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June 13, 2022- Heathsville, VA The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board met in-person and virtually for a regular monthly meeting. The meeting was open to the public through Zoom audio conference calling and in person.

Closed Meeting Action Items

- Approval of student summer painters.
- Approval of Ms. Sarah Gordon as NMS 7th Grade Science Teacher, starting 2022-2023.
- Approval of Ms. Kimberly Mulligan as NES Elementary Interventionist Teacher, starting 2022-2023.
- Approval of Ms. Amber Taylor, Ms. Brianna Navarro, and Ms. Joan Walters as Paraprofessionals at NES, starting 2022-2023.
- Approval of Ms. Cindy English-Williams as a Long Term Tutor for NES, starting 2022-2023.
- Approval of the following teachers as Summer Learning Substitutes at NES; Valorie Mundie, Susan Bates, Kristy Hall, Chelsea Duncan, and McKenzie Cusick.
- Approval of Gary Dickens, Trinity Bea, and Michelle Gordon as teacher/teacher assistants for a STEAM Camp at NMS, June 21-23, 2022.
- Approval of the appointment of Amy Fetter as a full-time bus driver, starting 2022-2023.
- Approval of the transfer of Alisa Crockett from NES to NMS as a paraprofessional, starting 2022-2023.
- The following teachers were approved as MasteryConnect Lead Teachers for 2022-2023: Nancy Jewell, Sarah Bowis, Mary Jones, Tammy Fulford, Susan Bates, Kennedy Jenkins, Cindy VanGuilder, Julie White, Michelle Gordon, Jennifer Thomas, Melissa Saunders, Shelby Brooks, Michelle Roberti, and Jay Lightfoot.
- The approval of Christine Downing as a member of the Summer Reading Curriculum Team at NES.
- The Board also approved the Authorization of Signature in Absence of Division Superintendent, Adam Letizia.

Other Action Items

- Vice Chair Gayle Sterrett made the following statement and motion.
“In the past year, the current Board of Supervisors has exhibited unprofessional and disrespectful behavior toward the School Board, our Superintendent, and finance director, has allowed speakers at their meetings to make allegations that they know to be false, and

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has used their meetings to chastise and disparage our board and administrators, both publicly and through the media.”

“I move that the Northumberland County School Board conduct all communication between the Superintendent and the Board of Supervisors through written correspondence only, until which time said Board of Supervisors removes the categorical spending edict and begins to show a good faith desire to reestablish a professional, courteous relationship with the School Board.”

Dana O'Bier seconded and a Roll Call Vote was called: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mrs. O'Bier, Aye; Ms. Mazyck, Aye; Dr. Davis, Aye; Mrs. Sterrett, Aye; Mrs. Christopher, Aye.

Public Meeting

The School Board approved Consent Agenda items including the minutes from May 9 and 20.

Presentations

- NMS teachers and retirees Ms. Susan Apaliski and Mrs. Sheri Kent were recognized for their service to Northumberland County Public Schools upon their retirement and congratulated on this special occasion.
- Ms. Jeanne Hickey, Chair of Northumberland Young Life, shared with the Board the mission and goals of the organization, as well as its history. 15 NHS and 8 NMS students will be attending camps in North Carolina this summer. A non-denominational faith based organization, Young Life helps prepare teens so that they can make a difference in their schools, community and the world.
- Mr. Jeff Brann, Director of Facilities and Maintenance, provided an [update on summer projects](#) taking place in the schools and on the school grounds. These include flooring upkeep and replacement, painting, lighting upgrades, emergency generator testing, and other projects necessary for efficiency and safety, including school lockdown capabilities. Mr. Brann also provided an update on the status of the New JROTC/STEM/Athletic Building with Connemara.
- Dr. Jamie Sears, Director of Special Education & Student Support Services, shared with the Board the results of an [Inclusive Practices Survey](#). Upcoming steps include communicating the results to families and the community, planning for professional development, and reporting the data to the Virginia Department of Education.

Financial Reports

Director of Finance Jason Bellows presented the following reports:

- [Approval of Check Register Ch#75174-75254 Amount \\$307,223.75](#)
- [Director of Finance Monthly Report](#)
- May 2022 [Revenue](#) and [Expenditure](#) Reports
- May Donations: [NHS Softball and Mid Atlantic Trailer Sales](#) - \$100

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NES



NMS

NHS

- [NHS Athletic Uniforms, Charles Holden](#) - \$1000

Public Comments

There were no requests for public comment.

Superintendent Reports

- [Instructional Report for NES](#)
- [Instructional Report for NMS](#)
- [Instructional Report for NHS](#)
- [Review and Approval of 2022-2023 NCPS Code of Conduct](#)
- [Review of Quote and Approval for NES Science Textbook Adoption](#)
- [NCPS Instructional Update](#)
- [NCPS Special Education Update](#)
- [NCPS Educational Technology Update](#)
- [NCPS Federal Programs & School Improvement Update](#)
- [Testing & Accountability Update](#)
- [NCPS Transportation Update](#)
- [NCPS School Nutrition Update](#)

Board Comments

Vice Chair Mrs. Gayle Sterrett announced the resignation of Dr. Rachel Ball as the Director of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) and the appointment of Dr. Jason Strong as the new director of CBGS. Thank you to Dr. Ball for her dedicated service, and welcome to Dr. Strong!

Action Items:

- [Virginia School Board Association \(VSBA\) Updates to Policy](#)
- [Title IV Grant for 2021-2022](#)
- [NES Science Textbook Adoption](#)
- [NCPS Code of Conduct for 2022-2023](#)