



PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS
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Dr. Mark R. Jones
Division Superintendent

May 9, 2018

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

- Ms. Kirsten Harper was appointed as Principal of Tunstall Middle School effective July 1, 2018.
- Ms. Robin Haymore was appointed as Associate Superintendent for Support Services effective August 1, 2018.
- Mr. Steven Mayhew was appointed as Assistant Superintendent for Administration effective August 1, 2018.
- Dr. Lillian D. Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, introduced the following new employees who will begin their duties at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year:
 - Elizabeth Hutson, Math Teacher at Dan River Middle School
 - Frances Uitto, School Counselor at Dan River Middle School
- The following overnight field trips were approved:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham Elem.	BETA – National Jr. Convention	Savannah, GA	June 12-16, 2018
Chatham High	Football – Camp	VA Nazarene Campground, Buckingham, VA	July 16-18, 2018
Dan River High	VHSL State Track	Elkton, VA	June 1-2, 2018
Dan River High	VHSL State Soccer	Higher Seed, Radford, VA	June 8-10, 2018
Dan River High	VHSL State Softball	Higher Seed, Radford, VA	June 8-10, 2018
Dan River High	VHSL State Baseball	Higher Seed, Radford, VA	June 8-10, 2018
Dan River High	JROTC – Summer Camp	Blackstone, VA	June 19-24, 2018
Dan River High	Interact – YADAPP Leadership	Longwood University	July 16-20, 2018
Dan River Middle	BETA – National Jr. Convention	Savannah, GA	June 13-16, 2018

6. The Board accepted the following donations as recorded in the Donations Book filed at the School Board Office:
 - Donation from Michael Stewart of SNW Steel Services of \$1,500.00 to the Dan River High School Baseball Program
 - Donation from Richard Sowers of Countryside Service Center of \$1,500.00 to the Dan River High School Baseball Program
7. The Board authorized the application for the Perkins Grant for Career & Technical Education as presented.
8. The Board recognized the service of the 2017-2018 Student Representatives to the School Board. Each Representative received a Certificate of Recognition. Appreciation was expressed to these students for their service to the School Board during the 2017-2018 school year:
 - Ms. Talarra Stone – Chatham High School
 - Ms. Kristina Silverman – Dan River High School
 - Ms. Monique Barbour – Gretna High School
 - Mr. Jordan Keatts – Tunstall High School
9. The Board recognized the following 2018 VSBA Regional Art Contest winners:
 - Morgan Jones, a student at Chatham High School (“Happy Feet”) – Division secondary school winner and 2nd place winner of secondary school entries at the VSBA Regional Meeting
 - Anastasia Bowles, a student at Dan River Middle School (“Sweet Street”) - Division middle school winner and 3rd place for middle school entries at the VSBA Regional Meeting
 - Madison Austin, a student at Stony Mill Elementary School (“Bright Lights, Big City”) – Division elementary school winner
10. The Board recognized the following SkillsUSA competition winners:
 - Trent Oswald, Chatham High School – 1st place Precision Machining Technology
 - Cayla Keen, Dan River High School – 1st place CNC Technician
 - Jacob Moss, Tunstall High School – 1st place CNC Turning Specialist
 - Phillip East, Gretna High School – 1st place CNC Milling Specialist
 - Tyler Riddle, Chatham High School – 1st place Mechatronics
 - Jonathan Woodson, Tunstall High School – 1st place Mechatronics
 - Jenna Rowland, Chatham High School – 1st place Job Skill Demo A
11. Delegate Les Adams, Virginia General Assembly, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly to Dr. Jessica Jones in recognition of her recent awards - national runner-up in the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meeting, first place winner at the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Discussion Meet and receipt of \$3,000 prize, a Case IH tractor and equipment from Stihl, Inc.

