

BOARDROOM CHATTER

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Recognize Student Salute Winners

The school board recognized this year's recipients of the annual Student Salute program scholarships. Julia Moore of Allegany will receive a \$5,000 one-year scholarship, to be used for tuition, at Frostburg State University. Delanie Blubaugh of Allegany and Brady Shaffer of Fort Hill are the second and third place recipients of \$500 scholarships to FSU.

The Student Salute Program is a collaborative effort to recognize high school seniors who excel in the classroom. Through the program, those students identified as exceptional academic achievers, based on GPA, school and community leaders, and who intend to enroll at FSU earn the opportunity to qualify for scholarships.

The Board of Education distributes and collects applications for the scholarships, which are converted into "on-air" salutes that run weekly on WCBC radio station. The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee reviews all applications and selects the FSU scholarship recipients.

Recognize 2018 Northrop Grumman Scholarship Recipient

The school board recognized Clay Hoover, 2018 graduate of Allegany High School, for being selected as this year's Allegany County recipient of the \$8,000 Northrop Grumman Missions Systems engineering scholarship. This scholarship competition is held for Maryland high school students who plan to attend an accredited college or university in an approved engineering curriculum upon graduation. Clay will be majoring in aerospace engineering at the University of Maryland College Park in the fall, where he has been accepted into the Advanced Cybersecurity Experience for Students (ACES) Honors Program.

Recognize Skills USA and FBLA 2018 Maryland State Leadership Conference and Competition Winners

The school board recognized the following students from the Career Center for their participation in the Skills USA competition:

- Dillon Slider, 3rd place, Industrial Motor Control
- Blair Harman, 2nd place, Industrial Motor Control
- Phoebe Shuttleworth, 2nd place, Screen Printing
- Colby Barclay, 1st place, Graphic Dye Sublimation
- Hanna Imes, 1st place, Welding Sculpture
- Josh O'Haver, 1st place, Sheetmetal
- Brooke Bryan, Raegan Case, Grace McGraw, Dominic Sanchez, Jasmine Sanchez, Aleena Teeter, Emily Welch, 1st place team, Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Ricky Cutter, Austin Dudley, Cody Pegg, Briley Stullenbarger, 1st place team, Teamworks

The school board also recognized the following students from both the Career Center and Allegany High School for their participation in FBLA:

- Logan Combs (CCTE), 2nd place, Network Concepts
- Jonathyn Yutzy (CCTE), 4th place, Network Design
- Zachary Miller (CCTE), 1st place, Computer Problem Solving
- James Cadwallader (CCTE), 4th place, Help Desk
- Umaila Fatima, Melissa Magrath (AL), 2nd place team, Emerging Business Issues
- Harrison Winters, Logan Wolford,

Board of Education

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Jacob Miller (AL), 4th place team, Broadcast Journalism

- Seth Beeghly (AL), 2nd place, Business Law
- Evan Hostetler (AL), 1st place, Business Ethics
- Christopher Palasik (AL), 2nd place, Computer Applications
- Clay Hoover (AL), 1st place, Word Processing
- Jie Zheng (AL), 1st place, Business Calculations

Recognize Allegany High School Indoor Color Guard

The school board recognized the Allegany High School indoor color guard for winning first place at the tournament indoor association's Atlantic Coast Championships. The guard scored 89, winning the open class category, the highest level of competition in the TIA. The group's program this year was entitled "Waiting." The color guard is under the direction of Matt Stoops, with assistants Timmy Growden, Shellie Stevens, and Whitney Cowgill.

Recognize Winners of the 2018 Diversity Awareness Essay Contest

The school board recognized Jenna Green, sophomore at Mountain Ridge High School, for being selected as the winner of the Diversity Awareness Essay Contest sponsored by the Allegany County Branch 7007 of the NAACP. This competition was held in an effort to promote diversity awareness and provide students with an opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions.

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Jenna received a \$400 monetary prize for expressing her ideas related to the topic of "Our Lives Matter; Our Vote Counts."

Recognize ACM Tri-State Math Contest School Awards and Scholarship Recipients

The school board recognized the following ACPS students for their participation in the Tri-State Math Contest hosted by Allegany College of Maryland:

- Josh Metz (MR) and Benjamin Bryan (AL), 7th place tie
- Eleanor Brown (CCTE), 6th place
- Parker Preaskorn (AL), 2nd place
- Wesley Blubaugh (MR), 1st place

Each year the LaVale Lions Club provides scholarships for area juniors who demonstrate their math excellence during the competition. Allegany High School's team placed second with 87 points. Team members included Parker Preaskorn, Benjamin Bryan, and Claire Marlowe. Mountain Ridge's team placed third with 84 points. Team members included Ewsley Blubaugh, Josh Metz, and Aimee Culler.

