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Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Carley Clise, Student Member of the Board 22-23

"I'd like to thank Carley for her leadership role as a student board member and I wish her the best in her future."
 – Mr. Jeff Blank

"It's been an honor to hold this position and I'm really grateful for all the opportunities I've been able to have and the people I've been able to meet. This is something I really enjoyed doing."

– Miss. Carley Clise



Recognition of Student Page

"The Student Page Program is designed to interest youth in state government and to enable students to provide a vital service to legislators and officials. The page representative is selected by representatives of Fort Hill, Mountain Ridge, Allegany and Bishop Walsh. This year's page, Andrew Swink, is a senior at Fort Hill High School, with a 4.5 grade point average. He will attend Potomac State in the fall."

– Mr. John Logsdon, Supervisor of Federal Programs



Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Student Salute Winners 2023

- Student Salute Scholarship program, sponsored by WCBC, Chessie Federal Credit Union, and the Allegany Chamber of Commerce, highlights the accomplishments of dozens of Allegany High School Seniors and awards scholarships to FSU:
 - Leah Boggs - \$5,000 scholarship (MRHS)
 - Alex Kennell - \$500 scholarship (AHS)
 - Olivia Looker - \$500 scholarship (AHS)

“We have so many brilliant, talented, and hard-working students in our community and it is an honor to play a small role in keeping them here while they pursue secondary education. On behalf of the Chamber, WCBC, Chessie, and FSU, we wish you all the best.”

– Ms. Juli McCoy, Executive Director of Allegany County Chamber of Commerce



Pictured left to right: Alex Kennell, Leah Boggs, Olivia Looker, and Juli McCoy

Recognition of “Changemaker” Essay Contest Winner for Women’s Action Coalition

- This is the first year the Women’s Action Coalition has offered the “Changemaker” Essay Scholarship Contest. Applicants could choose from either writing an essay on the Ninth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution or submit an artifact that communicates your role as a “changemaker.”
 - Tessa Gibson-Thoele - \$500 scholarship
 - Abigail Grove – Honorable Mention
 - Olivia Looker – Honorable Mention

“This is the first year for the scholarship and we wanted to raise up the emerging change makers in our community.”

- Ms. Cherie Snyder, ACWAC

“I feel extremely honored to be the first recipient of this award. The Women’s Action Committee is an important action group in our community and I am humbled to be associated with this amazing group of people.”

- Miss Tessa Gibson-Thoele



Pictured left to right: Cherie Snyder, Olivia Looker, Tessa Gibson-Thoele, Abigail Grove, and Carmen Jackson

Superintendent's Report

Proclamation Recognizing May 5th as School Lunch Hero Day

- On behalf of the Board, Dr. David Bohn presented a proclamation recognizing May 5th as School Lunch Hero Day
- Proclamation presented to Mr. Todd Lutton, Supervisor of Food Services

“I just want to say how much we appreciate the job our school lunch personnel have been doing.”

- Dr. David Bohn

“Thank you on behalf of the food services department. They're kind of behind the scenes, but my staff work very hard in the office, the warehouse, and out in the cafeterias. I appreciate what they are doing as well.”

- Mr. Todd Lutton

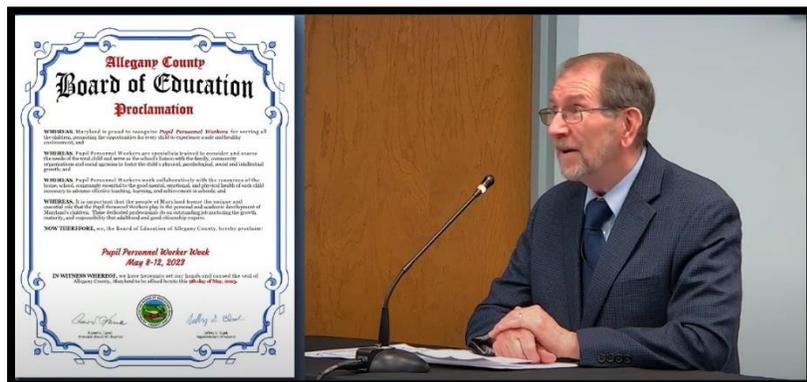


Proclamation Recognizing May 8 – 12th as Pupil Personnel Worker Week

- On behalf of the Board, Ms. Lori Lepley presented a proclamation recognizing May 8 -12th as Pupil Personnel Worker Week
- Proclamation presented to Mr. Gene Pustolski, Lead Pupil Personnel Worker

“We appreciate pupil personnel workers and everything you do to help serve our children.”

