February 8, 2022
LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
4 p.m.
Presiding: Jeff Morse, Chair

WORK SESSION

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Ashley Ellis; Leslie Hamburger, the director of English Learners for WestEd; and Director, English Learners Charisse Rosario presented an English Learners Program Review. RTI International representatives Mike Martin and Rae Williams provided an update on Loudoun County School Board's Strategic Plan.

Chair Jeff Morse provided the School Board with information regarding School Board operations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In honor of National School Counseling Week, Jay Wareham, a school counselor at Heritage High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Arcola Elementary Chorus, under the direction of Jennifer Worthington, performed the National Anthem. Students performing included Aashi Akula, Sudhiksha Adusumilli, Aarya Ayyagari, Mokshagna Bukkarayasamudram, Shreyan Chintagari, Yabsera Dejene, Avaneesh Duggireddy, Aditi Janga, Shreya Jones, Yven Kabath, Nathan Kebede, Hayden Lang, Lydia Lawing, Anayiah Mehta, Noah-Raam Mounguengui, Nishka Nair, Jacob Pentin, Noor Saini, Mia Sakhel, Llakkiya Sathguru, Aarush Satish, Hadley Smith, Tilda Togba and Adhvith Vege.

ACTION

The School Board Approved:
Minutes; Department of Student Services: Exemption from School Attendance for Religious Reasons; and personnel actions, including the following administrative appointment:

Shena Brown was named as the principal of Harper Park Middle School, effective February 11, 2022. Ms. Brown holds a bachelor’s degree in university studies from Shenandoah University and a master’s degree in education/special education from the University of Phoenix. She has served as a special education teacher at Sterling Middle School; as a dean at Mercer Middle School; and as assistant principal at Stone Hill Middle School.

... An Alternative Accreditation Plan for W. O. Robey High School.
... Douglass High School Commemorative Committee Update & Response to Request for Assistance from the Joint Committee of the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

INFORMATION

Office of the Superintendent: Superintendent Dr. Scott Ziegler presented the Superintendent’s Operational Update.

Dr. Ziegler and Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Asia Jones presented The Superintendent’s Task Force to Support the Mental Health and Wellness of Students Report. Specialized Programs and Centers Committee: Dr. Ellis and Chair Jeff Morse presented the Middleburg Community Charter School Charter School Renewal Application.

Human Resources and Talent Development Committee: At-Large School Board member Denise Corbo presented the Revision of Policy 7540, Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse or Neglect of Applicants for Employment. Ms. Corbo and Chief Human Resources Officer Lisa Boland discussed the Adoption of Policy 7542, Required Notification and Consequences of Criminal Charges, Convictions, and Pleas; and Department of Social Services Investigations or Dispositions for Employees. Dr. Jones presented the National Professional Social Work Month Proclamation.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Vishnupriya Alavala, a senior at Freedom High School; Isaiah Stokes, a senior at Loudoun Valley High School; and Courtney Poole, a senior at Tuscarora High School, were introduced as the student School Board members.


DELEGATIONS (Virtual Comments)

Tonia, Lawanda Taylor, Wandé Oshode, Kathy Ellen Davis, Zerell Welch and Keaira Jennings, spoke about Black history. Mike Holmes expressed concern about behavior at School Board meetings. William supported LCPS' mask protocol. Jack Shelton expressed various concerns. Mike Biron criticized the superintendent.