

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ACTION

Media Honor Roll

BACKGROUND: The Media Honor Roll provides an opportunity for the School Board to recognize local reporters and media outlets that responsibly report school division news.

RECOMMENDATION: Media Honor Roll recognition of Larry O’Rourke of the *Virginian Review*, Mike Bollinger of *The Recorder*, and Bonnie Ralston of *Alleghany Mountain Radio (WCHG)* for their fair, accurate, and balanced reporting about BCPS and Virginia’s public education system is recommended. A resolution for your approval follows.

RESOLUTION

2014 MEDIA HONOR ROLL

Whereas, in each community, the public schools are shaped by the community to provide the most appropriate and effective education for the school children who attend those schools; and

Whereas, public schools are dependent on the community's support in countless ways, including support in setting goals for the education of our children, in establishing successful volunteer and booster programs at the schools, for annual funding of operations, in periodic bond elections, in the election of qualified school board members; and

Whereas, much of the community's knowledge and opinions about the public schools rely on responsible reporting by local media representatives who decide which news to share with the community, how much attention will be focused on various issues, and what the tone of the reporting will be;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bath County School Board place the names of Larry O'Rourke, the *Virginian Review*; Mike Bollinger, the Recorder; and Bonnie Ralston, Allegheny Mountain Radio, on the statewide *Media Honor Roll*, calling attention to the ongoing responsible and exemplary nature of reporting on this community's public schools. We express our appreciation for your balanced and accurate approach to sharing with this community both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by the teachers and students. Your work has aided this community in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for the children who attend them.

Resolution approved by Bath County School Board members on August 5, 2014.

Cathy Lowry, Chairman

Ellen Miller, Vice-Chairman

Rhonda Grimm

Bill Manion

Eddie Ryder