



BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X }      ACTION {    }      CLOSED MEETING {    }

SUBJECT:                      ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS / CORRESPONDENCE





## DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, December 8	Breakfast with Santa	MES	8:00-11:00 AM
Thursday, December 13	Winter Band Concert	BCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
Saturday, December 15	Breakfast with Santa	VES	7:00-10:00 AM
	Hot Springs Christmas Parade (Meet at 1:00 PM at Valet Parking)		2:00 PM
Sunday, December 16	Millboro Christmas Parade		3:00 PM
Monday, December 17	VES Christmas Program	BCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 18	MES Christmas Program	MES	7:00 PM
Monday, December 24 - Wednesday, January 2	Christmas/New Year's Break	All Schools Closed	
Monday, December 24- Tuesday, January 1	School Administration Building	Closed	
Wednesday, January 3	School Resumes		





# VSBA

## Schedule of Meetings and Conferences

### 2012

#### **December 12, 14, 18**

Webinar – School Budget & Finance 101 - 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

### 2013

#### **January 8**

Webinar

#### **January 23**

Legislative Conference,  
Richmond Marriott

#### **January 24**

New Chairmen/Board Member/ Superintendent Orientation,  
Richmond Marriott

#### **March 20**

Hot Topic Conference,  
Wytheville Conference Center

#### **April 29**

Hot Topic Conference  
Charlottesville Omni

#### **May 15**

Webinar

#### **June 7**

School Law Conference,  
Charlottesville Omni

#### **July 22**

New Chairmen/Board Member/ Superintendent Orientation,  
Richmond Marriott

#### **July 23**

Governor's Conference on Education,  
Richmond Marriott

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#### **August 14**

Webinar

#### **October 2**

Webinar

#### **November 20-22**

VSBA Annual Convention,  
Williamsburg Marriott





A block of rooms has been reserved at the Richmond Marriot, 500 East Broad Street for the nights of January 22 (40 rooms) and January 23 (118 rooms). Please make your hotel reservations directly by calling 804-643-3400. Inform the reservation staff you are attending the VSBA conference to receive a special rate of \$139 (single or double). The deadline for the reserved block is January 8, 2013. If reservations exceed the block number, or are made after the January 8th deadline, the minimum rate will be \$200. Please make your reservations by this date.

You may also make your hotel reservations online through a direct link by [clicking here](#).

You can also register for the conference online [by clicking here](#).

Reminder: Nametags must be visible to be admitted to ALL VSBA meetings and conferences.



## VSBA Legislative Conference

**January 23-24, 2013**



**Richmond Marriott  
500 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia**



Rivanna Ridge Professional Building  
200 Hansen Road, Suite 2  
Charlottesville, VA 22911



The 2013 General Assembly promises to be challenging for supporters of public education. We will start off the day with a working luncheon featuring greetings from the National School Boards Association President and commentary on the “big picture” political scene by Robert Holsworth, President of Virginia Tomorrow, LLC and frequent political analyst for the press and television. VSBA legislative initiatives and perennial issues will be reviewed by the VSBA lobbyists before you meet with your Legislators.

It is said every year and it just keeps getting truer, school board members need to be seen and heard more than ever during these crucial times. The VSBA Legislative Conference is scheduled to provide that opportunity before the crossover of education issues in the legislature. The VSBA Legislative Conference offers the opportunity for you to become involved. **Your presence is needed.** Don't miss your conference!

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

11:00 — 11:30 **Registration**

11:30 — 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

**Presiding**

*Roy K. Boyles*  
President, VSBA

**Greetings**

*C. Ed Massey, President*  
National School Boards Association

**Comments on the Ever-changing Political Scene in Virginia**

*Dr. Robert Holsworth*  
President, Virginia Tomorrow, LLC

1:30 — 5:00 p.m.

**Report on Federal Issues**

*Deborah Riggsby,*  
Associate Executive Director, NSBA

**Review of the Governor's Budget**

*James Regimbal*  
Principal, Fiscal Analytics, Ltd

**Legislative Issues Briefing**

*D. Patrick Lacy*  
VSBA Lobbyist

*Stacy Haney*  
VSBA Lobbyist

Thursday, January 24, 2013

8:00 — 9:00 a.m. VSBA Breakfast Buffet

9:00– 11:45 a.m. Personal Visits with Legislators

**Yes, you can count on me!** I will be there to lobby my legislators on important education issues.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Division \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ School Board Member

\_\_\_ Superintendent      \_\_\_ Other

Costs:

Registration: \$150 (Before January 8)

Late Registration: \$200 (After January 8)

The deadline for registration is January 8. Registration fees received after January 8 will be \$200 per person. Purchase orders and registration via telephone do not constitute payment of registration fees and will result in a \$50 late fee if paid after the deadline date.

**No refunds will be made after January 8 except in the case of personal illness.** Prior to January 8 refunds of one-half of the registration minus a \$50 processing fee may be made.

All requests for refunds must be made to the VSBA President in writing signed by the Board Chair certifying a personal illness.

You may also register online at [www.vsba.org](http://www.vsba.org)  
Please return this form with your payment to:

VSBA  
200 Hansen Road Suite 2  
Charlottesville, VA 22911



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November 13, 2012

The Honorable Jim Webb  
United States Senate  
248 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Webb:

RE: Sequestration

I am writing on behalf of the Bath County (VA) School Board regarding the federal budget cuts that are to be imposed on our schools and students, if sequestration becomes effective in January 2013. We hope that a bipartisan effort will avert the sequester, and appreciate your participation in continued negotiations.

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Rising retirement, health insurance, maintenance and transportation costs represent large portions of our budget and combined with loss of revenue negatively impact instruction and learning.

We urge you to avoid the sequester and protect investments in education which will be directly linked with our country's future success and competitiveness.

Sincerely,



Sue Hirsh  
Division Superintendent

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2240 Rayburn HOB  
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# Sequestration Resolution

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's school children; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

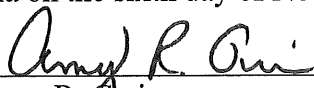
WHEREAS, Bath County Public Schools (VA), as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and


WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Bath County Public Schools has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bath County Public Schools (VA) urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

Adopted by the School Board of Bath County, Virginia on the sixth day of November, 2012.

  
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Amy R. Owin  
Chair, Bath County School Board

  
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Sue Hirsh  
Clerk, Bath County School Board

