle School)
 - Elementary School – Fireflower by Chase Fielder (a student at Gretna Elementary School)
- The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!), sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Danville City Schools and Pittsylvania County Schools, was held on April 6, 2017. Students had the opportunity to pitch their product in Shark Tank style in an effort to gain financial support from investors. Each participant received a \$2,000.00 scholarship to attend Danville Community College and was awarded \$100.00. The following students received financial support from investors:
 - Emily Saunders (Dan River Middle School) - Personalize the Planet-\$500
 - Samuel Nauss (Gretna Middle School) - Dyna-Bytes-\$750
 - Grayson Snead & Emma Williams (Dan River Middle School) - Gray's Clays and Em's Gems-\$1,000
 - Zach Parker (Chatham Middle School) & Kathryn Saunders (Dan River Middle School) - Angel Treats-\$750
 - Michael Groom (Dan River Middle School) - Pups Pastries-\$446
 - William McKinney (Tunstall Middle School) - Patronus 3D Printing-\$1,309
 - Cayla Davis (Dan River Middle School) - Divine Events-\$400.
 William McKinney was also selected to represent Pittsylvania County/Danville City in the Regional Competition being held in New York later this Spring.
- The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conference:
 - Hot Topic Conference, April 20, 2017, Holiday Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia
 - VSBA Southern Regional Forum, April 25, 2017, Heritage High School, Lynchburg, VA (5:00 p.m. Registration/Social, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:45 p.m. Program)
 - Clerks Workshop, May 2, 2017, VSBA Office, Charlottesville, Virginia
 - Hot Topic Conference, May 3, 2017, Wytheville Convention Center, Wytheville, Virginia
 - School Law Conference, June 2, 2017, Shortpump Hilton, Richmond, Virginia
 - New Chairmen/Board Member/Superintendent Orientation, July 17, 2017, Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia
 - VSBA Conference on Education, July 18, 2017, Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia

7. The Superintendent provided information relative to the professional development activities that have been scheduled for staff to receive training for Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention.

8. The Board approved the changes in the School Board Student Recognition procedures to include School Board recognition for receiving perfect scores on Industry Certification/Licensure for Career & Technical Education.
9. The Board moved the May School Board Disciplinary Committee meeting to Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.