

WEBVTT

1

00:00:00.625 --> 00:00:02.795

Welcome to the July 24th.

2

00:00:03.055 --> 00:00:06.355

Woo. He's failing in the new role already.

3

00:00:07.985 --> 00:00:11.515

Welcome to the July 24th, 2025 school board meeting.

4

00:00:11.515 --> 00:00:12.915

This meeting is now in session

5

00:00:13.525 --> 00:00:15.875

Board member Mary Cera is absent due to personal reasons.

6

00:00:16.375 --> 00:00:18.315

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance,

7

00:00:24.385 --> 00:00:26.125

United, United States of America,

8

00:00:26.785 --> 00:00:29.165

and to the republic for which it stands,

9

00:00:29.905 --> 00:00:32.925

one nation under God, indivisible,

10

00:00:33.275 --> 00:00:34.845

with liberty of justice World.

11

00:00:40.575 --> 00:00:44.645

Thank you. Okay, let's see if this is gonna keep going.

12

00:00:44.875 --> 00:00:49.725

Cool. Um, um, good evening everyone.

13

00:00:49.765 --> 00:00:51.765

I hope our students, families, educators,

14
00:00:51.765 --> 00:00:55.005
and community members are enjoying a safe, fun, restorative,

15
00:00:55.105 --> 00:00:56.485
and meaningful summer.

16
00:00:56.785 --> 00:00:58.885
And, um, per Ms. Turner

17
00:00:58.915 --> 00:01:01.285
that all the children are wearing bicycle helmets.

18
00:01:01.905 --> 00:01:04.885
Yes. Mine. Safety first. Okay.

19
00:01:05.505 --> 00:01:07.005
Um, tonight we're gonna begin our meeting.

20
00:01:07.185 --> 00:01:09.605
In fact, by recognizing the incredible achievements

21
00:01:09.605 --> 00:01:10.685
of our student athletes.

22
00:01:11.095 --> 00:01:13.685
These athletic awards represent far more than

23
00:01:13.685 --> 00:01:14.845
victories on the scoreboard.

24
00:01:14.995 --> 00:01:17.085
They reflect, dedication, teamwork,

25
00:01:17.565 --> 00:01:18.885
perseverance, and character.

26
00:01:20.045 --> 00:01:21.965
Participating in school athletics is about building

27
00:01:21.965 --> 00:01:24.725

important skills for life, learning how to set goals,

28

00:01:24.905 --> 00:01:28.365

manage time, work with others, handle adversity,

29

00:01:28.625 --> 00:01:29.965

and lead with humility.

30

00:01:30.615 --> 00:01:33.365

These lessons extend well beyond the field court or track.

31

00:01:33.635 --> 00:01:36.965

They help shape confident, resilient individuals ready

32

00:01:36.965 --> 00:01:38.925

to take on the challenges of life.

33

00:01:39.905 --> 00:01:40.965

We also recognize that

34

00:01:40.965 --> 00:01:43.605

behind every student athlete is a village of coaches

35

00:01:43.825 --> 00:01:46.205

who push and admire families who support

36

00:01:46.265 --> 00:01:49.245

and sacrifice school staff who cheer them on

37

00:01:49.265 --> 00:01:51.125

and ensure they have the resources they need.

38

00:01:52.095 --> 00:01:56.365

Thank you all for helping our students succeed tonight.

39

00:01:56.365 --> 00:01:59.525

We wanna take a moment to recognize the many ways

40

00:01:59.675 --> 00:02:02.245

that Arlington Public Schools has been represented this year

41
00:02:02.245 --> 00:02:05.125
across the county, the region, and even the state.

42
00:02:05.805 --> 00:02:07.765
I invite you to watch a brief presentation

43
00:02:08.295 --> 00:02:09.485
showcasing just a few

44
00:02:09.545 --> 00:02:11.845
of this year's major athletic accomplishments

45
00:02:15.105 --> 00:02:16.805
On behalf of the school board. Congratulations

46
00:02:16.905 --> 00:02:17.925
To celebrate this year.

47
00:02:18.345 --> 00:02:23.225
So let's go. Wakefield girls

48
00:02:23.415 --> 00:02:26.505
crew team celebrated its Fifth State Championship

49
00:02:26.615 --> 00:02:28.585
with their first Varsity eight vote

50
00:02:28.885 --> 00:02:32.385
and went on to finish fifth in the national championships.

51
00:02:36.095 --> 00:02:39.065
Wakefield boys crew team had an excellent season.

52
00:02:39.195 --> 00:02:42.385
Their varsity two boat finished second in Virginia

53
00:02:42.805 --> 00:02:44.265
and fifth in the nation.

54
00:02:48.545 --> 00:02:52.115

Wakefield had its first state champion in girls wrestling.

55

00:02:52.425 --> 00:02:54.915

Cameron Millsaps is

56

00:02:55.435 --> 00:02:58.875

Virginia's best in the 152 weight class

57

00:03:01.705 --> 00:03:03.235

Wakefield boys soccer

58

00:03:03.815 --> 00:03:06.355

was the Cinderella team of the spring season.

59

00:03:06.895 --> 00:03:10.635

The Warriors soccer team had two penalty kick victories in

60

00:03:10.635 --> 00:03:13.635

the quarter and semi-final rounds on their way

61

00:03:13.635 --> 00:03:16.595

to being the Virginia State runner UPS

62

00:03:20.815 --> 00:03:22.525

Washington Liberties girls.

63

00:03:23.145 --> 00:03:24.405

Indoor track four

64

00:03:24.465 --> 00:03:28.845

by four relay team play Second in the state championships

65

00:03:32.445 --> 00:03:34.585

in outdoor track general's.

66

00:03:34.785 --> 00:03:38.385

Gabriela net wall finished second in the state

67

00:03:38.935 --> 00:03:40.145

400 meters.

68
00:03:42.875 --> 00:03:47.025
Washington Liberty's Emmett Englehart finished second in the

69
00:03:47.025 --> 00:03:51.505
state outdoor track, 1600 meters.

70
00:03:53.725 --> 00:03:55.785
Congratulations to Yorktown Patriot,

71
00:03:57.665 --> 00:04:00.265
Virginia State Championship Field hockey team.

72
00:04:00.615 --> 00:04:03.105
This is their third championship.

73
00:04:03.125 --> 00:04:04.665
In the last four years,

74
00:04:05.285 --> 00:04:08.465
the Patriots are building a field hockey dynasty.

75
00:04:14.795 --> 00:04:17.215
Congratulations to the Yorktown boys first

76
00:04:17.695 --> 00:04:18.935
varsity crew team.

77
00:04:19.355 --> 00:04:21.335
Who are the Virginia State champions?

78
00:04:26.945 --> 00:04:28.225
Yorktown Girls swim

79
00:04:28.225 --> 00:04:31.025
and dive team are on a threepeat

80
00:04:31.485 --> 00:04:33.385
as their Virginia State Champions.

81
00:04:33.735 --> 00:04:36.585

This is their third year in a row that the Lady Patriots

82

00:04:36.585 --> 00:04:39.825
of both regional and Virginia champions.

83

00:04:40.175 --> 00:04:41.745
This is quite an accomplishment.

84

00:04:42.165 --> 00:04:44.425
The team and their coaches, Corey

85

00:04:44.525 --> 00:04:47.305
and Kat Meyer are to be commended.

86

00:04:49.765 --> 00:04:51.945
The Lady Patriots had many top

87

00:04:53.035 --> 00:04:55.545
three state champion finishes.

88

00:04:56.665 --> 00:04:58.825
Cecilia Yen placed third in diving.

89

00:04:59.525 --> 00:05:02.905
The 200 meter medley team was state runner ups

90

00:05:04.735 --> 00:05:08.665
Lily Lila Sherman placed third in the 200 meter freestyle

91

00:05:09.245 --> 00:05:12.385
and Sister Nora placed third in the 200 meter

92

00:05:12.755 --> 00:05:14.105
individual medley.

93

00:05:15.855 --> 00:05:17.625
Mary Heck Menzak

94

00:05:18.565 --> 00:05:21.385
was the state runner up in the 50 meter freestyle

95

00:05:22.205 --> 00:05:24.145
in the 100 meter backstroke.

