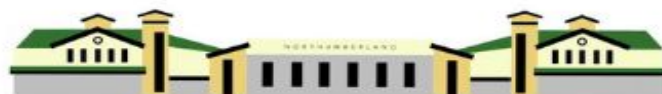


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**December 9, 2019, Heathsville, VA** – The Northumberland County School Board met on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 6 pm in the NHS & NMS auditorium. To “Celebrate the Season” the NHS Chorus and NHS Band performed. NHS Chorus students **Anna Jett, Elizabeth Reamy and Rebecca Reamy** sang an acapella rendition of “Away in the Manager” under the direction of **Mrs. Latasha Lee**. NHS Band students **Jay Bea, Sam McCrae, and Bernette Blackwell**, presented an instrumental performance of “Merry Little Christmas” with **Band Director Ms. Madeline Lee**.

Career & Technical Education teacher and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) sponsor **Mrs. Tracey Keeve** and NHS student leader **Madison Garrity** of the NHS chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) presented to the Board current business and upcoming events. There are currently twenty-eight members. The club is fundraising to attend the upcoming Capital Leadership conference, where they will be able to learn about social media in business as well as financial leadership topics.

The School Board approved the following personnel appointments, pending background check and fingerprinting as applicable, for the 2019-2020 year: **JROTC Instructor: Chief Warrant Officer Rafael Vega; Finance Specialist: Personnel, Benefits & Payroll: Shelley Vanlandingham; Interim Paraprofessional for Second Grade: Angela Burkhead; Interim Teacher for Northern Neck Special Education Program: Bertha Betts; Substitute Teacher: Carolyn Schrote, Kathryn Taylor; and Supplemental Contracts: Winter Cheer Assistant Coach, Teri Coleman.**

### Other actions taken by the Board:

- Approval of Northumberland County Public Schools’s 2020-2021 School Calendar
  - \* Special Note: The First Day of School *currently* will be August 24, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year. **If new legislation is approved in the Spring, however, the First Day of School will be August 17, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.**
  - Link to August 24, 2020 start date: [Click Here](#)
  - Link to August 17, 2020 start date: [Click Here](#)

Thank you to **Director of Instruction Mrs. Amy Lamb and the NCPS Calendar Committee** for presenting these calendars so that students and families are informed of the **Pre Labor Day start date!**

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## In other news . . .

The Northumberland County School Board held Public Hearing #1 on the 2020-2021 Educational Plan & Budget. The Board received an update of the current survey responses from **Director of Finance Mrs. Donna Booth**: 17 responders, 26 requests; 8 request for additional personnel; 9 requests for technology upgrades, computers and laptops; 3 requests for pay raises; 1 request for increase grant funding; 3 requests for maintenance upgrades; 1 request for a practice facility for JROTC and wrestling; and 1 request for buses with air conditioning. Students, staff, families, and community members are encouraged to participate in the anonymous survey on the nucps.net website [Click Here for Budget Survey](#).

The Northumberland School Board voted unanimously to give notice to the Northern Neck Regional Special Education Program (NNRSEP) regarding NCPS's intent to dissolve from participation in the NNRSEP for the 2020-2021 school year. Many factors were considered including the increases in participation cost (average of an additional \$50,000 increase per year over the past two years) as well as the structure of current program offerings. "The Northumberland students who participate in the current NNRSEP remain the school division's highest priority, and we will work diligently to continue a service delivery model that exceeds individual student needs while upholding the highest inclusive practices next year," stated NNRSEP Board Chair and NCPS Board member Mrs. Dana O'Bier.