



PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS
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Dr. Mark R. Jones
 Division Superintendent

February 14, 2018

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

1. The following overnight field trips were approved:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham High	FFA – Block & Bridle Livestock Judging	Blacksburg, VA	February 23-24, 2018
Chatham High	JROTC – Summer Camp	Fort Pickett, VA	June 19-24, 2018
Dan River High	Wrestling – State	Salem, VA	February 15-18, 2018
Dan River High	Basketball – State 2A	Richmond, VA	March 8-9, 2018
Tunstall High	FFA – Block & Bridle Hippology/Horse Judging CDEs	Blacksburg, VA	February 9-10, 2018
Tunstall High	Wrestling – VHSL Regional	Christiansburg, VA	February 9-10, 2018
Tunstall High	BETA – State Convention	Hampton, VA	February 14-16, 2018
Tunstall High	Wrestling – VHSL State	Portsmouth, VA	February 15-17, 2018
Tunstall High	BAND – WGI World Finals Regional Qualifying Competition	Atlanta, GA	March 9-11, 2018
Tunstall High	BAND – World Finals WGI	Dayton, OH	April 17-22, 2018
Tunstall Middle	FFA – Block & Bridle Horse Judging	Blacksburg, VA	February 9-10, 2018
Tunstall Middle	FFA – Block & Bridle Livestock Judging	Blacksburg, VA	February 23-24, 2018
Tunstall High	DECA – State Leadership Conference	Virginia Beach, VA	March 2-4, 2018
Chatham High	JROTC – Air Rifle Regional Match	Camp Perry, OH	February 15-18, 2018

2. The Board approved the membership of the 2017-2018 Behavior Management Taskforce as follows:

Dr. Lillian Holland	Assistant Superintendent for Administration
Mrs. L. Ann Cassada	Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
Mrs. Nancy Lynch	School/Home Coordinator
Ms. M. Elizabeth Craig	Director of Middle/Secondary Education
Mr. M. Todd Sease	Director of Elementary Education
Mr. Brian S. Boles	Principal, Tunstall High School
Mr. Carter Lowry	Principal, Gretna Middle School
Mr. Jordan Parker	Assistant Principal, Southside Elementary School
Ms. Morgan Odom	Guidance Counselor, Chatham Middle School
Mrs. Shelley Mayhew	Teacher, Kentuck Elementary School

Mrs. Brittany Estep	Teacher, Dan River High School
Ms. Angela Adams	Teacher, Stony Mill Elementary School
Mr. J. Samuel Burton	School Board Member
Ms. Talarra Stone	Student Representative, Chatham High School
Rev. James Perkins	Minority Advisory Council
Ms. Dodie Hudson	Parent (Citizens' Advisory Council)
Mrs. Beth Craddock	Parent (Citizens' Advisory Council)

3. The Board authorized the application for the Autism Education Fund grant from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region for continued funding of the Autism program for Pittsylvania County Schools.
4. The Board authorized the application for grant funding from the J. T. Minnie-Maude Charitable Trust to expand the Ready for Success (RFS) and Autism programs for Pittsylvania County Schools.
5. The Board authorized the application for the Keokee Fund Grant through the Community Foundation to support STEM activities for grade 8 gifted students.
6. The Board authorized the application for VTSS/PBIS State grant funding from to support the academic and behavioral goals for Pittsylvania County Schools.
7. The Board accepted the following donation as recorded in the Donations Book file at the School Board Office:
 - Donations for the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center from
 - Stanly Community College, Albemarle, NC - Donation of 6 Routers and Switchers at a value of \$100 each – Total value of \$600.00
8. Ms. Talarra Stone, Student Representative from Chatham High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for January which was “Self-Control.”
9. The Chairman presented a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Janet F. Hancock, Clerk, and Mrs. Tracey R. Worley, Deputy Clerk, in recognition of School Board Clerk Appreciation Week, February 19-23, 2018.
10. The Superintendent announced that February has been designated as School Board Appreciation Month. A copy of the proclamation from Governor Ralph S. Northam was provided to each Board member. Each member was recognized and presented a certificate of recognition.
11. Mr. Henry Walker, Teacher at Chatham High School and President of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA), addressed the Board. He provided information relative to Lobby Day and conversations with area legislators regarding current bills that affect

education. He also expressed appreciation to the Board for providing the information to the Board of Supervisors relative to budget issues.

12. Mrs. Tracey Worley, Director of Finance, provided a brief report on the 2018-2019 budget. A conference call to discuss budget issues with Mr. Ken Dickey, Deputy Superintendent for Finance & Operations, will be held on February 22, 2018. The Senate and House budget proposals have not been released at this time. Also, it was noted that the State did not meet the participation requirement for the Local COVA Health Plan; therefore, this plan will not be offered.
13. Mr. Mark Moore, Director of Parks & Recreation for Pittsylvania County, addressed the Board relative to the Joint Use Agreement. Mr. Moore displayed a recent award that was received by his department for the Park Project (Best New Facility). The Parks & Recreation Department is also in the running for the Governor's Environmental Award. Appreciation was expressed to the Board members for their willingness to work with the Parks & Recreation Department. It was noted that the parks and tracks are being used by the teachers and the communities. He asked that the Joint Use Agreement continue with the rental fee at \$1.00 and the identification of \$15,000 in each budget from the School Board and the Parks & Recreation Department to identify projects of benefit to both.
14. The Chairman stated that the Board will take action on the Joint Use Agreement at its March 13, 2018, meeting.
15. Mrs. L. Ann Cassada, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, provided information relative to the expansion of the Ready for Success (RFS) program to meet the needs of a student population that has behavioral challenges. The program has been successful with 88% of students enrolled in the program successfully returning to the home school. However, program capacity and available space at the Regional Alternative School is limited. Currently the program serves grades K-5 in one classroom with one full-time teacher, classroom aide, a supervisor and a Therapeutic Day Treatment (TDT) counselor to work with the students. The proposed expansion would provide two classes for (grades K-2 and grades 3-5) to promote greater student success. It is anticipated as space and funding is available that this program would be expanded to include middle grades.
16. Mrs. Angela Rigney, Director of Career & Technical Education/Adult Education, provided an update on the GoVirginia Initiative. The Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers (GO-TEC) collaborative primary goals are to expand existing curriculum offered, build a regional training system of scale for career training for careers in IT and focused areas in advanced manufacturing and develop a pipeline beginning in the middle school to increase the number of students entering the targeted five training areas of need – Precision Machining; Welding; IT/Cyber Security; Robotics, Automation and Mechatronics; and Advanced Materials. Pittsylvania County Schools will receive the first Career Explorations lab for implementation during the 2018-2019 school year. The school system is excited to have these opportunities to engage students and reviewing ways to connect the elementary schools.