96

00:05:24.525 --> 00:05:28.985
Sophia Fredericks and Mackenzie Cory placed second

97

00:05:29.165 --> 00:05:30.185
and third respectively.

98

00:05:31.725 --> 00:05:35.905
Sophia Fredericks was the Virginia State champion in the

99

00:05:35.905 --> 00:05:37.425
100 meter butterfly.

100

00:05:38.115 --> 00:05:42.265
While the Yorktown 200 meter freestyle relay team was the

101

00:05:42.265 --> 00:05:43.225
state champions

102

00:05:46.475 --> 00:05:47.385
Yorktown's Canvas.

103

00:05:47.765 --> 00:05:50.985
Connie Connie was a top wrestler in the region

104

00:05:51.605 --> 00:05:53.585
and placed third in the state

105

00:05:53.945 --> 00:05:56.665
champion championships.

106

00:05:59.135 --> 00:06:03.205
Bahir Hatti was a regional champion for the Patriots

107

00:06:03.465 --> 00:06:05.885
and was a runner up in the state championships.

108

00:06:08.035 --> 00:06:09.055

An indoor track.

109

00:06:09.705 --> 00:06:13.495

Yorktown's ca Ovando was the regional champion

110

00:06:14.235 --> 00:06:18.895

in shot put Yorktown Girls soccer had an

111

00:06:19.095 --> 00:06:21.175

exciting season as a lady Patriots

112

00:06:21.175 --> 00:06:25.575

for the regional champions and the in the state semifinals.

113

00:06:27.835 --> 00:06:30.975

Congratulations to Yorktown's girls lacrosse team.

114

00:06:31.515 --> 00:06:36.415

The Patriots captured the its second consecutive state

115

00:06:36.415 --> 00:06:38.055

championship in third

116

00:06:38.235 --> 00:06:41.855

and four years finishing first in the state in

117

00:06:41.855 --> 00:06:46.135

20 22, 20 24, and 2025.

118

00:06:47.265 --> 00:06:49.735

Yorktown's biggest and smallest fan.

119

00:06:50.315 --> 00:06:52.855

Colton Cheick coach.

120

00:06:53.005 --> 00:06:55.415

Jenny's son is pictured with the state trophy.

121

00:06:56.155 --> 00:06:57.615

Colton is eight months

122

00:06:57.995 --> 00:07:01.095

and his T-shirt says here, since day one.

123

00:07:01.715 --> 00:07:03.695

Congratulations to all involved

124

00:07:03.805 --> 00:07:07.255

with the LA Lady Patriots Lacrosse dynasty.

125

00:07:08.295 --> 00:07:13.165

I These individuals are

126

00:07:13.525 --> 00:07:14.725

champions every season.

127

00:07:15.075 --> 00:07:16.605

They are the athletic trainers.

128

00:07:16.995 --> 00:07:20.005

They work tireless hours in every season

129

00:07:21.465 --> 00:07:24.445

and they provide our student athletes with top healthcare

130

00:07:24.585 --> 00:07:26.765

to rehab their injuries and keep them safe

131

00:07:26.765 --> 00:07:30.485

and prepared for competition both physically and mentally.

132

00:07:31.425 --> 00:07:33.965

As an athletic trainer myself, who often subs

133

00:07:33.965 --> 00:07:36.325

for my colleagues, I know how hard they work

134

00:07:36.705 --> 00:07:39.165

and that their athletes really do appreciate them.

135

00:07:39.935 --> 00:07:41.805

Becky Keegan is at Wakefield.

136

00:07:42.355 --> 00:07:44.285

Mike Harrington is at Washington Liberty

137

00:07:44.705 --> 00:07:47.725

and Lenae Burke is the athletic trainer at Yorktown.

138

00:07:48.265 --> 00:07:50.005

Our schools are really lucky to have

139

00:07:50.735 --> 00:07:53.445

these individuals caring for our student athletes.

140

00:07:57.315 --> 00:08:00.215

Our students have represented Arlington public schools

141

00:08:00.285 --> 00:08:02.215

with great performances and character.

142

00:08:03.025 --> 00:08:05.495

These programs would not have been possible without the

143

00:08:05.495 --> 00:08:08.455

efforts of our high school directors of student activities

144

00:08:08.655 --> 00:08:11.655

and their wonderful staff at Yorktown.

145

00:08:12.535 --> 00:08:16.055

Director Mike Krefeld is assistant Heather Sutfin

146

00:08:16.355 --> 00:08:20.815

and Maryanne Han support the weight, the Yorktown Athletics.

147

00:08:22.475 --> 00:08:25.455

Justin Beck is a director at Washington Liberty.

148

00:08:26.425 --> 00:08:30.375

Kevin Healy is the assistant director and Jacqueline

149

00:08:30.375 --> 00:08:32.935

and Matlock run the office for the Generals.

150

00:08:33.245 --> 00:08:35.575

Wakefield has a new director in Brian Park.

151

00:08:36.085 --> 00:08:37.695

He's assisted by Clarence Martin.

152

00:08:38.165 --> 00:08:40.135

Tony Bentley is the academic monitor

153

00:08:40.595 --> 00:08:43.415

and Laurene Bigsby is the administrative assistant.

154

00:08:44.315 --> 00:08:46.295

Thanks to all of them and their staff

155

00:08:46.315 --> 00:08:49.655

and their coaches, I hope everyone can come out next year

156

00:08:49.675 --> 00:08:51.135

to a game, a match or a meet

157

00:08:51.135 --> 00:08:52.655

and support these student athletes

158

00:08:53.075 --> 00:08:55.015

as they welcome your support.

159

00:08:55.935 --> 00:08:56.935

Thank you very much.

160

00:09:02.275 --> 00:09:03.925

Okay. Got a little ahead of myself before.

161

00:09:03.945 --> 00:09:05.765

So now I will say on behalf of the school board,

162

00:09:05.765 --> 00:09:07.445

congratulations to each of our students

163

00:09:07.505 --> 00:09:08.925

and thank you for representing your

164

00:09:08.925 --> 00:09:10.205

schools and this community.

165

00:09:11.705 --> 00:09:13.285

We are now at consent.

166

00:09:13.745 --> 00:09:15.925

Uh, may I have a motion to adopt the consent agenda?

167

00:09:18.085 --> 00:09:21.145

So moved. Is there a second?

168

00:09:22.705 --> 00:09:26.565

Second. All in favor. Please say yes. Yes, yes. Any opposed?

169

00:09:26.565 --> 00:09:30.045

Please say no. Motion. Motion passes four to zero.

170

00:09:30.885 --> 00:09:32.805

I would like to announce that under consent,

171

00:09:32.805 --> 00:09:35.205

the school board approved new appointments in various

172

00:09:35.525 --> 00:09:39.045

positions at Arlington Public Schools as displayed on these,

173

00:09:39.275 --> 00:09:40.525

this slide, these slides.

174

00:09:40.745 --> 00:09:43.885

I'm not sure if we captured it all on one slide. No.

175

00:09:43.955 --> 00:09:48.635

Several slides To those new members

176
00:09:48.635 --> 00:09:50.595
of our community, we are so happy that you chose

177
00:09:50.595 --> 00:09:52.355
to work in Arlington Public Schools.

178
00:09:52.815 --> 00:09:54.035
We have every confidence

179
00:09:54.035 --> 00:09:56.315
that you will make a real contribution to our system.

180
00:09:56.705 --> 00:09:58.035
Welcome to a BS.

181
00:09:59.545 --> 00:10:01.635
This evening, the school board appointed Mr.

182
00:10:01.735 --> 00:10:04.155
Dorian Brooks as the Assistant Director of the Office

183
00:10:04.175 --> 00:10:05.515
of Safety, security

184
00:10:05.615 --> 00:10:08.555
and Emergency Management effective August 18th.

185
00:10:08.655 --> 00:10:09.795
Mr. Brooks, you're welcome

186
00:10:09.875 --> 00:10:11.155
to come and join us at the podium.

187
00:10:11.895 --> 00:10:15.035
Mr. Brooks brings over a decade of dedicated service

188
00:10:15.105 --> 00:10:16.995
with the Arlington County Police Department,

189
00:10:16.995 --> 00:10:18.035

where he has led youth

190

00:10:18.095 --> 00:10:19.835

and community engagement initiatives,

191

00:10:20.595 --> 00:10:22.435

supervised critical patrol operations,

192

00:10:22.695 --> 00:10:25.915

and contributed to policy reforms centered on equity

193

00:10:25.975 --> 00:10:27.235

and restorative practices.

