



PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS
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Division Superintendent

April 11, 2018

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

1. The following overnight field trips were approved:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Gretna Elementary	BETA – Jr. National Convention	Savannah, GA	June 12-16, 2018
Gretna High	JROTC – JCLC Summer Camp	Ft. Pickett	June 19-24, 2018
Tunstall High	FFA – VA State Horse Evaluation CDE	Doswell, VA	March 23-24, 2018

2. The Board approved the 2018-2019 Special Education Annual Plan / Part B Flow-Through Application as presented.
3. The Board recognized the following State Beta Club Winners:

Chatham Elementary School

Lily Scarce placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Wreath Division I Competition
Miles Oditt placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Fourth Grade Math Competition
Elise Gatewood placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Fourth Grade Language Arts Competition
Ava Miller placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Fifth Grade Science Competition
Nathan Paris placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Fourth Grade Social Studies Competition
Samuel Siebert placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Fifth Grade Social Studies Competition
Carleah Witcher placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Poetry Division I Competition
Morgan Van Der Hyde placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Essay Division I Competition and 3rd in the Fifth Grade Math Competition
Mariam Afify placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Pastels or Charcoals Division I Competition
Beta Club Members placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Advertising Design Division I Competition

Gretna Elementary School

Abigail Breedlove elected Junior Beta State Reporter
Dana Richards placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Wreath Division I Competition

Sanylah Thompson	placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Handmade Jewelry Division I Competition
Jayden Smith	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Fourth Grade Science Competition
Ina Cox	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Fifth Grade Language Arts Competition
Olivia Doss	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Fourth Grade Math Competition
Beta Club Members	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Campaign Skit Competition

Chatham Middle School

Madison Oakes	elected Junior Beta State Vice President
Savannah Amos	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Sixth Grade Math Competition
Cody Scarce	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Seventh Grade Science Competition
Brooke Lopez-Mahaley	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Sixth Grade Language Arts Competition
Tristan Hernandez	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Sixth Grade Science Competition
Trinity Custer	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Handmade Jewelry Division II Competition
Daisy McLeod	placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Seventh Grade Math Competition
Sarah Williams	received a "Golden Ticket" to perform at the National Junior Beta Convention

Dan River Middle School

Micaela Clement	placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Seventh Grade Social Studies Competition
Savannah Barksdale	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Seventh Grade Language Arts Competition
Dylan McFalls	placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Sixth Grade Math Competition
Dabney-Grace Duren	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Sixth Grade Language Arts Competition
Grace Doss	elected Junior Beta State Chaplain
Beta Club Members	placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club Songfest Division II Competition

Gretna Middle School

Nathan Toon	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Woodworking Division I Competition
Jaden Ratliff	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Seventh Grade Language Arts Competition
Beta Club Members	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Campaign Skit Competition

Tunstall Middle School

Kyle Kirby	placed 3rd in the Junior Beta Club Sixth Grade Math Competition
Kaylynn Van Der Hyde	placed 2nd in the Junior Beta Club T-Shirt Design Competition
Luke Mills	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Seventh Grade Social Studies Competition
Shaffer Boles	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Sixth Grade Social Studies Competition
Brooke Burke	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Wreath Division II Competition
Genna Hyler	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Painting Division II Competition and 3rd in the Sculpture Division II Competition
Beta Club Members	placed 1st in the Junior Beta Club Songfest Division II Competition

Tunstall High School

Jessica Durand
Beta Club Members

placed 1st in the Senior Beta Club Eleventh Grade Science Competition
placed 3rd in the Senior Beta Club Special Talent Competition

Gretna High School

Jack Hammock
John Gordon Clark
Remington Brooks
Beta Club Members

placed 1st in the Senior Beta Club Ninth Grade Agriculture Competition
placed 3rd in the Senior Beta Club Tenth Grade Agriculture Competition
placed 3rd in the Senior Beta Club Sculpture Competition
placed 1st in the Senior Beta Club Beta Build Competition and placed 3rd
in the Senior Beta Club Advertising Design Competition

Appreciation was also expressed to the Beta Club sponsors and administrators for their support of the Beta Club. Mr. Burton suggested that the talent groups present their winning songs to the Board in the future.

