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April 11, 2022- Heathsville, VA The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board met in-person and virtually for a regular meeting. The meeting was open to the public through Zoom audio conference calling and in person.

Closed Meeting Action Items

- Approval of the following personnel for 2022-2023: **Shelli Lipton**, NMS Principal; **Tyler Johnson**, NHS Physical Education Teacher; **Tia Felton**, NMS 6th Grade History; **Pauline Brann**, NMS 6th Grade English/ Language Arts; **Blaire Austin**, NMS 6th Grade Science; **Tiffany Rombold**, NMS Career Studies & School Counselor Intern.
- Approval of the following personnel for 2021-2022: **Elizabeth Bristow**, Part Time School Nutrition (pending background check).
- Approval of the following retirements: **Sherri Kent**, 6th Grade English Teacher; **Susan Apalaski**, 6th Grade History Teacher.
- Approval of the following supplements: **Carl Perez**, Tennis Coach; **Wade Trayenham**, Softball Assistant; **Krista Sisk**, Middle School Track.
- Approval of STEM Saturday Request: **Kelsey Carlton**, Substitute Teacher for May 14, 2022.
- Approval of Summer School Personnel:
 - NES Teachers: **Michele Jennings**, **Nancy Jewel**, **Sarah Bowis**, **Sheila McGlothlin**, **Rebecca Jones**, **Jamie Sabia**, **Tammy Fulford**, **Jessica Rogers**, **Darlene Nonnemacker**, **Mary Ann Saville**, **Amy Saville**, **Sheila Wilson**, **Michelle Jackson**, **Sandra Chism**, **Jennifer Johnson**, **Joy Smith**, **Sue Swift**, **Kelsey Carlton**, and **Pam Woolard**.
 - NES Admin: **Lance Reynolds**
 - NMS: **Donald Bazemore**, **Cindy Swift**, **Mary Ambrose**, **Julie White**, **Kennedy Jenkins**, **Stacey Lee**, and **Rachel Edwards**.
 - NMS Admin: **Dawn Conley Taylor**
 - NHS: **Micheal Baker**, **Sterling Harris**, **Rebecca Jones**, **Michelle Roberti**, **Leah Fisher**, **Connor Samual**, **Gladys Richardson**, **Melissa Saunders**, **Karen Parker**, **Keyva Parker**, **Katelyn Orem**, **Holly Rynard**, and **Yolonda Thompson**.
 - NHS Admin: **Martha Hicks**

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- School Nutrition: **Robin Middleton, Roberta Drummond, Arizona Jones, Tunisia Taylor and Elizabeth Bristow** (pending background checks)
- School Nutrition Managers: **Romania Giles and Sandra Lopez-Patrick.**
- Drivers: **Doris Aytes, Debbie Cash, Phyllis Coleman, Keith Howard, Karen Dunaway, Kimberly Reid, Debra Vincent, Amy Bromley** (car), **Barabara Newton** (substitute), and **Sheila Thrift** (substitute).
- Approval of NES Summer Curriculum & MasteryConnect Development Teams
 - Math: **Susan Bates, Kristy Hall, Sheila Wilson, Jamie Sabia, Tammy Fulford, Darlene Nonemaker and Pam Woolard**
 - Reading: **Joy Smith, Kelsey Carlton, Mary Saville, Amy Saville, Amy Jones, Nancy Jewell, and Michele Jennings.**
 - MasteryConnect: **Mary Jones, Pauline Brann, Brieanna Salitino, Linda Frolia, Rebecca Jones, Brittany Verbeeck, Alice Rice, Sarah Bowis, Nancy Jewell, Michele Jennings, and Becky Crowther.**
- Approval of the following legal contracts: Centric Copier Contract and Bay Area Lawn Care.

Other Action Items

- Approval of the following donations: \$1,000 from Afton United Methodist Church for the JROTC Program and \$150 from the Rappahannock Music Study Club.
- Approval of [Special Appropriations](#).
- Approval of the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Adoption of the [NCPS Program Studies 2022-2023](#).
- The Appointment of [Science Textbook Adoption Committee](#).
- Approval of the [Transportation Surplus Request](#).
- Approval of [Out of State Field Trip Request](#).

Presentations/ Recognitions

Launching of the New NCPS Website

The NCPS Educational Technology Department, comprised of Director **Mrs. Javornda Ashton**, and Instructional Technology Resource Teacher **Mrs. Rachel Hall**; and Division Director of Testing, Analytics, & Accountability **Mrs. Virginia Booth** presented the new NCPS website that was launched over Spring Break. <https://www.nucps.net/>

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Teachers of the Year

The School Board and Dr. Wargo recognized the 2021-2022 Teachers of the Year. School Board Chair Mrs. Christopher stated, “We are so proud of each of you and thank you for your dedicated service.” Congratulations to Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Cockrell, and Mr. Finnell!

Teachers of the Year



Mrs. Christine Downing
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Mrs. Heather Cockrell
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Mr. Nathan Finnell
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Financial Reports

Director of Finance **Jason Bellows** presented the following reports:

- Approval of [Check numbers 74977-75053 for a total of \\$388,299.65](#)
- The March [Revenue](#) and [Expenditure](#) reports.
- [Director of Finance's Monthly Report.](#)

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Superintendent's Reports

- Principal Reports: [Northumberland High School, Dr. Burns](#); [Northumberland Middle School, Mr. Simmons](#); [Northumberland Elementary, Mrs. Williams](#).
- [Program Studies for 2022-2023](#) and [Highlights](#).
- [NCPS Summer Learning Programs 2022](#).

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- [Special Education Report.](#)
- [Educational Technology Report.](#)
- [Federal Programs & School Improvement Report.](#)
- [Testing & Accountability Report.](#)
- [Maintenance & Facilities Report.](#)
- [Transportation Report.](#)
- [School Nutrition Report.](#)
- [Out of State Field Trip Request.](#)
- [Application for Use of School-Owned Facilities & Materials.](#)
- [Northumberland High School Farm & Field Day April 23, 2022.](#)
- [RCC Adult Education Program MOU.](#)
- [RCC Regional Education Consortium Contract.](#)

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Dana O'Bier gave an update from the Northern Neck Technical Center (NNTC) meeting from March 22, 2022. The Skills USA was hosted at the NNTC. Mrs. O'Bier stated Northumberland had many students from NHS who placed in the competition. **Keith Ball** won 3rd place in Auto Tech; **Karla Smith** won 1st place in Cosmetology; **Camden Sisk** won in Mobile Robotics and is moving to states; and **Alex Delany** won 1st place in Gaming Design. Mrs. O'Bier congratulated all the students. Mrs. O'Bier stated the Northern Neck Culinary Class won first place for the first time ever while they hosted the Virginia Prostart Invitational. Mrs. O'Bier congratulated the Culinary Class. Mrs. O'Bier announced the completion/certificate ceremony for the NNTC, which is set for Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at the Rappahannock High School Auditorium.

Mrs. Denise Mazyck stated student **Trey Felton** was invited to the Board of Supervisors Meeting on Thursday, April 14, and will be recognized for winning the 47th annual Regional Spelling Bee. Congratulations, Trey!

Mrs. Gayle Sterrett commended the Senior Beta and Junior Beta Clubs for all of their awards.

Dr. Wargo stated that Trey Felton and the Beta contestants will be invited to the May Board Meeting for recognition. Dr. Wargo expressed how proud she is of the growth Northumberland has had with Robotics and STEM programming. She stated NCPS has been able to purchase robotics and STEM materials/devices, and she is proud of the students who are competing and winning in competition.