194

00:10:27.705 --> 00:10:29.355

Most recently, he has served

195

00:10:29.375 --> 00:10:31.915

as the Community Engagement Division supervisor

196

00:10:32.215 --> 00:10:33.515

within A CPD.

197

00:10:34.015 --> 00:10:35.915

Mr. Brooks, you're welcome to share some remarks

198

00:10:35.915 --> 00:10:36.915

with us if you have some.

199

00:10:37.705 --> 00:10:40.555

Sure. So first I wanna thank the school board

200

00:10:40.555 --> 00:10:44.315

for having me here and to the superintendent for, uh,

201

00:10:44.315 --> 00:10:46.275

believing in me and providing this opportunity.

202

00:10:46.595 --> 00:10:48.115

I also want to share my thanks

203

00:10:48.255 --> 00:10:51.115
and, uh, gratitude to Chief Graves

204

00:10:51.295 --> 00:10:54.555
and my director, uh, queen in the back.

205

00:10:55.415 --> 00:10:57.395
I'm tremendous. This is a tremendous opportunity

206

00:10:57.425 --> 00:10:58.835
that I'm very excited for.

207

00:10:59.415 --> 00:11:03.075
Um, I believe that the school system has a tremendous

208

00:11:03.185 --> 00:11:05.795
framework in regards to safety and security,

209

00:11:06.255 --> 00:11:08.235
and I just hope to, um,

210

00:11:08.735 --> 00:11:11.195
or I'm confident that I'll be able to lend my expertise

211

00:11:11.215 --> 00:11:14.115
and experience into, uh, fortifying that

212

00:11:14.135 --> 00:11:15.155
and making the schools

213

00:11:15.255 --> 00:11:16.995
and the community safe and better place.

214

00:11:18.165 --> 00:11:19.955
Thank you so much. Thank you. Congratulations.

215

00:11:19.955 --> 00:11:21.195
And we wish you much success.

216

00:11:21.965 --> 00:11:22.395

Thank you.

217

00:11:27.265 --> 00:11:28.475

Okay. I was remiss ahead

218

00:11:28.475 --> 00:11:31.035

of time in not getting the pronunciation of this next name.

219

00:11:31.295 --> 00:11:34.035

So, in addition, the school board appointed Mr.

220

00:11:34.035 --> 00:11:36.995

Timothy Straka Straka Straka Straka

221

00:11:37.335 --> 00:11:38.355

as the assistant principal

222

00:11:38.355 --> 00:11:40.555

of Washington Liberty High School, effective August 6th.

223

00:11:40.575 --> 00:11:42.595

Mr. Straka, please join us at the podium.

224

00:11:46.855 --> 00:11:49.635

Mr. Straka brings a rich background in instructional

225

00:11:49.635 --> 00:11:51.075

leadership, student support,

226

00:11:51.095 --> 00:11:52.995

and data-driven school improvement.

227

00:11:53.425 --> 00:11:55.085

Mr aka most recently served

228

00:11:55.145 --> 00:11:57.765

as the dean at Sterling Middle School in

229

00:11:57.765 --> 00:11:59.165

Loudoun County Public Schools.

230

00:11:59.745 --> 00:12:01.605

You clearly have a cheering section here,

231

00:12:01.785 --> 00:12:03.005

and we, we welcome you

232

00:12:03.005 --> 00:12:05.725

and invite you to share any comments you might have with us.

233

00:12:06.625 --> 00:12:07.645

One, um, thank you all

234

00:12:07.705 --> 00:12:10.525

for the very warm welcome I received here tonight.

235

00:12:11.025 --> 00:12:13.245

Um, it's an honor to be here with all of you

236

00:12:13.345 --> 00:12:14.845

as the new assistant principal at

237

00:12:14.845 --> 00:12:16.045

Washington Liberty High School.

238

00:12:17.425 --> 00:12:21.205

Um, and for affording me with the opportunity, uh,

239

00:12:21.265 --> 00:12:24.005

to speak at tonight's meeting a little about me.

240

00:12:24.005 --> 00:12:26.005

I've dedicated my career to helping students find

241

00:12:26.005 --> 00:12:27.165

their own path to success.

242

00:12:27.745 --> 00:12:30.125

I'm a firm believer that each student brings their own

243

00:12:30.125 --> 00:12:32.125

unique talents and perspectives to a school.

244

00:12:33.025 --> 00:12:35.165

And it's my passion to create the support

245

00:12:35.165 --> 00:12:36.805

and experiences they need to thrive.

246

00:12:37.475 --> 00:12:40.085

Whether it's in the classroom, on the field,

247

00:12:40.145 --> 00:12:42.205

or through other extracurricular activities.

248

00:12:42.665 --> 00:12:44.645

I'm committed to ensuring every student has the tools

249

00:12:44.645 --> 00:12:47.325

and encouragement they need to reach their goals, uh,

250

00:12:47.325 --> 00:12:48.605

to our teachers and staff.

251

00:12:48.905 --> 00:12:50.045

I'm here to partner with you.

252

00:12:50.285 --> 00:12:52.925

I know how much effort goes into crafting effective

253

00:12:53.065 --> 00:12:56.405

and engaging lessons and to build relationships.

254

00:12:59.425 --> 00:13:04.085

And, um, I'm eager to assist in any way that I can,

255

00:13:04.505 --> 00:13:05.645

um, in those processes.

256

00:13:05.825 --> 00:13:10.575

Um, whether it's through, uh, providing support,

257

00:13:11.055 --> 00:13:14.015
resources are simply lending an ear when you need one, uh,

258

00:13:14.035 --> 00:13:15.895
to everyone in our broader school community.

259

00:13:16.475 --> 00:13:18.655
Please know, um, my door is always open.

260

00:13:18.935 --> 00:13:20.855
I welcome conversations with students, parents,

261

00:13:20.915 --> 00:13:22.495
and other members of the school community alike.

262

00:13:23.235 --> 00:13:26.895
Um, if you have any ideas, concerns

263

00:13:26.895 --> 00:13:29.295
or simply want to share what's on your mind, I'm ready

264

00:13:29.295 --> 00:13:31.575
to listen and collaborate on how we can enhance, um,

265

00:13:31.575 --> 00:13:32.655
this school year for our students.

266

00:13:32.995 --> 00:13:36.015
Um, again, I appreciate the warm welcome here this evening.

267

00:13:36.755 --> 00:13:39.215
Um, and I look forward to working alongside all

268

00:13:39.215 --> 00:13:41.535
of you at Washington Liberty, uh, this upcoming school year.

269

00:13:41.535 --> 00:13:42.535
Thank you.

270

00:13:43.905 --> 00:13:46.335

Thank you so much and congratulations.

271

00:13:46.395 --> 00:13:49.215

We wish you much success in your new role. Appreciate

272

00:13:49.215 --> 00:13:50.215

It.

273

00:13:50.835 --> 00:13:52.375

The school board also appointed Ms.

274

00:13:52.375 --> 00:13:54.695

Caitlyn Bennett as the assistant principal at Washington

275

00:13:54.695 --> 00:13:56.695

Liberty High School, effective August 1st.

276

00:14:00.275 --> 00:14:02.135

Ms. Bennett brings more than 15 years

277

00:14:02.135 --> 00:14:03.415

of diverse instructional

278

00:14:03.615 --> 00:14:05.375

and leadership experience to this role.

279

00:14:05.375 --> 00:14:07.895

Unfortunately, she could not join us this evening,

280

00:14:07.955 --> 00:14:10.975

but we wish her much success as she takes on this new role.

281

00:14:12.255 --> 00:14:13.335

I would also like to announce

282

00:14:13.335 --> 00:14:15.335

that the school board has approved an update

283

00:14:15.515 --> 00:14:19.215

to the 20 25 26 school year calendar to correct the date

284
00:14:19.215 --> 00:14:22.495
of Diwali, which was previously listed incorrectly in the

285
00:14:22.495 --> 00:14:23.855
version originally approved.

286
00:14:24.375 --> 00:14:26.735
Ali will be recognized on October 20th.