17. The Board reviewed the following desk reports:
 - Teacher Job Fair - March 3, 2018 (desk report) - The Job Fair will be held at Chatham Middle School from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.
 - Distribution of W-2 and 1095-C to employees (desk report)
 - Graduate of Merit (desk report)
 - Summer and Fall 2017 Preliminary SOL results (desk report)
 - Fall 2017 PSAT Results (desk report)
 - Graduation Audit: Class of 2018 (desk report)
 - Academic Review update (desk report)
 - Monthly Report on Use of School Facilities (desk report)

18. The Superintendent reported on the following items:
 - The Student Representatives have been asked by the Superintendent to provide any information about upcoming events in the schools. Mr. Jordan Keatts, Tunstall High School Student Representative, provided the following events:
 - Dakota Wilson placed 2nd and Clay Hardy placed 3rd in the Regional Wrestling Tournament. These students will compete in the State Competition on February 16-17, 2018, in Portsmouth, Virginia.
 - Tunstall High School will host a Band Concert on February 23, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Tunstall High, Chatham High and Dan River High Schools will perform at this event.
 - Tunstall High School completed the Suicide Sticker Shock which was sponsored by Out of the Darkness and Community Services. Appreciation was expressed to the Internet Club of Tunstall High School for assisting with this event.

 - The Kentuck/Dan River schools solar farm project should be completed by the end of March, 2018.

 - Congratulations were expressed to the following schools for being recognized as National Beta Schools of Merit:
 - Chatham Elementary School
 - Chatham Middle School
 - Dan River Middle School
 - Gretna High School
 - Tunstall Middle School

 - Congratulations were expressed to the students participating in the All-County Band performance on January 27, 2018, at Dan River High School. Two students, Talya Lee (Dan River High School) and Ava Wood (Tunstall High School) participated in the District VI High School Mixed and Treble Choruses. Appreciation was also expressed to Mr. Cedric Hairston, Supervisor of Specialty Curricula Areas, and Chorus Directors, Ms. Heather Perryman and Ms. Leslie Blair.

- Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Lillian Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Mrs. Tracey Worley, Director of Finance, Mrs. Robin Holley and Mrs. Dawn Perkins, Payroll Benefits Coordinators, for installing the new on-line direct deposit voucher program.
 - The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conferences:
 - VSBA Hot Topic Conference, Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville, VA March 14, 2018
 - VSBA Hot Topic Conference, Chesterfield Career & Tech Center, Midlothian, VA, April 17, 2018
 - VSBA Southern Regional Forum, Mecklenburg County (Location – TBA), April 23, 2018
19. The Board approved The Pierce Group as the carrier for voluntary insurance options for staff of Pittsylvania County Schools.
 20. The Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the following middle school and high school course additions/changes for 2018-2019:
 - Middle School Course Additions
 - Computer Solutions (6609-9 weeks and 6609-18 weeks, Grades 7 and 8
 - Secondary Course Additions
 - Computer Applications (6611), Suggested Grade Level: 9 and 10 (1 High School Unit)
 - Computer Programming (6640), Suggested Grade Level: 10 and 12 (1 High School Unit)
 - Cybersecurity Fundamentals (6302) , Cybersecurity Systems Technology (8628) and Advanced Cybersecurity Systems Technology (8629), Suggested Grade Level: 11 or 12 (3 High School Units – One-year program at Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center)
 21. The Board accepted the Distance Learning grant funding from the US Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the amount of \$215,523.00 to provide video equipment to all schools for distance learning opportunities for students and staff.
 22. The Board approved the submission of the application for the VSBA Excellence in Workforce Readiness Award for the Precision Machining Technology Program at the Pittsylvania Career and Technical Center.
 23. The Board waived the second reading and granted the final approval for the following School Board Policies:
 - GB-PC, Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination
 - GBA/JFHA-PC, Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation
 - JFHA/GBA-PC, Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation
 24. The Board approved the first reading of the following School Board Policies:
 - BDDH-PC, Public Participation at School Board Meeting

- BDDH-PC-R, Regulations for Public Participation at School Board Meetings
 - KD-PC, Public Participation at School Board Meeting
 - KD-PC-R, Regulations for Public Participation at School Board Meetings
25. The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Danville Community College and Pittsylvania County Schools (Pittsylvania Career and Technical Center) to implement a Cosmetology Program to meet the needs of qualified individuals and the local business community.
26. The Board approved the request from Gretna Health and Rehabilitation to use the Gretna High School gymnasium as an emergency evacuation site. It was noted that there would be no heat or air in the building in the event of a power outage. This information will be conveyed to the Gretna Health and Rehabilitation.