Recognize Project Fit America All-Star Teacher of the Year

The school board recognized Flintstone Elementary School physical education teacher, Kari Brown, for being one of only two educators across the country selected for Project Fit America's National All Star Teacher of the Year award. Nominations were based upon several qualities including exceptional dedication to students; quality of social development of students to include all the building blocks of fitness; outstanding creativity in PFA program usage; and quality and progressive use of a wide variety of PFA's broad-based programming.

Flintstone was selected as the first public school in Maryland to be part of Project Fit America in 2012 when Western Maryland Health System and Maryland Physicians Care joined forces with PFA to create a model and pilot of innovative fitness in education at the school. This health and wellness program is designed to raise fitness test scores of children and teach lifetime fitness. For more information on PFA, visit www.projectfitamerica.org.

Present Proclamation Recognizing School Nutrition Employees Week

The school board read a proclamation recognizing May 7-11, 2018, as School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week. Nutritious meals at school are an essential part of the school day. The staff of the Food and Nutrition

Services Department of Allegany County Public Schools are committed to providing healthful, nutritious meals to the children in the school system. The men and women who prepare and serve school meals help nurture children through their daily interaction and support.

Present Proclamation Recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week

The school board read a proclamation recognizing May 8, 2018, as National Teacher Appreciation Day. Teachers make public schools great, and teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams. Teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, and they fill many roles as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors. Teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider the Second Reading of Policy for Board Meetings (File: BE)

The school board approved the second reading of the above policy, whose purpose is "to establish guidelines for conducting business, receiving and/or discussing matters of concern, and providing an opportunity for citizens to voice opinions or identify problems in an orderly and efficient manner."

Consider the Second Reading of Policy for Student Financial Obligations (File: JN)

The school board approved the second reading of the above policy, whose purpose is "to describe student responsibility for ACPS property."

The policy states, "Students who have lost, damaged, or destroyed textbooks or library books, equipment or other school property are to be responsible and accountable for such items. The student may be charged a reasonable amount for such damage or loss, with consideration for the age and condition of the items."

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Bid for OT/PT Services Contract for 2018-2019 School Year

The school board awarded the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy contract for the 2018-2019 school year to School Therapy Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,567,259.16. This is comprised of \$895,521 local funds and \$671,738 restricted funds. Six companies attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting on April 23rd. Three companies submitted a bid on time and were considered an eligible bidder. A committee reviewed the bids and selected School Therapy Services, Inc. The company is fully staffed and has a record of the Continuing Education Units obtained by their staff over the past three years. They also provide all of the OT/PT services in five other counties. Their staff is trained in the Child Outcome Summary process which is required for all children ages 0-5 with an IEP or IFSP. School Therapy Services is a local company that provides their own office space and their own computer equipment and software, so neither would need to be provided by ACPS. They also have therapy, mobility, and positioning equipment available to loan at no charge to ACPS. In addition, they allow the use of their office space for meetings and professional development at no charge to ACPS.

Consider First Reading of Policy for Proper and Acceptable Use of Surveillance Cameras (File: ECAF)

The school board approved the first reading of the above policy, whose purpose is “to set guidelines for the use and viewing of audio/visual surveillance.”

The policy states, “The Board of Education recognizes that maintaining the safety and security of students, staff and district property is best implemented with a multifaceted approach. Their use of technology such as video/audio surveillance cameras is supported by the Board.”

Vote to Meet in Executive Session in June

The school board voted to meet in Executive Session on June 12, 2018, as necessary.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Mrs. Laurie Marchini

Mrs. Marchini reminded the public about the Blue Ribbon Commission’s upcoming public forum on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the Career Center at 6 p.m. to address the preliminary report and recommended options from Facility Engineering Associates (FEA) regarding redistricting schools. Additionally, just prior to the start of the forum, at 5:30 p.m., FEA will have boundary maps on display in the main hallway of the auditorium. FEA will present their final report to the school board on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at their regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 4 p.m. This meeting is also open to the public.

Mrs. Marchini also wanted to point out the difference between a health care provider and a consultant to clear up misunderstandings in the public. The school board uses CBIZ as a consultant to help manage health care costs since they are self-insured. Cigna was selected as the health care provider, which in no way affects what the school board pays CBIZ for their services. Mr. Hadley is an employee of CBIZ and abstained from voting on the health care provider, and Mrs. Marchini does not receive insurance benefits from Cigna.