287
00:14:27.835 --> 00:14:30.135
In addition, in accordance with school board policy

288
00:14:30.735 --> 00:14:35.375
J dash 8.3830 Food

289
00:14:35.395 --> 00:14:37.935
and Nutrition Services, unpaid meals charges

290
00:14:38.515 --> 00:14:41.255
the school board approved to the reimbursement to the Food

291
00:14:41.255 --> 00:14:42.815
and Nutrition Services program

292
00:14:42.955 --> 00:14:45.335
for any negative debt accrued during this year.

293
00:14:45.835 --> 00:14:48.775
Please note that Arlington Public Schools does not deny any

294
00:14:48.775 --> 00:14:50.215
student a reimbursable meal

295
00:14:50.215 --> 00:14:52.085
because of a negative account balance.

296
00:14:53.425 --> 00:14:55.245
In addition, the board adopted amendments

297
00:14:55.245 --> 00:14:58.805

to school board policy J dash 30 student use of cell phones

298

00:14:58.825 --> 00:15:00.285

and personal electronic devices.

299

00:15:00.825 --> 00:15:03.405

The revisions include title changes, clarification

300

00:15:03.405 --> 00:15:05.365

of practices, and alignment with state law.

301

00:15:06.625 --> 00:15:10.205

Lastly, the school board adopted new school board policy

302

00:15:11.365 --> 00:15:14.685

i dash 6 2 0 advanced

303

00:15:14.745 --> 00:15:18.965

or accelerated mathematics J dash six eight

304

00:15:20.615 --> 00:15:21.685

Title IX students

305

00:15:21.945 --> 00:15:24.365

and K dash 7.4 notification

306

00:15:24.365 --> 00:15:26.405

of school connected student overdose.

307

00:15:27.055 --> 00:15:30.085

These new policies comply with federal requirements

308

00:15:30.085 --> 00:15:31.245

and state law, as well

309

00:15:31.245 --> 00:15:33.885

as provide clarification on current practices.

310

00:15:34.585 --> 00:15:37.485

The superintendent has approved the policy implementation

311

00:15:37.805 --> 00:15:39.885
procedures related to these policies.

312

00:15:39.885 --> 00:15:43.445
Accordingly, the revised school board policies will be

313

00:15:43.445 --> 00:15:45.445
posted on board docs.

314

00:15:47.555 --> 00:15:49.085
Okay, we are now at announcements.

315

00:15:49.165 --> 00:15:51.445
I will say the remainder of this meeting will take probably

316

00:15:51.445 --> 00:15:52.525
less than 15 minutes.

317

00:15:52.585 --> 00:15:54.165
So we are gonna keep going with no break,

318

00:15:54.265 --> 00:15:57.285
but if any of our guests would, uh, are ready to head out,

319

00:15:57.305 --> 00:15:58.685
you are welcome to do so.

320

00:15:58.705 --> 00:16:01.725
We will not be offended, um, or you're welcome to stay.

321

00:16:02.585 --> 00:16:03.965
Um, so in announcements,

322

00:16:04.065 --> 00:16:05.925
the school board will hold the following meetings.

323

00:16:06.115 --> 00:16:08.205
July 25th, school Board

324

00:16:08.205 --> 00:16:10.885

and Cabinet retreat, 8:15 AM Bean, Kenny

325

00:16:10.945 --> 00:16:12.045
and Corman Law Firm.

326

00:16:12.835 --> 00:16:15.085
July 30th, policy subcommittee meeting

327

00:16:15.135 --> 00:16:17.765
8:45 AM on Microsoft Teams.

328

00:16:18.465 --> 00:16:21.325
August 7th, closed meeting at 5:30 PM in the board

329

00:16:21.325 --> 00:16:24.085
conference room and August 7th school board meeting at

330

00:16:24.085 --> 00:16:26.365
7:00 PM in the board room board members.

331

00:16:26.465 --> 00:16:27.525
Do you have any announcements?

332

00:16:29.775 --> 00:16:33.075
No, we are now at superintendent's announcements. Dr. Duran,

333

00:16:33.175 --> 00:16:34.175
Do you have now? I have some. Thank you.

334

00:16:34.175 --> 00:16:35.835
I also hope everyone is having a

335

00:16:35.835 --> 00:16:38.195
wonderful summer and I hope our students continue to rest,

336

00:16:38.595 --> 00:16:41.275
recharge, read importantly, read during the summer,

337

00:16:41.375 --> 00:16:43.395
and take care of themselves by getting

338

00:16:43.395 --> 00:16:44.475
outside and staying active.

339

00:16:44.715 --> 00:16:47.235
Although tomorrow at the Heat index of 109, stay inside

340

00:16:47.295 --> 00:16:48.475
and don't go outside.

341

00:16:48.645 --> 00:16:50.355
We're preparing for the start of the school year

342

00:16:50.355 --> 00:16:52.115
and look forward to welcome everyone back at the

343

00:16:52.115 --> 00:16:53.315
August 7th School board meeting.

344

00:16:53.315 --> 00:16:54.555
We'll dedicate my announcements

345

00:16:54.555 --> 00:16:57.155
and the video to talking about all the preparations we're

346

00:16:57.155 --> 00:16:58.555
putting in place for the new school year.

347

00:16:58.935 --> 00:17:02.115
So this evening though, since we are, uh, about to be done

348

00:17:02.115 --> 00:17:03.115
with summer school next summer,

349

00:17:03.175 --> 00:17:05.475
I'm gonna focus my updates very briefly on

350

00:17:05.655 --> 00:17:07.755
how we're supporting our students during summer school.

351

00:17:08.345 --> 00:17:10.515

This summer program is full swing.

352

00:17:10.515 --> 00:17:12.075

We have elementary, middle, and high schools.

353

00:17:12.495 --> 00:17:14.475

And I thought this video for this, um,

354

00:17:14.845 --> 00:17:17.195

board meeting will be focused really on a new program

355

00:17:17.195 --> 00:17:19.675

that we have now, which is Pathways to Progress,

356

00:17:19.925 --> 00:17:21.595

which is something we've started this year

357

00:17:21.595 --> 00:17:23.555

for the first time in supporting our English learners.

358

00:17:23.775 --> 00:17:24.955

So let's take a look at that.

359

00:17:33.985 --> 00:17:37.475

This summer, we are offering programming from our earliest

360

00:17:37.715 --> 00:17:40.915

learners in pre-K all the way up to high school to include,

361

00:17:41.095 --> 00:17:44.155

um, a new program this summer called Pathways to Progress.

362

00:17:44.795 --> 00:17:47.555

Pathways to Progress is a summer school program designed

363

00:17:47.655 --> 00:17:49.565

for recently arrived English learners.

364

00:17:50.305 --> 00:17:52.165

All of our students attending, um,

365
00:17:52.755 --> 00:17:56.725
have started in US schools since January 20, 24 or later.

366
00:17:57.025 --> 00:17:59.045
So we start our day with a morning meeting

367
00:17:59.305 --> 00:18:02.085
and each day we're either focused on a read aloud text

368
00:18:02.225 --> 00:18:03.525
or a short film.

369
00:18:03.585 --> 00:18:05.085
We have wordless films that relate

370
00:18:05.085 --> 00:18:07.245
to social emotional learning. Pip

371
00:18:07.245 --> 00:18:08.805
Wanted to help other people.

372
00:18:09.525 --> 00:18:11.405
I agree you agree with that too.

373
00:18:11.495 --> 00:18:13.405
Thank you so much for telling me you agree with that.

374
00:18:14.075 --> 00:18:15.605
It's really important that they establish

375
00:18:16.125 --> 00:18:17.965
positive relationships in the first day or two.

376
00:18:18.225 --> 00:18:20.165
So the students have a great experience.

377
00:18:20.425 --> 00:18:23.085
And so for us, not only is it the morning meeting brings in

378
00:18:23.165 --> 00:18:25.005

a social emotional component,

379

00:18:25.225 --> 00:18:28.085

but also that teachers are experts at creating those

380

00:18:28.085 --> 00:18:29.565

relationships and making the

381

00:18:29.565 --> 00:18:30.885

classroom a safe place to learn.

382

00:18:30.945 --> 00:18:32.805

And I think that's really important for the students.

