September 28, 2021
LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
5 p.m.
Presiding: Brenda L. Sheridan, Chair

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jackson Porter and Stella Scott, fifth-graders at Lincoln Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Allyson Bell, a senior at Loudoun Valley High School, sang the National Anthem.

RECOGNITIONS

Gifted Programs Supervisor Wendy King and World Languages and Cultures Supervisor Suzette Wyhs presented the 52 Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) students who were nominated to attend the 2021 Summer Residential Governor’s Schools and the 49 students who attended the 2021 World Language Academies summer residential programs. Blue Ridge Middle School Principal Brion Bell, Lead Counselor Eryne Racino and the subject area lead teacher for English Allyson White presented a summary of their school using data to drive instruction, targeted instruction and social-emotional supports.

ACTION

The School Board Approved:

Minutes; Finance and Operations Committee: Water Line Easement at Sycolin Creek Elementary School for Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (LCSA); Finance and Operations Committee: IFB #I22315 Toner and Ink Cartridges; Finance and Operations Committee: RFP #87780 Petroleum Services, Renewal; Finance and Operations Committee: RFP #R18161 Printing, Graphic Design, Mailing and Related Services, Renewal; Finance and Operations Committee: RFP #R20239 Construction Support Services, Renewal; Finance and Operations Committee: Appropriation of Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Grant to Loudoun County Public Schools Grant Fund to support LCPS-BEAM Discovery Summer Program (National Pilot); Department of Instruction: Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Head Start Program Recruitment, Outreach, and Enrollment Policy 2021-2022 Update; Department of Support Services: Acquisition of Alternative Site for Valley Service Center Replacement and Bus Parking Improvements, and Associated Interim Leases; Department of Student Services: New Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Members; Office of Superintendent: Nominations of New Members to Replace Existing Superintendent Representatives for the Equity Committee; and Licensed and Classified personnel actions, including the following administrative appointment:

Elaine Layman as Director of Elementary Education and Charter Schools, effective September 29, 2021. Mrs. Layman holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Virginia Tech and a master’s degree in education administration from Shenandoah University. She has served as sixth grade teacher at Weems Elementary School in Manassas City Public Schools; as a fourth grade teacher at Kings Grant Elementary School and as a fifth grade teacher at Birdneck Elementary School in Virginia Beach Public Schools; and as a fifth grade teacher at Waterford Elementary School, an assistant principal at Mill Run Elementary School, as principal of John W. Tolbert Jr. Elementary School and as executive principal, elementary education for Loudoun County Public Schools.

... an Indigenous Peoples’ Day Proclamation.
... a proclamation recognizing October 2021 as Disability History and Awareness Month.
... a proclamation recognizing October 11-15, 2021, as National School Lunch Week.
... a proclamation recognizing October 2021 as Bullying Prevention Month.
... a proclamation recognizing October 18-22, 2021 as School Bus Safety Awareness Week.
... Revision of Policy 2510, School - Community Communications and Community Involvement.
... Adoption of Policy 5350, Parental Notification for Screening and Assessments.

INFORMATION

Department of Support Services: Chief Operations Officer for Support Services Kevin Lewis and Charles Avery and Erica Bush, co-chairs of the Douglass Commemorative Committee, gave an update on the Douglass High School Renovation Project and outlined the requests for the usage of the renovated building.

Department of Student Services: Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Dr. Asia Jones presented the Restraint and Seclusion of Students Annual Report for School Year 2020-21.

Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee: Chief of Staff Dr. Mark Smith presented the Amendment to Work Plan (Study and Reconciliation for the Operation of Segregated Schools in Loudoun County).
Finance and Operations Committee: Chief Financial Officer Sharon Willoughby presented the Revision of Policy 7626, Health Insurance.

School Board Member Serotkin: School Board member Ian Serotkin (Blue Ridge District) asked for statistics concerning the LCPS school bus driver shortage.

STUDENT SCHOOL MEMBERS
Makayla Morina, a senior at The North Star School; Peter Pollatos, a senior from Broad Run High School; and Katie Sullivant, a senior at Riverside High School, were introduced as the student School Board members for the September 28 and October 12 meetings.

DELEGATIONS (VIRTUAL COMMENTS)
A total of 71 public speakers addressed the School Board. Larry Roeder thanked LCPS for supporting the Edwin Washington Project. Kathleen Kuhn expressed support for the School Board. Mike Biron criticized the School Board. Joel Cornell thanked the School Board for passage of Policy 8040.

DELEGATIONS (LIVE COMMENTS)

Joel Caruso, Lela Heick and Susan Cox spoke in opposition to Critical Race Theory. Tori Walden spoke against LCPS’ quarantine policy. Brian Davison, Andrew Miller and Joe Mobley expressed various concerns. Donna Widawski and Carri Michon expressed concerns about books available in LCPS schools. Amar Athikam and Carri Michon asked that a virtual learning option be put in place for LCPS students. Paul Lott said there was no such thing as white privilege. Scott Pio expressed his support for LCPS teachers. Andrea Weiskopf expressed concern for the welfare of children. Gwen Armstrong prayed for the School Board. Sandy Sullivan brought forth concerns on behalf of the Loudoun Education Foundation. Adam Rafalski expressed concerns about racism. Tim Wibble spoke in support of Policy 8040.