



PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Division Superintendent

March 15, 2017

TO: Principals
FROM: Mark R. Jones, Ed.D., Division Superintendent
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTION TAKEN AT MARCH MEETING

1. The Board approved the following overnight field trip:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham High	JROTC – Summer Camp	Virginia Beach, VA	June 20-25, 2017

2. The Board accepted a donation of \$600.00 from Mr. Jerry Echols for the Dan River High School Basketball program (Copy filed in Donation Book at School Board Office).
3. The Board approved the 2017 Summer School tuition/salaries as presented.
4. The Board authorized application of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant.
5. The Board approved the 2017-2018 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application as presented.
6. Ms. Erin Mayhew, Student Representative from Gretna High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for March which was “Fairness.”
7. Dr. Willie Sherman, a teacher at Chatham High School, addressed the Board on behalf of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA). He provided highlights from the recent 2017 Teacher of Color Summit. The Summit was sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Education Association (VEA).
8. Mrs. Tracey R. Worley, Director of Finance, provided a budget update for 2017-2018. The School Board will hold a public hearing on the budget on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The proposed budget includes anticipated revenue as follows:

Anticipated Net State Revenue	\$ 2,181,914.00
ERHIIP Program (ending June 30, 2017)	870,112.00
Bus Lease (paid in full July, 2016)	231,930.00
Proposed Additional funds from Board of Supervisors	500,000.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE	\$ 3,783,956.00

The budget priorities for 2017-2018 include the following:

VRS rate increase	\$ 683,635.00
Teacher Aide (Library at Tunstall High School) (required to meet compliance)	18,820.00
Minimum Compensation Study Implementation	2,791,571.00
Gifted Teacher	58,000.00
Additional buses (7 bus leases)	231,930.00
TOTAL 2017-2018 budget priorities	\$ 3,783,956.00

The 2017-2018 School Nutrition budget was also presented for a total of \$5,255,000.00. The Board of Supervisors will hold its public hearing on the budget on Monday, March 20, 2017.

9. The Board reviewed the following desk reports:
 - 2016-2017 second semester exam schedule
 - Make-up days due to inclement weather
 - Behavior Management Taskforce report

10. The Superintendent reported on the following items:
 - Congratulations were expressed to the following student winners from the Regional FBLA Conference at Longwood University:
 - Gretna High School
 - Ta’Lisa Irvine - 3rd place for Introduction to Business
 - Hannah Keatts - 3rd place for Computer Problem Solving
 - Makayla Barker - 1st place for Word Processing
 - Blake Sanchez - 2nd place for Introduction to Business Procedures
 - Ellery Moorefield - 3rd place for Introduction to Business Communications
 - Allen Shelton - 2nd place for Networking Concepts
 - Leah Thompson - 3rd place for Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
 - Tyleka Robertson - 3rd place for Accounting I
 - Kenna Thacker - 2nd place for Business Communications
 - Morgan Layne - 1st place for Journalism
 - Drake Gardner - 2nd place for Economics
 - Monique Barbour - 2nd place for Securities and Investments
 - Tunstall High School
 - Anna Flinchum - 2nd place for Word Processing
 - Abby Flinchum - 1st place for Accounting II
 - Sarah Goard - 3rd place for Accounting II
 - Maggie Wells - 1st place for Business Law
 - Appreciation was expressed to the Pittsylvania County Schools’ teachers who presented workshops at the recent STEM-H Summit held at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR): Mr. Edward Sherlock, Ms. Jill Collins,

Mr. Jacob Taylor, Ms. Tommie Evans, Ms. Susan Franklin-Smith and Ms. Brenna Takata. Mr. Sherlock was also a nominee for an award for STEM-H Educator of the Year.

- The Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center (PCTC) will have seventeen (17) students to participate in the Annual SkillsUSA State Skills Championship on April 28-29, 2017, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Also, the PCTC will host the 2017 State Precision Machining Championships on April 7 and 8, 2017. Six (6) students from the PCTC are eligible to compete in this State Championship.
- Information was provided relative to advanced placement (AP) achievers. Virginia students are among the Nation's top AP achievers with 28.3 percent of the 2016 graduating seniors earning a score of three (3) or higher on at least one AP examination. Nationwide, the percentage of graduating seniors achieving a score of three (3) or higher is 21.9%.
- Recent activities in the school division included:
 - The Pittsylvania County Schools' Young Writers Contest with 104 students earning honorable mention or higher.
 - All-County Band performances were held on February 18, 2017, February 23, 2017 and March 11, 2017.
- The following Winter Sports update was provided:
 - The Dan River High School Boys' Basketball Team won the Conference Championship but lost in the State Semi-Finals.
 - The Chatham High School Boys' Basketball Team advanced to the final eight but lost in the quarter finals.
 - The Gretna High School Girls' Basketball Team won the Conference Championship but lost in the first round of playoffs.
 - The Chatham High School Girls' Basketball Team was Conference runner up and lost in the first round of play
 - The Chatham High School Wrestling Team had three (3) students to participate in the State Tournament (Aaron Martin, Parker Martin and Macon Maxey).
 - The Dan River High School Wrestling Team had four (4) students to qualify for the State Tournament (Dawson Oakes, Will Moschenick, Frank Blevins and Cameron Wallace).
 - The Tunstall High School Wrestling Team had three (3) students to qualify for the State Tournament (Matthew Fulcher, Josh Gerald and Dakota Wilson).
- As requested by the Board, information relative to the Local Option Health Insurance plan has been provided to staff. Information will also be shared with the principals at the meeting on March 15, 2017.
- The Average Daily Membership (ADM) is at 8,800 students at this time.
- Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Lillian D. Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, and staff for their efforts on the Teacher Job Fair held on Saturday, March 11, 2017. This was a successful event.
- The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conference:
 - VSBA Hot Topic Conference, April 20, 2017, Holiday Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia

- VSBA Southern Regional Forum, April 25, 2017, Heritage High School, Lynchburg, Virginia – ALL ATTENDING (Make reservations)
- VSBA School Law Conference, June 2, 2017, Short Pump Hilton, Richmond, Virginia
- VSBA Conference on Education, July 18, 2017, Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia

11. The Board approved the Joint Facilities Use Agreement as presented and set the fee for the Parks & Recreation Department at \$1.00.

12. The Board authorized the completion of the appropriate survey to continue the non-binding participation in the Local Option Health Insurance Plan.

It was suggested that a committee of staff members be selected to review and compare the benefits and premiums for the Local Option Health Insurance Plan to determine feasibility for the Board to consider for participation.

13. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Building Committee to name the Tunstall High School Baseball Field in honor of Jack D. Bryant.

14. The Board moved the School Board Disciplinary Committee meeting for May to May 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.