383

00:18:32.985 --> 00:18:34.645

During a short period during the summer,

384

00:18:35.505 --> 00:18:37.245

We then move into our literacy block

385

00:18:37.575 --> 00:18:40.045

where the students spend some time with me, um,

386

00:18:40.045 --> 00:18:42.165

doing a phonics lesson using uly,

387

00:18:42.185 --> 00:18:46.525

or they spend time with Mr. Head, um, working on decodables.

388

00:18:46.545 --> 00:18:48.445

And then we have a group of students that go with Ms.

389

00:18:48.625 --> 00:18:51.485

Garces, our native language support teacher who's working

390

00:18:51.625 --> 00:18:53.565

to bridge their Spanish language

391

00:18:53.565 --> 00:18:55.245

skills into English learning.

392
00:19:12.305 --> 00:19:15.125
And then we move into our math block, um, where again,

393
00:19:15.485 --> 00:19:17.645
students rotate through the teachers, um,

394
00:19:18.075 --> 00:19:21.645
getting the math support that they need, um,

395
00:19:21.985 --> 00:19:24.445
and spend some time, uh, using some

396
00:19:24.445 --> 00:19:25.885
of our digital resources as well.

397
00:19:26.985 --> 00:19:29.405
By having co-teaching models during summer school,

398
00:19:29.825 --> 00:19:32.765
we are also showing to others the power of collaboration,

399
00:19:32.905 --> 00:19:34.805
how their collaboration, their teamwork,

400
00:19:35.185 --> 00:19:36.925
and all the expertise becoming together,

401
00:19:37.065 --> 00:19:39.005
not only support them as professionals,

402
00:19:39.065 --> 00:19:41.525
but support our students to be confluent,

403
00:19:41.525 --> 00:19:43.045
to develop literacy, math,

404
00:19:43.265 --> 00:19:44.685
and to feel more comfortable in an

405
00:19:44.685 --> 00:19:46.765

environment that might be new for them. This

406

00:19:46.765 --> 00:19:48.485

Is the first program.

407

00:19:48.725 --> 00:19:51.525

I can honestly say that I enjoyed it from the very beginning

408

00:19:52.065 --> 00:19:54.205

and I feel like the kids are truly giving

409

00:19:54.705 --> 00:19:56.565

or being given what they need.

410

00:19:57.185 --> 00:20:00.125

It starts out in large group, it has small group component,

411

00:20:00.125 --> 00:20:01.445

it has an individual component,

412

00:20:01.545 --> 00:20:04.845

and I am thoroughly enjoying not only teaching it,

413

00:20:04.845 --> 00:20:06.125

but seeing what the kids are learning.

414

00:20:06.465 --> 00:20:09.805

So we've built the curriculum this summer to have lots

415

00:20:09.805 --> 00:20:11.365

of opportunities for turn

416

00:20:11.365 --> 00:20:13.125

and talk where they're working with a partner

417

00:20:13.225 --> 00:20:14.885

or they're working in small groups

418

00:20:15.585 --> 00:20:17.285

and they have sentence frames

419
00:20:17.425 --> 00:20:19.805
and they have scaffolds to support their speaking.

420
00:20:19.945 --> 00:20:22.365
So they're getting the opportunities to engage

421
00:20:22.365 --> 00:20:24.605
with each other around academic content

422
00:20:25.225 --> 00:20:27.085
in a very low stakes environment

423
00:20:27.085 --> 00:20:28.725
because the classes are small

424
00:20:28.865 --> 00:20:31.365
and everyone who's here is someone who's

425
00:20:31.365 --> 00:20:32.485
here learning English.

426
00:20:33.345 --> 00:20:35.525
And with English learners, it really focuses on

427
00:20:36.185 --> 00:20:38.125
the content in the language in tandem.

428
00:20:38.195 --> 00:20:40.045
Sometimes we don't think about it like that,

429
00:20:40.065 --> 00:20:42.125
but mathematics has a language of mathematics.

430
00:20:42.625 --> 00:20:44.445
And then there's also the content of mathematics.

431
00:20:44.905 --> 00:20:47.765
So this summer, the students will be in small groups working

432
00:20:47.765 --> 00:20:50.205

with two teachers, and some students will even receive

433

00:20:50.205 --> 00:20:53.725

native language support that focuses on the language

434

00:20:53.725 --> 00:20:56.045

of mathematics and the content of mathematics

435

00:20:56.265 --> 00:20:58.045

or the content of language arts

436

00:20:58.345 --> 00:20:59.765

and the language of language arts.

437

00:20:59.995 --> 00:21:01.965

It's really important to think about those things in tandem.

438

00:21:02.885 --> 00:21:07.805

I think that he was full because she was trying to help.

439

00:21:23.745 --> 00:21:26.845

I'm getting to see my efforts paying off directly

440

00:21:26.845 --> 00:21:27.885

in the student learning.

441

00:21:28.475 --> 00:21:31.805

When I'm writing curriculum during the year, it often,

442

00:21:31.995 --> 00:21:34.085

it's a more indirect, I'm sending it out

443

00:21:34.085 --> 00:21:35.845

to teachers for them to use.

444

00:21:36.025 --> 00:21:39.805

And this time the teacher is me and I'm getting to use it

445

00:21:39.865 --> 00:21:41.725

and I'm getting to implement it with students

446
00:21:41.865 --> 00:21:43.845
and see what works and see what doesn't work

447
00:21:44.145 --> 00:21:47.245
and see, you know, what I wanna do differently next time.

448
00:21:47.785 --> 00:21:49.965
Having the ability as a teacher to go back

449
00:21:49.965 --> 00:21:52.245
to the person who's developed the program

450
00:21:52.705 --> 00:21:54.485
and say, Hey, this is how we can tweak.

451
00:21:54.675 --> 00:21:56.365
This is how we can do things a little differently.

452
00:21:56.865 --> 00:21:59.285
It gives me a lot of confidence in our school system

453
00:21:59.285 --> 00:22:04.045
that you would send someone to come into practice what it is

454
00:22:04.045 --> 00:22:05.405
that they preach, so to speak.

455
00:22:06.205 --> 00:22:07.965
I think that this is like a recipe

456
00:22:08.265 --> 00:22:10.605
for a great, um, summer program.

457
00:22:10.945 --> 00:22:13.045
Having all these previous experiences

458
00:22:13.225 --> 00:22:14.805
as an English learner myself

459
00:22:15.145 --> 00:22:18.405

and as a dual language educator that helped me,

460

00:22:18.415 --> 00:22:19.845

helps students move forward.

461

00:22:20.285 --> 00:22:23.005

I am a strong believer that the experiences you face

462

00:22:23.005 --> 00:22:24.125

through when you are a child

463

00:22:24.265 --> 00:22:27.165

or when you are growing up, there's always an adult

464

00:22:27.165 --> 00:22:29.725

or someone who is there to, to push you

465

00:22:29.985 --> 00:22:31.445

and show you that there's no limits.

466

00:22:31.865 --> 00:22:33.685

And if we have those adults invested,

467

00:22:33.785 --> 00:22:35.125

we are running a very strong program.

468

00:22:35.685 --> 00:22:37.725

I feel that this was a strong program.

469

00:22:38.305 --> 00:22:39.725

I'd like to see it continue,

470

00:22:40.665 --> 00:22:42.685

but I'd love to see it expanded.

471

00:22:43.245 --> 00:22:46.285

A program like this could be set up for other students

472

00:22:46.785 --> 00:22:47.845

and benefit them as well.

473

00:22:51.025 --> 00:22:52.245
So that was a glimpse of one

474

00:22:52.245 --> 00:22:53.725
of our summer learning experiences

475

00:22:53.725 --> 00:22:55.125
that we started this year new,

476

00:22:55.125 --> 00:22:57.445
which is our Pathways program again, um,

477

00:22:57.625 --> 00:22:59.845
and wanna share a little bit update on all the programs.

478

00:22:59.995 --> 00:23:01.965
This summer we've had about 3000 students

479

00:23:02.065 --> 00:23:04.605
who are engaging in summer lessons supported

480

00:23:04.605 --> 00:23:06.765
by 786 staff members, um,

481

00:23:06.825 --> 00:23:08.405
across all of our summer locations.

482

00:23:08.905 --> 00:23:11.565
Uh, we have 500 students approximately at our elementary

483

00:23:11.565 --> 00:23:14.405
level, at our middle school level, about 135,

484

00:23:14.745 --> 00:23:17.605
and at our high school, about 2,285.

