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March 13, 2023- Heathsville, VA The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board met in-person and virtually for a regular monthly meeting. The meeting was open to the public through Zoom audio conference calling and in person.

Closed Meeting Action Items

- Approval of **Lisa White** as Reading Specialist for 23-24 school year
- Approval of **Haley Dehil** as School Nurse for 23-24 school year
- Approval of **Jillian Draughon** as NMS School Counselor
- Approval of **Stephanie Dove** as Speech Therapist
- Approval of **Barbara Newton** as Bus Driver
- Approval of the following supplements: **Joey Self** as Middle School Softball Coach and **Kenneth Dobyns** as Volunteer Baseball Coach
- Approval of the following substitutes: **Anna Kissne** and **Afinati Taylor**, pending completion of training
- Approval of **Sandra Lopez** as Long Term Substitute
- Approval of the 2023-24 Budget Hearing on March 27, 2023, at 10 AM located in the NMS/NHS Auditorium
- Approval of the Board Resolution for the designation of Bus Drivers as full time employees.

Presentations/ Recognitions

- Recognition of Division Teacher of the Year **Keyva Parker**
- Recognitions of NMS student **Gabrielle Burnett** for placing First in the VSBA Art Contest
- Recognition of NES student **Braxton Fulcher**, who raised \$1,127.73 for Jump Rope for Heart/Kids Heart Challenge
- Presentation of the Revised Meals Policy by Director of School Nutrition **Saunne Hamlett**
- Presentation of Special Education Annual Report by Director **Dr. Jamie Sears**

Other Action Items

- Approval of the School Division [Proposed Calendar for 2023-2024](#) and Summer Learning Calendar 2023

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- Approval of the Facility use requests
- Approval of the Field Trip requests
- Approval of the check register
- Approval of the donations
- Approval of the Special Appropriations
- Approval of the [Memorandum of Understanding Region 17 & Rappahannock Community College](#)
- Approval of the [Northumberland County Public Schools Meal Policy](#)
- Approval of the [Special Education Annual Plan](#)

Financial Reports

- [Check Register](#)
- [Revenue](#) & [Expenditure](#) Reports
- Donations: Leah Lewis at Backdraft donated pencils, dry erase markers, Clorox Wipes and a binder in the amount of \$75; Afton United Methodist Church donated \$1,000 to JROTC; An anonymous donation of \$126.36 Scholastic Book order for 1st Grade Pod; Rappahannock Art League donated a check to NMS for the Art Show in the amount of \$850.e March 27, 2023 meeting.
- Special Appropriations
- [Audit](#)
- Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget was amended

Public Comments

Alexis Wormley commented on the School Cell Phone Policy for students.

Public Hearing for 2023-2024 Budget

Mark Roland provided more information on the request to have a school swim team.

Superintendent Reports

- Instructional Reports for [Northumberland High presented by Dr. Travis Burns](#); [Northumberland Middle presented by Mrs. Shelli Lipton](#); and [Northumberland Elementary presented by Mrs. Martha Williams](#)
- [School Division Proposed Calendar for 2023-2024](#) and [Summer Learning Calendar 2023](#)
- [Instruction and Student Support Services](#)
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Board Comments

Dana O'Bier shared the NNTC Skills USA results and important dates from Northern Neck Tech.

Gayle Sterrett shared the Governor School will meet on the proposed budget.

Denise Mazyck thanked everyone for the cards, gifts and the kind words for School Board Appreciation.