12. Mr. Jordan Keatts, Student Representative from Tunstall High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for May/June which was "Citizenship."
13. Mr. Henry Walker, Teacher at Chatham High School and President of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA), addressed the Board. As Secretary of Education Atif Qarni begins his listening tour across the State, Mr. Walker also encouraged the Board members to listen to the teachers and students. He also expressed his concern about having conversations with State officials. Mr. Walker stated that May 8, 2018, has been recognized as Teacher Appreciation Day. The teachers need to be honored and recognized because they are committed to help every child reach their potential.
14. Dr. Lillian D. Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, provided information on the sixth annual School Lunch Hero Day recognized on Friday, May 4, 2018, which began the celebration of School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week (May 7-11, 2018). The school nutrition workers do a tremendous job in preparing two (2) meals a day for the students. Appreciation was expressed to the School Nutrition staff.
15. The Board reviewed the following desk reports:
 - Behavior Management Taskforce report (desk report)
 - JROTC Program changes (desk report)
 - 2017-2018 Tdap Clinics (desk report)
 - 2017-2018 Annual Truancy report (desk report)
 - Meal prices for 2018-2019 (desk report)
 - Monthly Report on Use of School Facilities (desk report)
16. The Superintendent reported on the following items:
 - The recognition dinner for the 2017-2018 Educators of the Year was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at the Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (IALR). Ms. Starlette DeVall, Teacher at Brosville Elementary School, was selected as the overall Teacher of the Year for Pittsylvania County Schools.
 - The Nurse Aide program at the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center was selected as the Region 6 winner of the Creating Excellence Program Award.
 - The Auto Body and Auto Tech Advisory Committee was selected as the Region 6 winner of the Creating Excellence Secondary Advisory Committee Award.
 - At the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year, there will be twelve (12) students graduating from Pittsylvania County Schools with a diploma and an Associate Degree from Danville Community College. The number of students completing a Career Studies Certification include: 12 in Automotive Analysis; 13 in Cosmetology; 11 in Emergency Medical Technology and 19 in the Nurse Aide Program.
 - Two schools have received recognition as a WISE (Working in Support of Education) School. Congratulations were expressed to Gretna High School (ranked 29th in Nation) and Tunstall High School (in top 100 schools in the Nation).
 - The annual review of the disciplinary cases will need to be scheduled. The original date of June 25, 2018, is not available for all members. A date will be scheduled soon.

- Mr. Kenyon Scott, Director of Transportation, will be working with the County to install the vehicle lifts at the Transportation Office.
- The State budget has not been approved as of this date. The House has passed a budget; however, the Senate will be returning on May 14 to develop a budget.
- A request has been submitted from the school system and the County Administrator's Office to request a suspension of the Children's Services Act (CSA) repayment.
- The Graduate of Merit banquet will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Averett North Campus, Danville, Virginia.
- The Town of Chatham will vote on May 14, 2018, on the Special Use Permit to allow the Ready for Success Program to use the National Guard Armory Building.
- The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conferences:
 - 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

17. There were no unfinished business items to discuss.

18. The Board waived the first reading and granted approval of revisions for the following School Board Policies:

- AA School Division Legal Status
- AC-PC Nondiscrimination
- AD-PC Educational Philosophy
- CBD Superintendent's Contract, Compensation and Benefits
- CBG Evaluation of the Superintendent
- EA Support Services
- EB-PC School Crisis, Emergency Management and Medical Emergency Response Plan
- EBA Building and Grounds Inspection
- (DELETE)
- EBCB Safety Drills
- EC Buildings and Grounds Management and Maintenance
- EEAB School Bus Scheduling and Routing
- GCB-PC Professional Staff Contracts
- GCBB Supplementary Pay
- GCL Professional Staff Development
- GCN Evaluation of Professional Staff
- GCPB Resignation of Staff Members
- GDQ-PC School Bus Drivers (Policy title changed)
- IGBE-PC Remedial and Summer Instruction Program
- IIAE Innovative or Experimental Programs
- IIBD School Libraries/Media Centers
- IKF-PC The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements

- IKF-PC Graduation Requirements
 (Regulation)
- LC-E Pittsylvania County Schools Charter School Application
 Addendum
- LI Relations with Education Accreditation Agencies
- JFC-PC Student Conduct

19. The terms of the following members of the Council for Minority Concerns will expire June 30, 2018:

- John D. Pannell, Staunton River District
- Latrese Fitzgerald, Westover District
- Parag Chaturvedi, Tunstall District

Board members were asked to provide names for membership at the June 12, 2018, meeting.

20. The Board approved the following students to serve as the 2018-2019 School Board Student Representatives:

- Chatham High School – Ms. Kathleen E. Lightfoot
- Dan River High School – Ms. Tomi-Lauren McGinnis (goes by Tomi)
- Gretna High School – Ms. Allison K. Osborne
- Tunstall High School – Ms. Lauren G. Van Allen

21. The Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the out-of-district tuition rate for 2018-2019 at \$1,700.00.