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April 15, 2024 - Heathsville, VA The Northumberland County Public Schools' (NCPS) School Board met for a regular monthly meeting. The meeting was open to the public through Zoom audio conference calling and in person. Please click [here](#), then click "Meetings" for the April 15th meeting agenda.

Closed Meeting Action Items

- Approval of the following participants for Amplify Training on May 20 at \$33.50 per hour: **Sandi Chism, Michelle Jackson, Nicole Moore, Brantley Swift, Jamie Sabia, McKenzie Cusick, Kim Farmer, Amy Saville, Mary Saville, Sheila Wilson, Alexia Rock, Joy Smith, Susan Bates, Ruth Cockrell, Sarah Gutmann, China Williams, Darlene Nonnemacker, Tammy Fulford, Sheila McGlothlin, Mary Jones**, a special education teacher (if a candidate is approved by the School Board), **Lauren Davis, Kyle Lee, Sarah Bowis, Heather Klein, Roxsey Dameron, Kimberly Mulligan, Nancy Jewel, Paula Jett**, a fifth grade teacher (if a candidate is approved by the School Board).
- Approval of the Northumberland Middle School Future Problem Solving Student request for a proposal of funding to support a FPS student in International Competition.
- Approval of the Workers' Compensation Claim in the amount of \$100 and in accordance with the VaCorp Agreement.
- Approval of payment to the County Administrator's office for a March 21 invoice of \$3,833.33 for replacement of the Little League roof.
- Approval of the out of state Senior Trip to Ocean City, MD.

Approval of Other Actions:

- Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2024
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2024
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2024
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2024
- Approval of the [March Check Register](#).
- Approval of the [March ACH Report](#)
- Approval of the [March Revenue Summary](#)
- Approval of the [March Expenditure Summary](#)

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- Approval of the Donations :
 - New Life Ministries - a donation of hats, gloves, and underwear in the amount of \$100
 - Chesapeake Chorale - a monetary donation to the NMS Choir in the amount of \$900
 - Chesapeake Chorale - a monetary donation to the NHS Band Program in the amount of \$900
 - Chesapeake Chorale - a monetary donation to the NES Choir in the amount of \$450
 - David Dustin - a monetary donation to NHS Chess Club in the amount of \$500
- Approval of the [Facility Use Request - Hazardous Waste](#)
- Approval of the [Facility Use Request - K. Parker](#)

Presentations:

- [Future Problem Solvers](#) - Mrs. Katie Wilkins & Mrs. Michele Jennings
- [SOL Testing Update](#) - Mrs. Michelle Gordon
- [NHS/NMS Program of Studies Changes](#) - Dr. Travis Burns & Mrs. Shelli Lipton
- [Montgomery, Alabama Trip with Interracial Conversations](#) - Ms. Jennie Ennis
- [NCPS Special Education Annual Plan 2024-2025](#) - Mrs. Jessica Rogers

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report:

- Principals submitted Instructional reports for NHS, NMS, and NES. [NHS Instructional Report](#) by Principal Dr. Travis Burns; [NMS Instructional Report](#) by Principal Shelli Lipton; [NES Instructional Report](#) by Principal Martha Williams.
- Director updates included the following:
 - [Report from Director of Educational Technology](#) Mrs. Javornda Ashton;
 - [Report from Director of Testing & Accountability](#) Mrs. Michelle Gordon;
 - [Report from the Director of Special Education and Student Support Services](#) Mrs. Jessica Rogers;
 - [Report from Director of Transportation](#) Mrs. Stacy Branem;
 - [Report from Director of School Nutrition](#) Mrs. Saunee Hamlett;
 - [Report from Director of Federal Programs & School Improvement](#) Mrs. Sophronia Smith;

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- [Report from Director of Maintenance-Facilities Mr. Jeff Brann.](#)

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Dana O'Bier shared updates from the March 26th monthly meeting with the Northern Neck Technical Center. The date of the Completion Ceremony will be Monday, May 13th at 6:30 PM in the Rappahannock High School Auditorium. They passed the 2024-2025 calendar. It aligns with all the participating school divisions as well as Chesapeake Bay Governor's School. She also shared the Northumberland winners of the SkillsUSA, HOSA and Virginia ProStart competitions: Emmalee King won in the Total Fantasy Manikin competition, Taveon Kimble won the Culinary Arts Virginia ProStart competition and R. Brayden Newsome and Gavin Jett were winners in Engineering Robotics. If anyone is interested in taking classes at the NNTC, have them get signed up fast as the classes are filling up.

Dr. Dave Curran reported that during the March 21st meeting with the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) they reviewed the financial report. Two scenarios for student tuition, yet to be resolved. They approved the CBGS 2024-2025 school calendar which aligns with all the other schools on the Northern Neck. They reviewed strategic planning updates. The VCU Science Symposium is coming up this month. This Thursday there is a joint School Board and Superintendents campus visit in Warsaw, and that evening will be their last Board meeting of the school year.

Dr. Curran also said he hoped Ms. Ennis would share her personal experiences with all the students in the schools to make this a learning moment and they can all benefit from it. He said it makes it real when people from Northumberland have been lynched and sold and that we're the first, unfortunately in the country, to adopt slavery.

Next School Board Meeting

The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board will hold their regular scheduled meeting on **Monday, May 13, 2024**, at 6 PM, in the NMS & NHS auditorium, 201 Academic Lane, Heathsville, VA, 22473. The School Board will convene into a closed meeting at 4 PM for the purposes of student, personnel, and legal matters. Following the closed meeting, the School Board will return to open session for any action items.