



PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS
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Dr. Mark R. Jones
 Division Superintendent

March 14, 2018

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

1. The following overnight field trips were approved:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham High	JROTC - Air Rifle National Championship	Camp Perry, OH	March 21-25, 2018
Gretna High	FBLA – State Conference	Reston, VA	April 13-15, 2018
Gretna High	Track – State Meet	East Rockingham High School, Elkton	June 1 and 2, 2018
Gretna High	FFA – State Convention	Blacksburg, VA	June 18-21, 2018
PCTC	SkillsUSA – State	Virginia Beach, VA	April 19-21, 2018
PCTC	SkillsUSA – National	Louisville, KY	June 24-30, 2018
Stony Mill Elem.	All Virginia Elementary Chorus	Radford, VA	April 6-7, 2018
Tunstall High	DECA – ICDC National	Atlanta, GA	April 20-25, 2018
Tunstall High	JROTC – Leadership Challenge	Fort Pickett, VA	June 19-24, 2018
Twin Springs Elem.	All Virginia Elementary Chorus	Radford, VA	April 6-7, 2018

2. The Board accepted the following donations as recorded in the Donations Book filed at the School Board Office:
- Donation of a 2001 Dodge Neon (value of \$950.00) from Cathy Cline for the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center
 - Donation of a tree to be planted at the School Board Office in recognition of National Service Day
3. The Board approved the 2018 Summer School tuition/salaries as presented.
4. The Board recognized the week of March 5-6, 2018, as National School Breakfast Week.
5. Certificates of appreciation and recognition were presented to Mr. Aaron Taylor, Mrs. Debra Waters, Coach Charles Warren, Mr. Randy T. Foster and Mr. Jeffrey Reynolds for their outstanding performance, quick thinking, display of initiative and capability and attention to duty in the saving of a human life recently.

6. Mr. Henry Walker, Teacher at Chatham High School and President of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA), addressed the Board. He expressed thanks to the School Board and the Superintendent for trying to get the School Board budget passed. He also shared information about legislative bills that have been discussed relative to teacher licensure, teacher salaries and student discipline. He encouraged the Board members to talk with State legislators relative to unfunded mandates and funding for the school system.
7. Mrs. Tracey Worley, Director of Finance, provided a brief report on the 2018-2019 budget. The House and Senate adjourned on March 10, 2018, without passing a budget. However, the Governor has stated that the General Assembly will reconvene on April 11, 2018, to settle the budget for 2018-2020. A proposed budget will be presented to the Budget Committee at its meeting on March 15, 2018. This proposal will be based on the Governor McAuliffe's budget that was provided in December, 2017. The County has advertised its budget proposal which includes approximately \$1.1 million in new funding and the Governor's budget proposal included approximately \$400,000 in redirected funding from the State. The guidance from the Board includes the required maintenance projects and salaries.

Mr. Sanders announced that the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors has scheduled Budget Committee meetings across the County. He encouraged the Board members to attend the meetings in their district to support the School Board budget.

8. Dr. Jeff Early, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, provided an update on the safety initiatives that have been implemented for the schools. These initiatives included:
 - Intercom electronic door locks
 - Key swipe locks
 - Digital video cameras
 - Bus cameras
 - Visitor tracking procedures
 - School Resource Officers (full-time SRO coverage at the alternative school, middle school and high schools/ongoing police presence through the collaborative relationship with the Sheriff's Office)
 - Routine drills (monthly lock-down drills, unannounced lock-down drills, fire drills, annual tornado drill, annual earthquake drill and unannounced use of Pittsylvania County Sheriff's dogs to sweep the buildings and parking lots)
 - Safety Audits conducted annually utilizing the Virginia School Safety Inspection Checklist for Virginia Public Schools
 - Annual review and update of the Crisis Management Plan

It was noted that the School Resource Officers follow a protocol when there is an active situation in a school.

9. The Board reviewed the following desk reports:

- 2017-2018 second semester exam schedule (desk report)
- Make-up days due to inclement weather (desk report)
- Tdap Clinic Schedule (desk report)
- Tornado Drill (desk report)
- Monthly Report on Use of School Facilities (desk report)

10. The Superintendent reported on the following items:

- Business cards for the School Board Members were provided. Members were asked to contact Mrs. Janet F. Hancock, Clerk of the Board, if additional copies were needed.
- A copy of the 2018 Statistical Profile was provided.
- The February edition of the VSBA Newsletter was distributed which included a picture of Mr. Burton along with a student that was recognized by the School Board recently.
- Spelling Bees have been held and the winners from each school have been invited to participate in the Region Spelling Bee at Averett University on Saturday, March 17, 2018.
- Geographic Bees have also been held at the schools and the top 100 winners across the State will participate in the National Geographic Bee.
- The Student Leaders Forum will be held on March 29, 2018, at the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Student Representatives along with one student from each grade level from the four (4) high schools will participate to discuss topics such as dress code, cell phones and discipline.
- Mr. Edward Sherlock, a teacher at Tunstall High School, and Ms. Tamela Warren-Williamson, a teacher at Union Hall Elementary School, will be recognized as the recipients of the Technology Award for the 2017-2018 Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium (SVRTC) on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.
- The STEM-H Summit was held on March 7-8, 2018, at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research. Students participated in the Summit on March 7 which included keynote speaker, Mr. Leland Melvin, NASA Astronaut. Staff attended on March 8. Mrs. Joan Hendrix, Nursing Instructor at the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center, was recognized as the STEM-H Educator of the Year.
- Appreciation was expressed to Ms. Teresa Petty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Mr. Cedric Hairston, Supervisor of Specialty Curricula Areas, for their work in coordinating the following chorus events: All County High School Chorus on February 22 at Chatham High School, All-District Middle School Chorus at William Byrd High School on March 3 and All-County Elementary Chorus at Gretna High School on March 10, 2018.
- The Average Daily Membership (ADM) on March 1, 2018 was at 8,627 students.
- All middle and high schools will participate in a moment of silence on March 14, 2018, during the morning announcements in recognition of the 17 students and adults who were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.
- The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conferences:
 - VSBA Hot Topic Conference, Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville, Virginia, March 14, 2018

- VSBA Hot Topic Conference, Chesterfield Career & Tech Center, Midlothian, Virginia, April 17, 2018
 - VSBA Southern Regional Forum, Estes Community Center, Chase City, Virginia, 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
11. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Joint Facilities Use Agreement as presented and set the fee for the Parks & Recreation Department at \$1.00. The motion passed on a 6-1 vote with Mr. Burton, Mrs. Crump, Mr. Doss, Mr. Moon, Rev. Ramsey and Mr. Sanders voting for the motion and Mr. Henderson voting against.
12. The Board approved the second and final 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
13. The Board approved the Request for Special Project at Dan River High School to create a "Hall of Fame" display in the gym lobby.