

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Paul Lancaster

To: BCPS Staff Who Assisted in the Nursing Home Evacuation
Cc: Sue Hirsh
Subject: Nursing Home Evacuation

Sarah Rowe;	Susan McRoberts;	Katie Keyser;
Ronnie Liptrap;	Lumina Shifflett;	Crystal Coffman;
Mark Cook;	Jason Rowe;	Vicki Smith;
Daniel Marshall;	Mac Bird;	Jody Shifflett;
Becky Hise		

We certainly had an unexpected surprise last Wednesday when the residents of The Springs nursing home needed shelter after the sprinkler failure at their facility! BCHS was not our first choice for the shelter, but the VES gym was too cool—and then the power went out there just as residents were being moved. We needed a quickly/easily accessible location, and the BCHS old gym was selected. Please know that the school division, community, The Springs, and a number of involved residents and their families appreciated the assistance you provided that day. Our response was much more than was articulated in the basic sheltering agreement for a room with heat and electricity:

- You responded quickly as you saw needs for seating, blankets, water and food
- You responded with compassion to residents who had just been traumatized by the experience
- You responded with creativity to solve problems as they became known
- You responded with thoroughness as you worked with Springs staff and volunteers

Like you, I saw Springs residents that I hadn't seen for a while or hadn't met before. These folks are not just residents of a local nursing home; they are our moms, dads, aunts, uncles, friends and former neighbors who need a helping hand. Last Wednesday, each of you offered that hand of friendship to folks in need. The response from the school division, law enforcement, health department, emergency response volunteers and local businesses was remarkable. Thank you all for your assistance during and after the sheltering event; our community was able to see and experience Bath County Public Schools in a most positive way!

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