



School Board Meeting Recap

Thursday, April 15, 2021

There were several notable moments during last night's School Board meeting. The timestamps with each highlight will help you navigate directly to the point in the recorded meeting, which is available in the Archives section of BCPS Live (<https://bcps.live/archives/>).

1. Recognitions: *Timestamp: 4:01 - 26:12*

James River HS Class 2 Indoor Track and Field State Champions

- Holly Hylton:** 4x200m Relay and Long Jump
- Vanessa Lima:** 4x200m Relay and 55m Dash
- Morgan Marshall:** 4x200m Relay
- Ella Wright:** 4x200m Relay



Track and Field State Champions

2021 Division Spelling Bee

- Sonny Sharp (ERES):** Division Champion
- Holly Weddle (GRES):** Division Alternate



Division Spelling Bee Champions

Roanoke Valley Governor School Project Forum Awards

- Shannon Filer (JRHS):** 1st Place Earth and Environmental Science
- Kierstyn Stanley (LBHS):** 1st Place Engineering Mechanics A
- Sydney Vokus (LBHS):** 1st Place Engineering Mechanics A
- Chloe Beasley (LBHS):** 1st Place Engineering Mechanics B
- Parker Hudson (LBHS):** 1st Place Engineering Mechanics B
- Ethan Fouch (LBHS):** 1st Place Engineering Mechanics C
- Aidan Mayhue (LBHS):** 1st Place Plant Sciences B



RVGS Project Forum Awards

Lord Botetourt HS 2021 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

- Allison Pully:** National Gold Medal and American Visions Medal Recipient
- Halle Reese:** National Silver Medal and Regional Gold Key Recipient
- Jillian Davis:** Regional Gold Key Recipient
- Riley Tetreault:** Two Regional Silver Keys Recipient, Honorable Mention
- Leeanne Wood:** Regional Honorable Mention



National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

2. School Library Month: *Timestamp: 28:19 - 38:52*

April is School Library Month in Virginia. Several BCPS librarians showcased how library programming makes a positive impact on the academic and social environment of a school.

Video presentation link: <https://youtu.be/OdIODAcQ6HU>

3. Virtual Academy Update: *Timestamp: 38:54 - 42:10*

The Virtual Academy content vendor and course offerings will be revealed next week for students and families to consider. Final contract deadline is April 23.



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4. Superintendent’s Report: *Timestamp: 42:11 - 49:32*

Botetourt County Schools has partnered with the Mountain Castle Soil and Water Conservation District to implement their Plant and Animal Relatives of the Blue Ridge curriculum project at the middle schools.

Blue Ridge PBS showcased BTEC and their programs in their local production entitled, *Working Hands: Focusing on the Trades*. Check out the video shorts at: <https://www.blueridgepbs.org/local-productions/shorts/working-hands/>

James River and Lord Botetourt High Schools have partnered with the DMV to complete training that will allow them to administer the learning permit test at the school.

5. Class of 2021 Graduation: *Timestamp: 49:34 - 51:58*

Class of 2021 graduation ceremonies will follow the current Governor’s executive order as well as any CDC and VDH guidelines.

James River High School	Lord Botetourt High School
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 (7:30 PM) James River High School Stadium	Monday, May 24, 2021 (7:00 PM) Salem Civic Center Stadium
Inclement weather make-up day: Wednesday, May 26 (7:30 PM) James River High School Stadium	Inclement weather make-up day: Wednesday, May 26 (5:00 PM) Salem Civic Center Stadium

The Class of 2020 graduates from both high schools will be invited to gather at the Greenfield Recreation Park on June 2 around 11:00 AM to enjoy lunch, the chance to reconnect, reminisce, and hear from selected speakers from their high schools, the Central Office, and the School Board. An interest survey will be sent out with more details.

6. Summer Academy (summer school) Update: *Timestamp: 51:59 - 1:07:12*

Botetourt County Schools will be holding summer school this year, and is expanding its availability to a wider K-12 student audience. The Summer Academy will be held at each school and focus particularly on math and reading. In addition to being tuition-free, transportation and meal services will be provided for all students. Principals are identifying the students in their buildings who would benefit most from the Summer Academy and will be reaching out to families in coming weeks. More information will be shared in coming weeks.

7. School Board Member Reports: *Timestamp: 1:09:41 - 1:18:15*

Ms. Crook recognized the First Lady of Virginia’s visit to Buchanan ES before Spring Break. She also offered formal condolences to Salem City School Board for the passing of **Dr. Mike Chiglinsky**.

Mr. Davidick reported on the meeting between he, Dr. Russ, Mrs. Mast, and Dr. Scothorn at Read Mountain MS to discuss the concerns related to the car rider line and general traffic congestion.

Next School Board Meeting: Thursday, May 13, 2021

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