4. Ms. Kristina Silverman, Student Representative from Dan River High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for March which was "Fairness." Ms. Monique Barbour, Student Representative from Gretna High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for April which was "Caring."
5. Rev. Joan Tarpley-Robinson, Chairperson for the Education Committee of the NAACP, and Rev. Othelia Barksdale, Pastor of New Hope AME Church, Chatham, Virginia, addressed the Board relative to concerns about School Safety.

The Chairman and Mr. Burton assured the individuals that the Board and staff view the safety of all students very seriously. Cell phones and social media continue to be challenges for the school system. The Sheriff's Office works very closely with the school system in investigating situations. Individuals were also encouraged not to believe everything this is posted on social media and to not spread information unless it is factual.

6. Mr. Henry Walker, Teacher at Chatham High School and President of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA), addressed the Board. He expressed appreciation to the staff and School Board for attending and speaking at the recent Community Budget meetings. He asked the School Board and Central Office staff to visit the schools during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-12, 2018) to reach out to the people who work with the children to express appreciation to them. He also encouraged the School Board to continue meeting with the legislatures and having the legislative breakfast.
7. Mrs. L. Ann Cassada, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, provided an update on the Ready for Success Program expansion and use of the National Guard Armory Building. Based on the approval of the School Board for the expansion of the Ready for Success program, the Superintendent contacted the Board of Supervisors relative to the use of the National Guard Armory Building to house this program. Approval has been received to use the building; however, the Town of Chatham must approve a Special Use Permit to use the building as a school. This request has been presented to the Town of

Chatham for consideration. It is anticipated, upon appropriate approval, that a few renovations will be needed, such as painting, upgrading fencing in the rear and sides, installation of a playground, offices for staff, upgrading restrooms, technology needs and securing the exterior doors.

8. The Board reviewed the following desk reports:
 - Virginia Pre-School enrollment (desk report)
 - Kindergarten registration (desk report)
 - Monthly Report on Use of School Facilities (desk report)

9. The Superintendent reported on the following items:
 - The entries for the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Spring Art Contest have been displayed in the School Board Office. The Central Office staff selected three (3) art pieces to be submitted for the Regional Art Contest on April 23, 2018. These pieces included:
 - “Happy Feet” by Morgan Jones (Chatham High School)
 - “Sweet Street” by Anastasia Bowles (Dan River Middle School)
 - “Bright Lights Big City” by Madison Austin (Stony Mill Elementary School)

 - The Student Leaders Forum was held on March 29, 2018, at the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center. The Student Representatives and a representative from each grade level from the high schools were in attendance. The students, Superintendent and Central Office staff discussed issues such as the High School Course Selection Guide, grades in PowerSchool, use of cell phones and smart watches, dress codes and school safety. The Board members watched a video of the students participating in a drone activity during the forum. The Student Representatives expressed that they felt this was a great activity with good discussion. The Superintendent also indicated that when students were asked about safety in the schools, they overwhelmingly stated that they felt very safe in the schools.

 - The Danville Regional Foundation Grant for STEM/Coding/Career & Technical Education Opportunities (GoVirginia) is offering funding and asking for areas where the division may need assistance. Danville Community College, Danville Public Schools and Pittsylvania County Schools are submitting requests for grant funding through this program.

 - The following teachers will be recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Recognition Ceremony as Educators of the Year:

NAME	SCHOOL
Starlette DeVall	Brosville Elementary School
Virginia Wyatt	Chatham Elementary School
Virginia Farthing	Chatham High School

Laura Johnson	Chatham Middle School
Brittany Estep	Dan River High School
Earl Glass	Dan River Middle School
Martha Lecik	Gretna Elementary School
James Meadows	Gretna High School
Wendy Miller	Gretna Middle School
Jennifer Adkins	Hurt Elementary School
Tammy Walker	Kentuck Elementary School
Ellen Mayhew	Mt. Airy Elementary School
Justin Owen	Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center
Deanna McLaughlin	Regional Alternative School/STEM
Stacey Boswell	Southside Elementary School
Angela Adams	Stony Mill Elementary School
Denise Dallas	Tunstall High School
William Gardner	Tunstall Middle School
Lori Glass	Twin Springs Elementary School
Amanda White	Union Hall Elementary School

- The Virginia House of Delegates has appointed a 22-member Select Committee on School Safety. This Committee will meet and make recommendations for the 2019 legislative session. Delegate Danny Marshall is Vice-Chairman of this Committee. Input is being requested from citizens and school division staff on the following topics:
 - Strengthening emergency preparedness,
 - Hardening school security infrastructure,
 - Implementing security best practices,
 - Deploying additional security personnel,
 - Providing additional behavioral health resources for students, and
 - Developing prevention protocols at primary and secondary institutions across Virginia.

