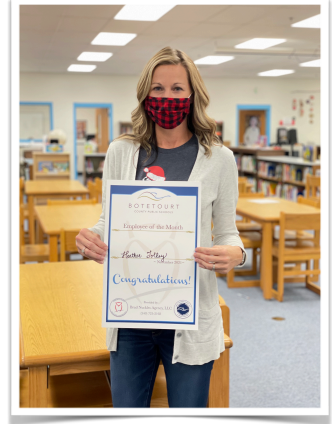




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1. Recognitions: *Timestamp: 4:01 - 7:43*

Although she was unable to be present for the meeting, we are pleased to recognize Heather Tolley, an instructional aide at Buchanan ES, as the BCPS Employee of the Month for November.



Tonight marked Michelle Austin’s final school board meeting. Chair Weddle offered some comments about Ms. Austin’s service over the past five years. It was said, and we all agree, that Ms. Austin has earned ‘legendary’ status through her tenure in public service.

2. Public Comment: *Timestamp: 7:45 - 22:37*

Citizens expressed concerns about board transparency, the method by which individuals sign up to speak at meetings, and a recent article in the Roanoke Times. One citizen offered ideas on obtaining rapid COVID test kits to prevent students from being sent home unnecessarily. Another citizen, and current elementary school administrator, addressed accusations from last month’s board meeting and defined what diversity and equity mean to her as an educator and administrator.



3. Action Items: *Timestamp: 22:53 - 24:46*

Self-sustaining funds that are allocated to support BCPS students attending Virginia Western Community College will be transferred to to the Botetourt Education Foundation. Through a CCAP 2 fundraiser, these funds will be matched. The board unanimously approved the motion.

The board unanimously approved the Capital Improvement Plan.

4. Superintendent’s Update: *Timestamp: 24:48 - 30:51*

BCPS has applied for a competitive grant to help retain bus drivers. State funding is available for HVAC repairs and replacement. Schools will have stocked albuterol for students experiencing respiratory issues. SEAC meeting on December 16th. The VDOE has released the VA Assessment Parent Portal. Breckinridge ES is piloting a system that would allow students to log in to a Chromebooks using a badge.

Wednesday, December 15 is the last early release day. Wednesday, January 5th will be a full school day. Dr. Russ expressed his hope that we will no longer need early release Wednesdays, but says the division will reevaluate this need after the winter holiday.



School Board Meeting Recap

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5. Proposed Policy: *Timestamp: 30:53 - 37:53*

- a. Employee tuition assistance, first reading
- b. Administering medications to students

6. FY21 Financial Summary: *Timestamp: 37:58 - 54:48*

Mr. Brandon Lee, Director of Finance, provided a summary of fiscal year 2020 - 2021. In his presentation, Mr. Lee discusses budget, expenditures, the use of CARES Act money, and other finance-related information. The slides with this information are posted on the Finance Department page of the BCPS division website at: <https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=76851&pageId=33778101>. Look in the document section at the bottom of the page and select the file titled *FY 2020-2021 Year-End Financial Results*

7. Community Outreach & Committee Reports: *Timestamp: 56:30 - End*

Ms. Austin: delivered her final remarks as a school board member. *(56:35 - 1:11:58)*

Mr. Davidick: attended VSBA conference and volunteered in the concession stand at a recent football game

Mr. East: delivered notes from the Parks & Recreation committee meeting; dept. needs site supervisors

Mrs. McCaleb: worked the concession stand at JRHS, attended the VSBA conference, worked the Reality Store at CAMS through Botetourt 4H office, and attended several CAMS wrestling matches

Mrs. Weddle: attended VSBA Delegate Assembly, Character Counts meeting, Rep. Ben Cline visit at LBHS,

Upcoming Meetings:

Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2022

Budget Work Session: Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.