485

00:23:18.185 --> 00:23:21.525
In addition to students coming in person to those locations,

486

00:23:21.945 --> 00:23:24.525

we also have had the summer something new called the Summer

487

00:23:24.525 --> 00:23:27.645

Skills Boost, which is additional learning opportunities in

488

00:23:27.645 --> 00:23:29.085

math, reading and language arts

489

00:23:29.155 --> 00:23:31.325

through a self-paced virtual platform.

490

00:23:31.575 --> 00:23:33.885

We've had about 1600 students engaged

491

00:23:34.005 --> 00:23:35.045

in that little over that.

492

00:23:35.345 --> 00:23:38.205

And of those 1600 students, 550

493

00:23:38.205 --> 00:23:40.205

of them are receiving active monitoring

494

00:23:40.265 --> 00:23:42.645

by a staff member we call a booth specialist

495

00:23:42.665 --> 00:23:44.285

who are reaching out and working with them.

496

00:23:44.745 --> 00:23:46.485

Um, each of these students were students

497

00:23:46.485 --> 00:23:48.805

that were receiving interventions during the school year,

498

00:23:49.105 --> 00:23:50.965

and so we continued their learning path

499

00:23:50.965 --> 00:23:52.685

that they had established at the end of the year

500
00:23:52.685 --> 00:23:55.205
through the summer by looking at their assessments

501
00:23:55.205 --> 00:23:56.525
that were done towards the end of the year.

502
00:23:57.085 --> 00:23:59.845
I also wanna note and thank all of our, um, food

503
00:23:59.845 --> 00:24:02.005
and nutrition staff because we provided breakfast

504
00:24:02.005 --> 00:24:04.005
and lunch over 5,000 breakfasts

505
00:24:04.005 --> 00:24:06.285
and 12,000 lunches so far during the summer.

506
00:24:06.865 --> 00:24:08.885
In addition to the Pathway program that you saw

507
00:24:08.885 --> 00:24:11.885
and the skills to boost, we are also offering a pilot at

508
00:24:11.885 --> 00:24:13.805
some of our elementary schools, four of them

509
00:24:14.065 --> 00:24:16.245
and one at our middle school for tutoring.

510
00:24:16.745 --> 00:24:19.365
Uh, the participating schools were Drew Barcroft Hoffman,

511
00:24:19.365 --> 00:24:21.285
Boston, and Randolph at the elementary level.

512
00:24:21.545 --> 00:24:24.445
And Dorothy Ham at the middle school level schools invited

513
00:24:24.805 --> 00:24:26.125

specific students from those schools

514

00:24:26.345 --> 00:24:28.125

and for in-person support in math

515

00:24:28.125 --> 00:24:30.405

and literacy for some specific in-person training.

516

00:24:30.865 --> 00:24:33.965

To date, we've had 113 students engaged in that

517

00:24:34.345 --> 00:24:36.125

and, uh, 1200 sessions

518

00:24:36.125 --> 00:24:38.965

and over 900 hours of tutoring at those five sites.

519

00:24:39.475 --> 00:24:41.645

Through all these offerings, we've had the opportunity

520

00:24:41.645 --> 00:24:44.045

to measure the impact of various summer learning models

521

00:24:44.425 --> 00:24:47.005

to help us think forward about summer 2026.

522

00:24:47.225 --> 00:24:50.325

We saw, as we've discussed previously, the previous way

523

00:24:50.325 --> 00:24:52.005

that we had our summer school was not

524

00:24:52.205 --> 00:24:53.685

yielding positive results.

525

00:24:53.945 --> 00:24:54.965

So we're trying something new

526

00:24:54.965 --> 00:24:57.805

with this tutoring skills Boost Pathways to progress

527

00:24:57.865 --> 00:24:59.725

and trying to see how we might expand those

528

00:24:59.785 --> 00:25:02.005

and provide them for more students as opportunities

529

00:25:02.235 --> 00:25:04.885

that will have a direct instructional impact

530

00:25:04.905 --> 00:25:06.045

for their future success.

531

00:25:07.455 --> 00:25:08.645

We're closely monitoring.

532

00:25:08.645 --> 00:25:11.165

We've had a lot of questions about possible changes in

533

00:25:11.165 --> 00:25:12.485

federal funding for our schools.

534

00:25:12.785 --> 00:25:14.925

Um, right now all we know is

535

00:25:14.925 --> 00:25:17.645

that currently there's been a lot of discussions, a lot

536

00:25:17.645 --> 00:25:20.805

of wonderings, but right now what's taken place thus far is

537

00:25:20.805 --> 00:25:24.565

there has been a freeze of about \$1.5 million in three

538

00:25:24.565 --> 00:25:27.085

particular programs that support professional development,

539

00:25:27.195 --> 00:25:28.485

English Learner Services

540

00:25:28.785 --> 00:25:31.405

and miscellaneous academic supports, which primarily go

541

00:25:31.405 --> 00:25:33.365

to support some of our Title one schools.

542

00:25:33.815 --> 00:25:37.245

These grants have been frozen, the funding is budgeted

543

00:25:37.245 --> 00:25:38.845

and was budgeted by the Congress,

544

00:25:39.265 --> 00:25:40.325

but the US Department

545

00:25:40.325 --> 00:25:42.845

of Ed has not distributed those fundings to us

546

00:25:42.985 --> 00:25:44.085

as of July 1st.

547

00:25:44.785 --> 00:25:46.445

So we are closely monitoring that.

548

00:25:46.465 --> 00:25:48.405

We don't know if that those funds will ever

549

00:25:48.405 --> 00:25:49.565

be unfrozen or not.

550

00:25:49.985 --> 00:25:52.965

Um, as we think about the existing resources in this area,

551

00:25:53.025 --> 00:25:56.365

we will work closely with, with school board to determine

552

00:25:56.425 --> 00:25:58.965

how do we use our reserves for them or whether

553

00:25:58.985 --> 00:26:01.365

or not we need to think about budgeting them into our

554

00:26:01.365 --> 00:26:03.485
operating dollars or thinking about any

555

00:26:04.085 --> 00:26:05.965
reductions in other areas to offset that.

556

00:26:06.025 --> 00:26:08.605
But we encourage, uh, all of our families to know

557

00:26:08.605 --> 00:26:11.005
that we are thinking about those supports

558

00:26:11.005 --> 00:26:12.325
that go directly to our students.

559

00:26:12.705 --> 00:26:13.885
And we are working on that.

560

00:26:14.055 --> 00:26:16.125
There have been a lot of other discussions about other

561

00:26:16.125 --> 00:26:18.005
things that may or may not be coming to federal

562

00:26:18.635 --> 00:26:19.725
cuts and things of that nature.

563

00:26:19.785 --> 00:26:21.445
We monitor those on a regular basis,

564

00:26:21.785 --> 00:26:23.005
but these are the only ones

565

00:26:23.005 --> 00:26:25.485
that are currently actually have happened in terms

566

00:26:25.485 --> 00:26:26.725
of some freezing of funds.

567

00:26:27.625 --> 00:26:29.885

And I want to conclude in the bright spot, very, very proud

568

00:26:29.885 --> 00:26:31.565

of our school and community relations team

569

00:26:31.625 --> 00:26:34.285

who represented a PS very well at the national level.

570

00:26:34.635 --> 00:26:36.365

This week, um, at the

571

00:26:36.885 --> 00:26:39.325

National School PR Association Annual Conference,

572

00:26:39.635 --> 00:26:42.845

over 2,500 communication campaigns were

573

00:26:42.925 --> 00:26:44.605

submitted as possible.

574

00:26:44.945 --> 00:26:46.405

Uh, opportunities for Success

575

00:26:46.745 --> 00:26:50.765

and a PS earned one of only 150 Golden Achievement Awards

576

00:26:50.785 --> 00:26:52.645

for outreach efforts supporting immigrant

577

00:26:52.965 --> 00:26:54.045

families during certain times.

578

00:26:54.075 --> 00:26:56.085

That was the one we received nationally.

579

00:26:56.185 --> 00:26:57.245

And you can also see beyond

580

00:26:57.245 --> 00:26:59.045

that one Golden Achievement Award.

