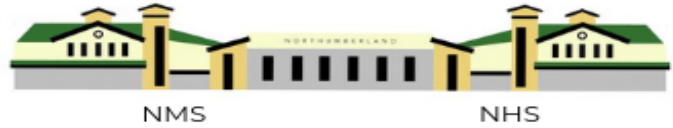


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**July 13, 2020 - Heathsville, VA** The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board met at the Northumberland County Middle/High School Auditorium for a regular meeting. The meeting was open to the public practicing physical distancing and face covering requirements. The public had access through audio conferencing as a result of COVID-19 guidelines.

The School Board approved the following personnel: Northumberland Middle English Language Arts Teacher **Ms. Sarah Coyle**.

The School Board approved the supplement personnel listed with the following contingencies:

- further guidance for school and sport participation due to COVID-19;
- the programs, activities and sports actually taking place;
- final installments will be issued/released after formal evaluation of the sponsor/coach and proper return of equipment/uniforms/property, etc.

NMS Academic: **Sheila King**, NMS Computer Lab Additional Duties; **Stacey Lee**, NMS Summer Reading & NMS One School One Book; **Jennifer Thomas**, NMS Extra French Class.

NMS Athletics: **Michael Stevenson**, NMS Athletic Director; **Terrell Diggs**, NMS Girls Basketball; **Lon Patrick**, NMS Soccer; **Eddie Barnes**, NMS Golf; **Katelyn Orem**, NMS Volleyball; **Victoria West**, NMS Cheerleading.

NHS Academics/Other: **Madeline Lee**, Performance Band; **Latasha Lee**, Performance Choir; **Michelle Roberti**, Junior Class Sponsor; **Shelby Brooks**, Senior Class Sponsor; **Michelle Roberti**, Forensics Sponsor; **Karen Baker**, Senior BETA Club; **Karen Baker**, Yearbook Sponsor; **Sterling Harris**, Chess Club Sponsor; **Molly Fraizer**, Flag Corps; **Gary Dickens**, Academic Competition; **Holly Swann**, Dance Team Sponsor 1st Semester.

NHS Athletics: **Teresa Rock**, Varsity/Jr. Varsity Athletic Director; **Anjelica Scott**, Varsity/Jr. Varsity Assistant Athletic Director; **Madeline Lee**, Band Director; **Teresa Rock**, Athletic Field Maintenance; **Gary Dickens**, Robotics NHS Team Sponsor.

Other: **Anjelica Scott**, Student Support Team Chair NHS; **Jessica Rogers**, Child Study Chair NES/NMS; **Angela Ellis**, Eligibility Coordinator Division wide; **Tammy Wilkins**, PAES Coordinator.

Other School Board actions:

- Approved Dr. Wargo to move forward with the RFP# 2021-005 New School Board Building.
- Approved waiving Hands on CPR Training for bus drivers due to COVID 19 requirements of physical distancing. On-line training is still available.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Virginia Department of Education Virtual Virginia Program for 2020-2021.

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- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Commonwealth of Virginia Three Rivers Health District for treatment and use of the drug epinephrine.
- Approved the Payroll by Timesheet rates for 2020-2021.

The School Board recognizes **Northumberland Middle** and **Northumberland High** school for being selected to receive the **2020 Board of Education's Continuous Improvement Award** through the Exemplar School Recognition Program. To receive this recognition the school must meet at least one of the following four criteria based on performance during the 2018-2019:

- A 10 point increase in the combined rate in reading and math, and in the pass rate in science;
- A 10-point increase in the combined rate in reading and math for two or more student groups across three years;
- A decrease in the chronic absenteeism rate for three years; or
- For schools with a graduating class, an increase in the Graduation and Completion Index and a decrease in the dropout rate for three years.

Dr. Wargo welcomed **Director of Special Education & Student Services Dr. Jamie Sears**. Dr. Wargo stated, "Dr. Sears has spent her career working on behalf of students with unique strengths and diverse learning needs. Throughout her career as a special education teacher and administrator, she has collaborated with general and special education teachers, principals, and families to design rigorous and authentic learning experiences that actively engage students and advance their acquisition of knowledge and skills. The outcome of these partnerships has led to a shared understanding of the challenges that hinder particular groups of students from maximizing their full potential and achieving academic success. In her role as Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, Dr. Sears will continue to work with the community to establish, to effectively identify, and respond to factors that prevent the provision of specialized services and supports to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. Dr. Sears has been meeting many of us since her first day of work which was Wednesday, July 1. Not only has Dr. Sears has been instrumental in planning upcoming summer professional development for teachers that will integrate online instruction. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Jamie Sears!"

NES Principal Mrs. Stephanie Baker updated the Board on the NES Summer Return to Learn. Mrs. Baker reported today was the first day of Summer Return to Learn. Fifteen students participated. CDC guidelines were followed, wipes and hand sanitizer were available for every classroom, and temperatures were taken before boarding buses and upon arrival for car riders. In addition, parents were asked to complete child health screenings prior to sending students to school. Throughout the day cleaning of personal spaces and physical distancing breaks were taken.

NMS Summer Administrator Mrs. Latasha Lee updated the Board on NMS Summer Return to Learn first day of activities. Mrs. Lee reported that NMS Summer Return to Learn was 100% virtual learning. Seventy students signed up and forty-five students participated/logged in using Google Meet.

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NES



NMS

NHS

NHS Principal Dr. Travis Burns reported that NHS Algebra Bootcamp will be starting tomorrow (July 14, 2020) as part of the NHS Summer Learn Program. Five students will be participating using distance learning format. Dr. Burns reported that VHSL will be issuing additional guidelines for athletic participation. Driver's Education In Car was not approved and will not be offered.

Dr. Wargo updated the Board on the Health & Safety Mitigation Training as it relates to COVID-19 pandemic. VaCorp, Inc., the School's insurance carrier, offers a library of COVID 19 and risk management resources. A link has been posted on our website.

Director of Data Assessment and Accountability Mrs. Virginia Booth presented information on Powerschool Enrollment Express. The software will allow parents/guardians to enroll their child online, eliminating the mounds of paper required at registration. Administrative teams will be available at each school to help with the process for parents/guardians that do not have computer or internet capabilities.

Mrs. Virginia Booth also reported to the Board the survey results from Northumberland County Public Schools' Families and Employee Return to Learn Survey. There were 400 families, 667 students and 137 staff participation. The survey results can be found using the following link: [Return to Learn Survey Results](#)

New guidance was received from the Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Education, reported Dr. Wargo. Dr. James Lane, State Superintendent of Education, stated Phase 3 guidance allows schools 3 feet of physical while wearing the required face coverings.

The Fall 2020-2021 NCPS Fall Return to Learn Goal Plan was approved by the Board. The new start date for 2020-2021 will be August 24, 2020. All in person students will be released at 2:45 p.m. The Plan is available on our website [Fall Return to Learn Plan](#)