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September 9, 2019, Heathsville, VA – Northumberland County School Board met on Monday, September 9, at 6 pm in the NHS & NMS auditorium.

The School Board approved **Mrs. Valerie Parker** as the division Finance Specialist: Payroll & Accounts Payable. Mrs. Parker has served as Finance Administrative Assistant for Northumberland Elementary School.

The School Board approved the following personnel for appointments, pending background check and fingerprinting as applicable, for the 2019-2020 year: **Substitutes:** James Keefer and Greg Evans. **NHS Supplemental Contracts:** Sgt. Connor Samuel, JROTC Long Term Substitute; Elizabeth Hood, NHS Robotics Sponsor; Anjelica Scott, Student Support Team Chair. **NMS Supplemental Contracts:** April Walker, NMS Drama Assistant Sponsor; Julie White, NMS Drama Sponsor; Anthony Markish, NMS SCA Assistant Sponsor.

In other news . . .

The School Board authorized Sun Tribe Solar to explore the feasibility of a solar power array installation on school board property and authorized the Superintendent to work with the school board attorney on terms for a potential agreement.

The School Board approved the **Equity Policy** for Northumberland County Schools:

. . . The Northumberland County School Board recognizes many critical factors must be considered to ensure all students achieve at high levels. Some factors include, but are not limited to: (1) the quality and stability of the teachers in a school; (2) the quality and stability of leadership in a school; (3) the allocation of resources, both fiscal, operational, and structural necessary to support high levels of student achievement; (4) the goal of high expectations for all students; (5) the provision of effective, responsive school and classroom settings with students and staff from diverse backgrounds. In recognizing these critical factors, the Northumberland County School Board reaffirms its commitment to the goal of educational excellence and equitable opportunities for all its students.

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The School Board meeting date for October 2019, has been changed to **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, at 6 pm in the NHS & NMS auditorium due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

The Director of Instruction provided the Board with an update on the **Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP)** that requires all Kindergarten students to be tested in literacy, mathematics and social skills. Teachers will be trained by University of Virginia Faculty and will begin testing in October, 2019.

Other actions taken by the Board:

- Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board and Northumberland County Public Schools;
- Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with The Haven and Northumberland County Public Schools;
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with University of Virginia College Advising Corps and Northumberland High School;
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Rappahannock Community College Regional Adult Education Program and Northumberland County Public Schools;
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Three Rivers Health District and Northumberland County Public Schools;
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Northumberland County Sheriff's Office and Northumberland County Public Schools;
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with The Good News Club and Northumberland County Public Schools.