581
00:26:59.585 --> 00:27:03.045
We also received awards for numerous videos, publications,

582
00:27:03.385 --> 00:27:05.285
as well as our campaign to boost attendance.

583
00:27:05.865 --> 00:27:08.805
So you can see 14 national awards went to our school

584
00:27:08.805 --> 00:27:09.885
and community relations team.

585
00:27:10.095 --> 00:27:11.245
Wanna give them a big shout

586
00:27:11.245 --> 00:27:12.405
out for all the work that they do.

587
00:27:12.705 --> 00:27:14.005
Our community relations team,

588
00:27:14.065 --> 00:27:16.765
our bilingual family specialists, our A TV,

589
00:27:17.105 --> 00:27:19.845
all the departments who help spearhead these campaigns from

590
00:27:19.965 --> 00:27:22.365
d deis and student services to academics,

591
00:27:22.365 --> 00:27:24.125
school support, legal and Finance.

592
00:27:25.015 --> 00:27:26.085
Thank you, uh, Ms.

593
00:27:26.325 --> 00:27:27.885
Ashby's here representing that department,

594
00:27:27.885 --> 00:27:29.165

but I'll give her a big shout out.

595

00:27:29.165 --> 00:27:31.765

But her and her, her team who this week we're able to see,

596

00:27:31.765 --> 00:27:33.045

you can see on the picture there we're in

597

00:27:33.105 --> 00:27:34.285

DC getting those national awards.

598

00:27:34.385 --> 00:27:37.485

So congratulations to our outstanding national team.

599

00:27:38.225 --> 00:27:40.085

And with that conclude my brief announcements.

600

00:27:40.085 --> 00:27:41.285

This tatler much shorter than usual.

601

00:27:41.975 --> 00:27:43.605

Thank you. I think we owe a quick round

602

00:27:43.605 --> 00:27:44.685

of applause to the school.

603

00:27:50.265 --> 00:27:54.125

Um, okay. Uh, board colleagues, any, uh, comments

604

00:27:54.145 --> 00:27:55.685

or questions for the superintendent on his

605

00:27:55.885 --> 00:27:57.885

announcements? Ms. Turner?

606

00:27:58.785 --> 00:28:01.205

Um, on the monitoring of summer school, will

607

00:28:01.205 --> 00:28:03.485

that be coming as a monitoring report

608

00:28:03.745 --> 00:28:05.965
or in some other format? Um,

609

00:28:06.315 --> 00:28:09.325
Generally in the fall we do, uh, do an update report.

610

00:28:09.395 --> 00:28:10.765
It's not concerned a monitoring report,

611

00:28:10.765 --> 00:28:12.605
but we do provide an update on the summer school

612

00:28:12.745 --> 00:28:15.965
and then any recommendations for next year in terms

613

00:28:15.965 --> 00:28:17.365
of fees that happens in the fall.

614

00:28:17.585 --> 00:28:19.805
And then as a part of the fiscal year 27 budget,

615

00:28:19.905 --> 00:28:21.765
we would come back with recommendations for

616

00:28:21.765 --> 00:28:24.285
what would be new programs to either maintain

617

00:28:24.285 --> 00:28:25.885
that you may have seen or to add.

618

00:28:26.025 --> 00:28:27.605
Uh, and that'll be part of the budget process,

619

00:28:28.065 --> 00:28:30.645
but we do, we will come back in the fall with an update on,

620

00:28:30.665 --> 00:28:32.045
on all of the progress from the summer.

621

00:28:32.145 --> 00:28:33.145

Yes.

622

00:28:34.985 --> 00:28:37.645

And on, on the federal funding piece, um, just

623

00:28:37.645 --> 00:28:40.805

for additional clarification for our, our audience, um,

624

00:28:41.265 --> 00:28:42.325

can you speak a bit about,

625

00:28:43.295 --> 00:28:45.005

we've seen in the news some other programs

626

00:28:45.005 --> 00:28:46.485

that were threatened to be cut,

627

00:28:46.485 --> 00:28:48.445

but then the funding was released for, for example,

628

00:28:48.445 --> 00:28:50.685

the 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

629

00:28:50.905 --> 00:28:53.045

Um, can you just go into a bit into that

630

00:28:53.105 --> 00:28:55.165

or any, anything else that we're looking at right now?

631

00:28:55.545 --> 00:28:57.925

Yes. So right there was funds that were released

632

00:28:57.925 --> 00:29:00.005

that were frozen for afterschool programming

633

00:29:00.005 --> 00:29:03.565

that we did not directly get in our funding for a PS,

634

00:29:03.565 --> 00:29:05.285

but there are some of our partners that did.

635
00:29:05.285 --> 00:29:08.005
So our 21st century, there was also a new application

636
00:29:08.005 --> 00:29:09.725
that was put out for community in schools

637
00:29:09.755 --> 00:29:10.925
that potentially was frozen,

638
00:29:10.945 --> 00:29:13.565
but that was not VDOE did put an application

639
00:29:13.565 --> 00:29:16.085
and we partnered with two organizations to apply for that.

640
00:29:16.505 --> 00:29:20.365
Uh, and then we have heard from, um, not directly from VDOE

641
00:29:20.365 --> 00:29:21.765
or from the US Department of Ed,

642
00:29:21.765 --> 00:29:24.765
but we've seen nationally in media reports that Title one

643
00:29:24.765 --> 00:29:27.165
and special ed funding is not being cut right now

644
00:29:27.705 --> 00:29:29.845
and there may be changes to how it's dispersed.

645
00:29:30.215 --> 00:29:31.765
Those are the largest bit of money

646
00:29:31.765 --> 00:29:34.685
that we receive from the federal government is our IDEA

647
00:29:34.705 --> 00:29:35.725
for special education

648
00:29:35.945 --> 00:29:38.525

and our title one funds, those are huge amount

649

00:29:38.525 --> 00:29:39.805
of funding that we receive.

650

00:29:39.805 --> 00:29:42.285
And right now what's been reported, again,

651

00:29:42.285 --> 00:29:44.965
not directly communicated to school systems, is that

652

00:29:44.965 --> 00:29:46.925
that funding is not being cut right now,

653

00:29:47.345 --> 00:29:48.365
but we will monitor that

654

00:29:48.565 --> 00:29:50.525
'cause that will be a major, major issue if

655

00:29:50.525 --> 00:29:52.005
those, if that does come.

656

00:29:53.015 --> 00:29:57.805
Thank you Ms. Clark. No. Okay.

657

00:29:58.315 --> 00:30:00.565
Okay. Thank you very much.

658

00:30:01.665 --> 00:30:04.805
Um, we are now at public comment on

659

00:30:04.805 --> 00:30:06.005
agenda and on agenda items.

660

00:30:06.305 --> 00:30:09.045
My understanding is that we do not have any signups

661

00:30:09.425 --> 00:30:10.685
for public comment this evening.

662
00:30:11.545 --> 00:30:14.685
Uh, so I will simply share that the signup to speak form

663
00:30:14.705 --> 00:30:17.525
for the August 7th school board meeting will be posted

664
00:30:17.675 --> 00:30:18.805
between August 1st

665
00:30:18.865 --> 00:30:22.765
and August 6th at 4:00 PM Uh,

666
00:30:22.785 --> 00:30:24.165
we are now at information items

667
00:30:24.345 --> 00:30:26.805
and tonight we have one item revisions two,

668
00:30:26.805 --> 00:30:31.445
school board policy B 3.6, 7.37,

669
00:30:31.445 --> 00:30:33.645
electronic participation in school board advisory committee

670
00:30:33.645 --> 00:30:37.725
meetings and B dash 4.4 electronic participation in meetings

671
00:30:37.725 --> 00:30:39.525
by individual members, Dr.

672
00:30:39.535 --> 00:30:41.125
Drunk, would you like to introduce the staff

673
00:30:41.125 --> 00:30:42.165
who will be presenting this item?

674
00:30:42.345 --> 00:30:44.365
Yes. Mr. Marco, our Director of Policy

675
00:30:44.385 --> 00:30:46.125

and Legislative Affairs will be presenting

676

00:30:46.125 --> 00:30:47.525

this policy revision.

677

00:30:50.265 --> 00:30:54.165

See us tonight. We'll start with, uh, B 3 6 3 7, uh,

678

00:30:54.165 --> 00:30:55.725

electronic participation in school

679

00:30:55.725 --> 00:30:57.005

board advisory committee meetings.

