



# School Board Meeting Recap

Thursday, June 10, 2021

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## 1. Recognitions: *Timestamp: 4:45 - 20:40*

*Grand Awards for the International Science and Engineering Fair (5:49 - 8:10)*

**Kierstyn Stanley** and **Sydney Vokus** of Lord Botetourt High School earned 3rd place in Engineering Mechanics for their pill dispenser invention.



*Spring 2021 Stock Market Game (12:03 - 15:05)*

**Mia Etzler** and **Holly Weddle** of Greenfield Elementary School earned 1st place Regional Team in the Spring 2021 Stock Market Game in the elementary division. They were mentored by Mrs. Lisa Grinnell, their Gifted Resource Teacher



*BCPS Employees of the Month for May (15:20 - 16:08)*

**James 'Crickett' Linkenhoker:** Head Mechanic, Bus Garage

*Superintendent Recognition (16:10 - 20:40)*

**Dr. Jonathan Russ** and all Commonwealth division superintendent's were named Superintendents of the Year amidst the challenges and remarkable work performed throughout the school year during the pandemic.



## 2. Employee Bonus: *Timestamp: 27:20 - 31:41*

The school board unanimously approved a recommendation to grant a bonus of \$2,000 for all full-time employees and \$1,000 for all part-time employees for the 2020-21 school year. The board expressed gratitude to employees for patiently waiting until it was clear that the division could fiscally support this decision.

## 3. Tuition Fees for Non-Resident Students: *Timestamp: 31:43 - 33:47*

The school board unanimously approved a recommendation to change the tuition for non-resident students from \$2,805 per student/year to \$1,000 per student/year.



## 4. Superintendent Update: *Timestamp: 33:48 - 47:05*

May and June vaccination clinics have gone well. A 2nd dose clinic will be held on June 23 at Lord Botetourt High School from 4-6 PM. The division is in need of bus drivers and will be forming a committee to address this need. Technical edits to the social studies standards of learning (SOLs) have been prescribed by the VDOE. BCPS will begin implementing these standards in the 2022-23 school year, according to the VDOE timeline.



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**5. VSBA Policy Updates (1st read):** *Timestamp: 47:08 - 57:44*

Mr. East and Ms. Austin offered comments on the compliance component of these policy updates.

**6. Virginia Mathematics Pathway Initiative (VMPI):** *Timestamp: 57:56 - 1:08:43*

Mr. Keith Pennington (Instructional Supervisor) discussed clarifying information released by the VDOE regarding the VMPI and integrated mathematics curriculum in development. Additional information about this initiative is located on the [VDOE website](#).

**7. Public Comment:** *Timestamp: 1:09:43 - 1:40:41*

Several members of the community expressed their concerns surrounding Critical Race Theory and the 1619 Project with regards to the technical edits prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education.

**8. Financial Summary Report:** *Timestamp: 1:41:50 - 1:43:35*

Mr. Brandon Lee provided a monthly financial summary report. The fiscal year is 91% complete and the division is tracking nicely.

**9. School Board Member Community Outreach and Committee Reports:** *Timestamp: 59:34 - 1:18:15*

Each of the board members expressed gratitude for the ability to attend the Lord Botetourt HS graduation on May 24 and the James River HS graduation on May 25. Ms. Austin and Mrs. Weddle attended the Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration. They expressed their appreciation to those who helped organize the event and for the opportunity to hear individual updates from each graduate that attended.

**Next School Board Meeting: Thursday, July 8, 2021**