

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: GOOD NEWS IN BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A. Melinda Hooker, Region V Music Teacher of the Year of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director’s Association

Congratulations to Mrs. Hooker for an award given to her by her peers. The award is the Educator of the Year for District V. It was awarded by the directors of District V from the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director’s Association for excellence in teaching, service, and education. Mrs. Hooker started teaching at Bath County Schools in the Fall of 1995. When she began here, the band was small, about the right size for a small school like Bath County High School. With her at the helm, the band grew and now includes more than a third of the students at the high school. The band competes against schools many times larger than BCHS because of the size of the band and manages to bring home trophy after trophy. The school sends students to regional bands which only accept the best students, so the competition for these slots is difficult. Because most of her band students are engaged in other extracurricular activities, the band puts in long hours before school starts to learn the routines they will use during the year. If you have not had a chance to hear the band, come to one of the band events and enjoy the great music.

B. Division-Wide Spelling Bee Winners (February 12, 2018)

Division-Wide:	1 st Place	Isabelle Farris (Grade 7, VES)
	Runner-Up	Frankie DeBoe (Grade 6, VES)

C. BCHS BETA club attended the National BETA State Conference in Hampton Virginia, February 15-16, 2018. 24 members attended and competed in a variety of competitions with 30 other schools. The competitions ranged from individual timed tests, a quiz bowl team, special talent, club scrapbook and banner, visual arts and living literature. Winners were:

Emma Marshall	1 st Place	Onsite Painting
	2 nd Place	Visual Arts
Taylor Gentry	2 nd Place	Science Division 1
Scrapbook Team	3 rd Place	Scrapbook
(Gabrielle Reed, Skylynn Lee, Samantha Stinespring, Courtney Hoover, Taylor Gentry, Fenia Skovira, Jenifer Ford)		



Winners will now travel to Savannah, Georgia in June to compete at nationals.

KidWind students from Valley Elementary School and Bath County High School attended the Wind Turbine Design competition on March 5, 2018, at the Science Museum of Western Virginia, in Roanoke. One team from Valley and two teams from Bath County High School attended the competition.

The students worked hard, and spent hours after school and weekends developing their turbines. Thank you to our students for representing Bath County so well, and to the coaches who volunteered their time and expertise to help these students be successful. BCPS has been active in KidWind since 2015. It has been an exceptional learning experience and we are proud of our students.

The students participated in a discussion about careers in wind and alternative energy as well as possible education paths students can take to enter the industry. Career choices are varied and the education required runs from certificates to 4 year and advanced degrees. At the high school level, fulfilling CTE's goal of having students prepared for post-secondary jobs and education.

VES Team “Wind Turbinators” 1st Place

(Matt Harold, Peyton Almadover, Braiden Mabe, Vyvyan Bradley, Dawson Ryder, Caiden Offer, Ali Frame, Nate Phillips, and Coaches Darah Hevener, Kristy Pasco, and Josh Hampton)

Middle school scores consisted of: wind tunnel testing, knowledge test (about wind power & energy usage), presentation, and question & answer session in front of a judge's panel including wind industry and university members. This was Valley's second year competing.

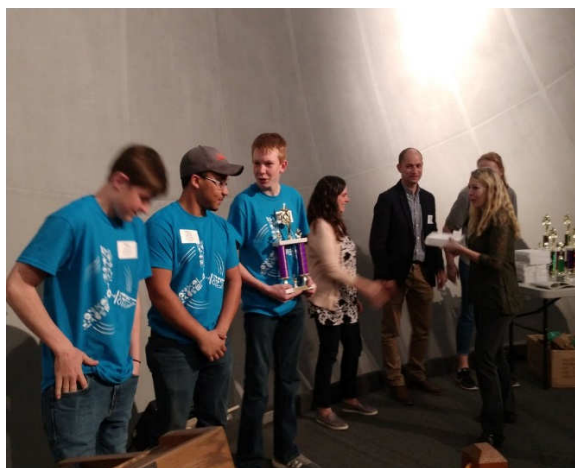


BCHS Team “Redwood Express” 2nd Place (Charles Offer, Jake McComb, Austin Dean)

BCHS Team “Wind Raiders” 3rd Place (Joseph Stover, Steward Sharp, Tyler Thompson, Matt McCune)

COACHES: Larry Grubbs, Kayala Jordan, and Joey Altizer

High school scores consisted of: digital journal of the turbine build, wind tunnel testing, and presentation about the Dominion Power Offshore Wind Pilot Program. This is BCBS' fourth year participating in wind turbine competitions. This is the first year that the high school level had an advanced competition.



All three teams earned an invitation to the National Championships in Chicago.