680

00:30:57.025 --> 00:31:00.405

So just, I'll take a moment to explain what this policy is.

681

00:31:00.505 --> 00:31:04.685

So, um, during the pandemic, of course,

682

00:31:04.865 --> 00:31:07.245

all our committees got accustomed to meeting remotely.

683

00:31:07.825 --> 00:31:10.005

And, uh, unfortunately there was no provision under law

684

00:31:10.205 --> 00:31:12.405

allowing any committees that are subject to FOIA to do that

685

00:31:12.405 --> 00:31:14.165

outside of a declared emergency.

686

00:31:14.185 --> 00:31:17.285

So in 2022, the general assembly passed a law letting

687

00:31:17.285 --> 00:31:21.285

committees do that 25% of the time, uh, as long

688

00:31:21.285 --> 00:31:23.085

as they were not consecutive with some other provisions

689

00:31:23.085 --> 00:31:24.885
for people to participate remotely in,

690

00:31:24.985 --> 00:31:26.085
uh, in person meetings.

691

00:31:26.585 --> 00:31:28.525
Uh, and part of that was that they had

692

00:31:28.525 --> 00:31:29.845
to have a policy in place.

693

00:31:29.845 --> 00:31:32.045
And so we passed this policy in 2022

694

00:31:32.505 --> 00:31:34.365
to cover our advisory committees in that regard,

695

00:31:35.225 --> 00:31:38.165
but it was only 25% we were hoping for more others were to,

696

00:31:38.185 --> 00:31:41.525
we lobbied for that and in 2024, they passed a new law

697

00:31:42.125 --> 00:31:44.165
allowing it to be 50% much better.

698

00:31:44.585 --> 00:31:47.525
Uh, we supported that. But as a caveat to that, they said

699

00:31:47.525 --> 00:31:50.805
that you have to review your policy annually.

700

00:31:51.745 --> 00:31:54.805
And so we made the change last year,

701

00:31:55.265 --> 00:31:58.845
but here we are this year and we have to review it again.

702

00:31:58.845 --> 00:32:02.565

However, uh, as we've consistently done with this, uh,

703

00:32:03.215 --> 00:32:05.685

we've gone up to the line of what the Code

704

00:32:05.685 --> 00:32:06.765

of Virginia will allow us to do.

705

00:32:07.845 --> 00:32:09.785

So we have no changes.

706

00:32:11.285 --> 00:32:14.665

Um, we did get one public comment from FAC

707

00:32:14.665 --> 00:32:15.825

on this one with a P request.

708

00:32:15.825 --> 00:32:17.865

These were things they had requested last year as well.

709

00:32:18.245 --> 00:32:19.705

Uh, they had a number of requests last year.

710

00:32:19.705 --> 00:32:20.945

We took some and not others. These

711

00:32:20.945 --> 00:32:22.105

are those others we didn't take.

712

00:32:22.485 --> 00:32:25.345

Uh, one was, uh, a request that we get rid of the rule

713

00:32:25.345 --> 00:32:28.825

that the chair determined whether a member request

714

00:32:28.825 --> 00:32:32.545

to participate remotely is valid, uh, under the law.

715

00:32:33.485 --> 00:32:35.425

That's not a specific code requirement,

716
00:32:35.425 --> 00:32:38.425
but the code does, uh, talk about the need for it

717
00:32:38.425 --> 00:32:40.325
to be approved, which suggests there must be

718
00:32:40.325 --> 00:32:41.445
some process for approval.

719
00:32:41.475 --> 00:32:43.605
What we have here is about as quick

720
00:32:43.605 --> 00:32:45.765
and straightforward a process as we think we could have.

721
00:32:46.185 --> 00:32:49.845
Um, you request the chair if you, if it's consistent

722
00:32:49.845 --> 00:32:51.605
with the law, the chair approves it,

723
00:32:51.605 --> 00:32:52.685
you can appeal it to the committee.

724
00:32:53.265 --> 00:32:55.565
And that's really it. Uh, so we feel we do need

725
00:32:55.565 --> 00:32:56.805
to have something in place.

726
00:32:56.825 --> 00:32:57.965
And that's about as straightforward

727
00:32:57.965 --> 00:32:59.165
as we can, we can put in there.

728
00:32:59.355 --> 00:33:01.765
Another was that we get rid of the rule that the nature

729
00:33:01.765 --> 00:33:04.525

of the person matter or, uh, medical condition

730

00:33:04.525 --> 00:33:06.285

or disability be in the minutes.

731

00:33:06.465 --> 00:33:09.125

Uh, they think it's a privacy, uh, concern.

732

00:33:09.515 --> 00:33:11.365

It's a fair point, but that's in the Code of Virginia.

733

00:33:11.425 --> 00:33:12.645

So we do have to have that there.

734

00:33:12.945 --> 00:33:15.565

And they had a request, uh, this I think was a new one,

735

00:33:15.725 --> 00:33:17.125

that we give more recourse to deal

736

00:33:17.125 --> 00:33:18.605

with unexcused absences by members.

737

00:33:18.625 --> 00:33:20.685

That's not within the scope of this policy.

738

00:33:20.705 --> 00:33:23.925

We have another policy on advisory committees B 360 3

739

00:33:24.725 --> 00:33:25.805

B 3 6 30,

740

00:33:26.705 --> 00:33:29.165

and, uh, I believe that's gonna be up in the spring,

741

00:33:29.505 --> 00:33:31.185

so can be considered there.

742

00:33:31.805 --> 00:33:33.305

Uh, any questions on this policy?

743

00:33:36.705 --> 00:33:37.795

Okay, our next

744

00:33:37.815 --> 00:33:41.855

one, B four.

745

00:33:41.915 --> 00:33:44.415

For electronic participation meetings by individual members.

746

00:33:44.415 --> 00:33:47.415

This is a similar policy. This pertains to the board itself.

747

00:33:47.955 --> 00:33:50.295

Now, the board, of course, cannot meet remotely

748

00:33:50.525 --> 00:33:51.815

outside of an emergency.

749

00:33:52.115 --> 00:33:54.095

Uh, you have to be in person, you should be in person.

750

00:33:54.115 --> 00:33:56.695

We all wanna be in person, but we do have committees

751

00:33:56.695 --> 00:33:59.255

that can meet virtually and sometimes do.

752

00:33:59.635 --> 00:34:02.095

Uh, so this covers the committees meeting virtually

753

00:34:02.115 --> 00:34:05.175

and also members participating virtually in either committee

754

00:34:05.175 --> 00:34:07.415

meetings or meetings of the board.

755

00:34:07.915 --> 00:34:09.255

Uh, it's very similar to the other

756

00:34:09.255 --> 00:34:10.335

one, as with the other one.

757

00:34:10.335 --> 00:34:12.695

It has to be reviewed every year. Uh, we have no changes

758

00:34:12.875 --> 00:34:14.255

and we receive no public comment.

759

00:34:14.515 --> 00:34:15.895

Uh, any questions on that?

760

00:34:19.945 --> 00:34:20.975

Thank you, Mr. Marco.

761

00:34:21.315 --> 00:34:23.335

Uh, the school board will act on these items at

762

00:34:23.335 --> 00:34:24.415

the August 7th meeting.

763

00:34:25.795 --> 00:34:27.215

We are now at new business.

764

00:34:27.555 --> 00:34:30.015

Uh, we have one item of new business, um,

765

00:34:30.115 --> 00:34:31.415

and I have a motion for it.

766

00:34:32.135 --> 00:34:36.055

I move that the school board deny the appeal in grievance

767

00:34:36.055 --> 00:34:40.895

number SY 2 0 2 4 dash 25 dash five

768

00:34:40.995 --> 00:34:43.575

and uphold the recommendation of the superintendent.

769

00:34:43.715 --> 00:34:48.005

Is there a second? Second.

770

00:34:49.705 --> 00:34:51.885

All in favor? Please say yes. Yes, yes.

771

00:34:52.625 --> 00:34:57.085

Any opposed, please say no. Motion passes. Four to zero.

772

00:34:58.015 --> 00:35:02.485

Board members. Is there any other new business? Seeing none.

773

00:35:02.675 --> 00:35:03.805

This meeting is adjourned.