- Ms. Lori Lepley



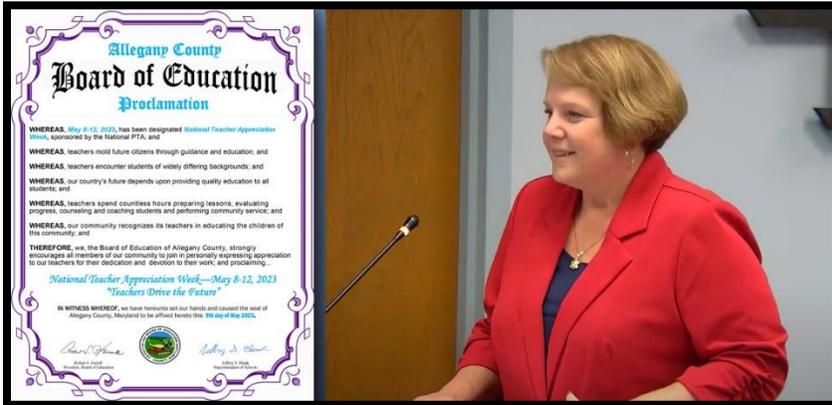
“I am accepting this proclamation on behalf of myself and my colleagues Kim Taylor, Tracy Dunn Court, Elissa Pancake, and Sandy Arnold. We are proud and honored to be part of the student service team for Allegany County Public Schools. In fact, I'm going to say, we're the best team in the entire state. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our director, Debbie Metheny for her support and guidance.”

- Mr. Gene Pustolski

Superintendent's Report

Proclamation Recognizing May 8 – 12th as National Teacher Appreciation Week

- On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Crystal Bender presented a proclamation recognizing May 8 -12th as National Teacher Appreciation Week
- Proclamation presented to Ms. Kimberly Sloane, ACEA President



“Teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service, just to sum it up. And we want to say thank you to all of our teachers for all of their hard work and dedication to our students.”

– Mrs. Crystal Bender

“I’m always humbled to accept this on behalf of the dedicated educators of Allegany County Public Schools. Thank you for taking time to recognize the invaluable services that our educators provide to our students in our community through the many roles and responsibilities they carry out each day. We usually see the highlights here at these meetings but so much more transpires on a daily basis to meet the social, emotional, physical, and educational needs of our students.

We appreciate your acknowledgement and efforts to recognize our work.”

- Ms. Kimberly Sloane

Instructional Report

Summer School Update

- Offering summer academic programs for remediation, intervention, and acceleration for students Pre-K through grades 8
- Students will take a pre-test and post-test to measure their academic growth
- School Therapy services and other related services will be available to students
- Students will receive breakfast and lunch
- Transportation will be provided
- Deadline for registration is May 15th
- Information has been provided to all parents and can be found on the ACPS website
- Elementary:
 - 5 elementary sites: Frost, George’s Creek, Parkside, Cresaptown, and South Penn
 - ELA, Mathematics, Physical Education, guidance lessons provided on social emotional learning

Instructional Report

Summer School Update (con't)

- Middle:
 - Thematic, hands-on, summer-like camp for students
 - Extended program for students with disabilities
 - ELA, Mathematics, skills particularly related to geometry, and reading informational text
- High:
 - Will offer both an original credit program as well as a recovery credit program for any credits students were unable to earn during the school year
 - Parents should speak to the school guidance counselor for more information

Bobcat Academy

- 5 incoming seniors have completed application for FSU full-time in the fall
- Still accepting more students, those interested can either contact the schools or contact Dr. Kim Kalbaugh's office to find out more

Unfinished Business

Consider Second Reading of Funding Proposal, Grants, Special Programs Policy

- Approved

Consider Second Reading of Evaluation of Students – Grading Policy

- Approved

Consider Second Reading of Weapons in School Policy

- Approved

New Business

Changes to Calendar

- For next year's calendar, the primary election, which was previously scheduled for April 23rd is now scheduled to take place on May 14th
- Superintendent recommends the last day for teachers and IA's to be a full day on June 2nd and summer hours to start for 12 month employees on June 5th
 - Approved

New Business

Renewal of Legal Services

- Approved

Consider Repealing Administrative Goals Policy

- Approved

Consider Repealing Superintendent's Cabinet & Council Policy and Regulations

- Approved

Consider Repealing JC – School Attendance Areas (current)

- Approved

Consider First Reading of School Attendance Areas policy

- Approved

Consider Regulation and Exhibit Review of School Attendance Areas

- Approved

Vote to meet in Executive Session June 6, 2023

- Approved

Reports of Special or Advisory Committees

Student Board Member Update

- On Monday, May 1st, HRDC held the Senior Citizens Prom at the Cumberland Country Club. Students from Allegany County and some from Keyser High School were able to attend and help out
- All schools are preparing for end of year

Board Member Updates

- In light of a recent policy from Anne Arundel County, our policy committee will be discussing the potential for implementing a drug and alcohol policy at the next meeting