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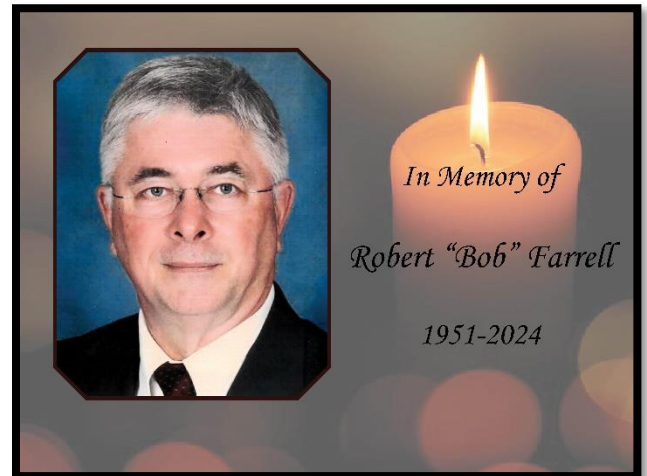
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The Board Office of Allegany County Public Schools

“We suffered a loss last week with Board President, Mr. Farrell, unexpectedly. We wanted to acknowledge that this evening and pay our respects toward him. We’ve left his seat vacant in honor of him for this meeting.

Bob and I became very close over the last four years. I probably wouldn’t have been able to make it through these last four years without him. He became a very close friend. We worked well together. This was unexpected and we will greatly miss him. And our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.”

- Crystal Bender, *Board Vice President*



“It’s not an easy thing to address. I didn’t know Bob until he and I ran for the Board seven years ago. He had his heart and soul in the system. He loved the job, he loved people. He was just a great guy and it’s weird being at this table without somebody that you form a bond with like that. He was like a brother. I will miss him greatly. Any of you that knew him, know exactly what I mean.”

- Dr. David Bohn, *Board Member*

“Ms. Fraley could not be here tonight. This is her last meeting as a board member. We would like to take a minute and thank her for her eight years of service and commitment to the Allegany County Public School System.”

- Crystal Bender, *Board Vice President*

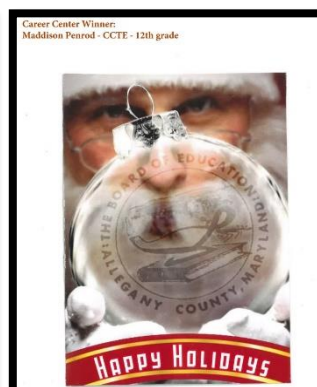
Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Student Christmas Card Design Contest

- Dr. Bohn presented certificates to each winner
 - Claire Zumbrun – 4th grade
Parkside Elementary School
 - Mallorie Bush – 8th grade
Braddock Middle School
 - Ben Shanklin – 12th grade
Allegany High School
 - Maddison Penrod – 12th grade
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Pictured left to right, first row: Mallorie Bush. Claire Zumbrun. Second row: Ben Shanklin, Maddison Penrod



Fort Hill Unified Flag Football State Champions

- Plaque presented by Lori Lepley
- State champions in five versus five and skills teams

"We were lucky this year, we won both the skill and the five versus five. We have 18 kids. 7 participated in the skills and the rest on the five versus five team."

- Jeff Brode, *Coach*



Pictured left to right, front row: Amos Stickley, Abraham Stickley, Taten Shambaugh, Nick Willison, Jabril Daniels Second Row: Head Coach Jeffrey Brode, Assistant Coach John Broll, and Assistant Coach Carol Ketterman

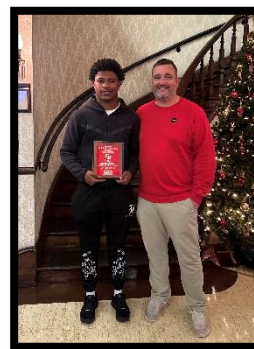
Superintendent's Report (cont.)

