

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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SUBJECT: ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Hirsh

From: Stephanie Hiner
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2016 2:03 PM
To: Sue Hirsh; Sarah Rowe
Subject: FW: GRASP reception on Nov. 1

Sue and Sarah,

Jami Fussell continues to be a tremendous asset for our students here in Bath County!! Wanted to share this news with you and I hope you will share it with the board! Thank you for the continued support of these programs!!

Best,
Stephanie

From: Jami Fussell [mailto:jamilyn.fussell@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2016 9:54 AM
To: Stephanie Hiner
Subject: GRASP reception on Nov. 1

Hi Stephanie,

I just wanted to give you a written update on some of the conversations and resulting information that took place at the GRASP reception that took place on Nov. 1st at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton. The reception was for the counselors, principals, superintendents, donors and other guests affiliated with the Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro schools to celebrate the wonderful work that GRASP is doing to help students and their families make post-secondary education a reality. Although, I, as a Bath County Advisor don't fall into that category, Bettsy Heggie, GRASP CEO, specifically requested that I attend. I was beyond honored.

In attendance were some of the major political supporters of our program, GRASP founder, Senator Walter Stosch, Senator Emmett Hanger Jr., Delegate Stephen Landes and Delegate Richard "Dickie" Bell. I was fortunate enough to have some face time with all of them to thank them for their contributions to the program and give them a little insight into how their program has helped our students as well as the general direction our students are taking in regards to post secondary education. With the tuition rates of 4 year universities ever increasing, many of Bath County students who would ordinarily choose a 4 year university are instead choosing the 2+2 program. The attend community college for 2 years with a transfer agreement to the 4 year university of their choice.

I expressed this trend to Senator Stosch who is a big supporter of this path for higher education. He told me that he will be working on getting some more monetary incentives to Bath County to support these students and their families on the 2+2 path.

I also expressed to everyone I spoke with that I'm extremely fortunate to work with a counseling department that embraces GRASP as well as all of the other college access programs. Not all advisors are so lucky. So on that note, I wanted to tell you how very grateful I am. I'll be sure to keep you updated as more information comes my way.

If you have any questions, or if I can relay more details, please let me know!

Many Thanks,

Jami Fussell

GRASP/SOAR Advisor Bath County High School

VSBA MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

2017 CALENDAR

Revised 12/1/16

January 23

Capital Conference
Richmond Marriott

January 24

New Chairmen/Board Member/
Superintendent Orientation
Richmond Marriott

February 16

Webinar – 11 AM to 12 Noon
Court(ing) Consequences:
Educational and Other Impacts for
Court-Involved Kids

March 15

Hot Topic Conference
Wytheville Convention Center

April

Regional Spring Forum
Art Show
Location and Date TBD

April 20

Hot Topic Conference
Holiday Inn, Charlottesville

May 17

Webinar

June 2

School Law Conference
Short Pump Hilton

July 17

New Chairmen/Board Member/
Superintendent Orientation
Richmond Marriott

July 18

VSBA Conference on Education
Richmond Marriott

August 16

Webinar

September 28

Legislative Advocacy Conference
Charlottesville Double Tree

October 4

Webinar

November 15-17

VSBA Annual Convention
Williamsburg Lodge



VSBA Capital Conference

January 23-24, 2017

Richmond Marriott
500 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA

Advocacy by local school board members is a year-round job and even more important during the General Assembly. We will kick-off the two-day conference with an overview of the governor's budget, commentary on the new political scene both in Virginia and nationally, and VSBA's legislative priorities. Then join us in the evening for a reception that will provide you with an opportunity to mix and mingle with your legislators and top administration officials. The events on day one will help prepare you for your legislative meetings after breakfast on day two.

The VSBA Capital Conference offers you an opportunity for your voice to be heard and continues VSBA's efforts for year-round advocacy.

Conference Agenda

Monday, January 23, 2017

12:30 Registration

1:00 Welcome & Greetings

Bob Hundley, VSBA President

The Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia (*invited*)

1:30 Review of the Governor's Budget

James Rimbald, Principal, Fiscal Analytics, Ltd

2:30 Federal Update

Deborah Rigsby, Director for Federal Legislation
National School Boards Association

3:00 Break

3:15 Comments on the Ever-changing Political Scene in Virginia

Dr. Bob Holsworth, President, Virginia Tomorrow, LLC

4:15 Legislative Issues Briefing

Beth Hardy, VSBA Legislative Positions Chair

Emily V. Webb, VSBA Government Relations Coordinator

Stacy Haney, VSBA Lobbyist

5:15 VSBA Regional Meetings

VSBA Regional Officers

5:30 VSBA Legislative Reception

The Honorable Steve Staples, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

7:00 VSBA Breakfast Buffet

7:15 Speaker

The Honorable Dietra Trent, Virginia Secretary of Education

8:00 Personal Visits with Legislators at the Capitol



VSBA

Virginia School Boards Association

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

A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Richmond Marriott**, 500 East Broad Street, for the nights of January 23 & 24, 2017. Please make your hotel reservations directly by calling 1-800-228-9290.

Inform the reservation staff you are attending the Virginia School Boards Association Conference to receive the special rate of \$159 (single or double).

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

The deadline for the reserved block is January 3, 2017. If reservations are made after the January 3 deadline, the group rate may not be available.

Registration for VSBA meetings is only open to VSBA members and affiliate members. To register for the conference online, go here: <https://ams.embr.mobi/Events/Registration/Wizard/EventDetails.aspx?C=ifON&EID=GHGG>

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www.vsba.org



Registration Form

VSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE

Name _____

Division _____

School Board Member

Superintendent

Other _____

Costs:

Registration: \$185

Late Registration: \$235 after January 9, 2017

Registration fees received after January 9, 2017 will result in a \$50 late fee. No refunds will be made after January 9 except in the case of personal illness. All requests for refunds must be made to the VSBA president in writing signed by the board chair certifying a personal illness.

Please return this form with your payment to:
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