Board members were asked to provide any suggestions or recommendations for this Committee to the Superintendent.

- The preliminary March 31, 2018, Average Daily Membership (ADM) was 8,626.38. The 2017-2018 budget was revised based on an ADM of 8,614. The student attendance rate through March 31, 2018, is 94.53%.
- Appreciation was expressed to Ms. Jessica Beebe, Program Coordinator at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, for the donation of a tree on National Service Recognition Day (April 3, 2018). The tree was planted on the School Board property on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, in recognition of the service and assistance of AmeriCorps members and volunteers who serve the school system.
- The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conferences:
 - VSBA Hot Topic Conference, Chesterfield Career & Tech Center, Midlothian, Virginia, April 17, 2018
 - VSBA Southern Regional Forum/Student Art Show, Estes Community Center, Chase City, Virginia, Monday, April 23, 2018
 - VSBA Clerks' Workshop, Charlottesville, Virginia, May 2, 2018
 - VSBA School Law Conference, Shortpump Hilton, Richmond, Virginia, June 1, 2018
 - VSBA New Chairmen/Board Members/Superintendent Orientation, Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia, July 16, 2018
 - VSBA Conference on Education, Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia, July 17, 2018

10. There were no unfinished business items to discuss.
11. The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for General Public Information Support and Operation of a Joint Information Center for emergencies and large-scale events as presented.
12. The Board approved the request to solicit inclusive support and submit the application for the stipend from the Virginia Department of Education for the early childhood education program.
13. The Board adopted the following textbooks for Mathematics and Social Sciences K-12:

MATHEMATICS			
COMPANY	GRADE LEVELS/SUBJECT	TITLE/SERIES	ISBN, etc.
Pearson	K-5 Middle School Math 6-8	Pearson enVisionmath 2.0	2017
McGraw-Hill	Algebra 1	MH Algebra 1	
McGraw-Hill	Geometry	MH Geometry	
McGraw-Hill	Algebra 2	MH Algebra II	
Cengage	Adv. Algebra & Trigonometry	Algebra & Trigonometry	978133727110 Larson, 10th Ed., 2018
MPS	Calculus	Calculus Early Transcendentals	
Cengage	PreCalculus (Dual)	PreCalculus	9781337271080 Larson, 10th Ed., 2018
Pearson	Statistics (Dual)	Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World	9780321911216 Larson, 6th Ed., 2015

SOCIAL SCIENCES

COMPANY	GRADE LEVELS/SUBJECT	TITLE/SERIES	ISBN
Five Ponds Press	K-3	Our World	K = 978-1-93813-46-0 1 = 978-1-935813-49-1 2 = 978-1-935813-55-2 3 = 978-1-935813-58-3
Five Ponds Press	Virginia (Grade 4)	Our Virginia	978-1-935813-64-4
Five Ponds Press	US History to 1865 (Grade 5)	Our America to 1865	978-1-935813-67-5
Five Ponds Press	US History 1865 to the Present (Grade 6)	Our America 1865 to the Present	978-1-935813-73-6
Five Ponds Press	Civics (Grade 7)	Our State & Nation: Civics & Economics	978-1-935813-79-8
Cengage / National Geographic	WH/Geography & Cultures (Grade 8)	World Cultures & Geography Survey	
McGraw-Hill	WH/Geography to 1500	World History & Geography Early Ages	2018
Pearson	WH/Geography: 1500 to the Present	World History & Geography from 1500	
Pearson	VA & US History	VA & US History	
McGraw-Hill	VA & US Government	US Government: Our Democracy	2018
McGraw-Hill	Sociology	Sociology & You	2014, 9780076631933
Pearson	Psychology	Psychology	