Recognition of Homecoming Players

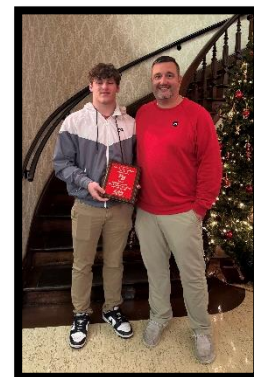
- Plaques presented by Crystal Bender
- Offensive player of Homecoming Game – Jabril Daniels
- Defensive player of Homecoming Game – Nick Willison

“Both kids were very instrumental in our success this year, not only in the homecoming game, but throughout the whole season. Their awards are definitely well deserved.”

- Zach Alkire, *Coach*



Pictured left to right, Jabril Daniels and Zach Alkire



Pictured left to right, Nick Willison and Zach Alkire

State Championships

- Plaques presented by Crystal Bender
- MD Class 1A State Champs

“It was a great group of kids this year. A very young group this year, with only 10 seniors. We essentially had three groups of kids that had never played and they did a great job of leading those guys and bringing them up to where they needed to be to win a championship.”

- Zach Alkire, *Coach*



Pictured left to right, Jabril Daniels, Zach Alkire, and Nick Willison

Instructional Update

Next Generation Scholars Update

- Current core programs:
 - Next Generation Scholars
 - 7th, 8th, and 9th grade
 - Helps serve students in underserved communities and have a career pathway starting in the 7th grade
 - Maryland Future Pathways
 - 1:1 group counseling
 - Career tours and college trips
 - Classroom sessions
 - Summer service learning opportunities and college boot camp
 - Attendance, behavior, and coursework awards

Instructional Update (cont.)

Next Generation Scholars Update

- Current core programs:
 - Next Generation Scholars
 - Updates:
 - Industry Day at Kaiser Permanente in Lutherville-Timonium
 - Tri-State College Night at Allegany College
 - Maryland College Application Campaign Week at Fort Hill
 - Garrett College campus visit
 - Speakers Bureau
 - Use volunteers to come in and talk to the students and expose them to industry recognized credentials that they can have in the future, while they are in high school
 - Student Ambassadors
 - Consists of students all across the state of Maryland, where they learn leadership skills
 - Have two in Allegany County
 - Way to Be
 - Have an app that is available for students to talk to industry professionals to learn more about the industry and college and career readiness
- \$141,250 in financial aid received by NGS graduates in Allegany County
- College and Career Readiness
 - Access to industry professionals through career tours and MBRTs Speakers Bureau
 - Access to colleges through college tours and visits
 - Next Generation Scholars is and extended resource to career coaches to help identify internship / apprenticeship opportunities

Career Awareness Field Trips for the Braddock Middle School Blueprint Pilot

- Career Coaches learned that students didn't have the background to engage in real conversations and they were not ready to have any kind of pathway put in front of them
- Planned 12 field trips to help solve this problem
 - 6th grade
 - Center for Career and Technical Education
 - International Conservation Center
 - Allegany College of Maryland
 - Downtown Cumberland Tour
 - 7th grade
 - Garret College of Maryland
 - Frostburg City Tour
 - Allegany College of Maryland
 - New Germany State Park

Instructional Update (cont.)

Career Awareness Field Trips for the Braddock Middle School Blueprint Pilot

- 8th grade
 - Cumberland City Hall, Episcopal Church, Court House
 - Cumberland Airport / Trooper 5
 - Walnut Ridge Farm
 - UPMC
- Career Coaches initiatives at other middle schools:
 - Washington Middle School
 - An Ag Exploration Awareness Fair partnered with University of Maryland Extension
 - Westmar and Mount Savage Middle School
 - Having guest speakers come in that connect with the students and align with curriculum
- Career Coaches initiatives at high schools:
 - 9th grade transition lessons
 - Meet with 10th and 11th grade students who might not be on track
 - Specialized field trips
 - Resume and interview workshops

Unfinished Business

Consider Second Reading of Registered Sex Offenders Policy

- Approved

New Business

Consider Repealing Regulations and Exhibit for Registered Sex Offenders Policy

Reports of Special or Advisory Committees

Student Member of the Board

- About a dozen ACPS students just went to the Maryland Association Student Council General Assembly downstate
- ACPS General Assembly December 11
- Winter Wonderland Workshops will be happening soon