



**Every Child
A Success!**



Board Clips

....from the **January 15, 2009** meeting of the Board of Education of Dorchester County

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Election of Officers Held

The Board held their annual elections for officers. **Mr. Philip L. Bramble** is the new President of the Board of Education for 2009. **Ms. Michelle L. Jackson** is the new Vice President. Congratulations to the new officers!



President Bramble with family at his swearing-in ceremony on December 4

High School Program of Study Introduced

The High School Program of Study for 2009-2010 was reviewed by the Board. The document, a result of concentrated efforts by the High School Task Force, represents our school system's transition to a seven-period day for the coming school year.

Note to Readers! All of the documents referenced in **Board Clips**, including **Skyler's essay**, may be found on the district's website: www.dcps.k12.md.us

Staffing Changes for January

Certificated Appointment:

Jennifer Benjamin, early childhood, Maple Elementary

Certificated Resignation:

Jordon Helgason, early childhood, Maple Elementary

Skyler Irons, Grade 12, NDHS, Recognized

Skyler won the local and district level for the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. She will compete on the State Level on January 25th in Westminster, MD when she could win up to \$30,000.00 in scholarship money. The Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. This year's essay theme was "Services and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by....".



Ms. Jones, Dean of Students, with student Skyler Irons

**Upcoming
Important
Dates!**

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**Schools Closed  
Monday,  
January 19,  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day**

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**Board Budget
Work Session,
January 22,
2:00 p.m.,
Central Office**

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**End of 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Marking Period;  
End of  
Semester I,  
January 22**

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**School Closed
Friday, January
23, P.D. Day &
Change of
Semester**

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**Board Budget  
Work Session,  
February 5,  
4:00 p.m.,  
Central Office**

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**Next Regular
Board Meeting
February 12,
4:00 p.m.,
Central Office**

Financial Actions

The Board approved the following purchases and contracts on January 15:

- Approval of contract and payment for district-wide alarm monitoring and service with Bay Country Security
- Approval of change orders for Nason Construction for the NDMS replacement project
- Approval of purchase of computer desks for NDMS from Amtek Company
- Approval of a five-year lease of primary rate interface lines from Verizon Business Systems subject to funding, e-rate approvals and further cost benefits analysis.

Other Finance...

The Board reviewed the statement of appropriations & expenditures ending December 31, 2008; the capital projects fund report ending December 31, 2008; the quarterly grant report; and the quarterly technology purchases report. All of the documents may be viewed on our website: www.dcps.k12.md.us.

"The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

- *Inaugural Address, President Abraham Lincoln, Monday, March 4, 1861*

**Board Policy
Manual Review**

The following (active) Board Policies were reviewed and approved by the Board: 360.1, Responsibility for Selection of Media Materials; 360.2, Selection Policies; 360.3, Principles of Media Selection; 360.4, Criteria for Selection of Library Print and Non-Print Media; 360.5, Request for Reconsideration of Materials; 360.6, and Criteria for Selection of Instructional Software.

**Change in Meeting
Times for Upcoming
Board Meetings**

- ▶ The Work Session scheduled for **January 22** has been changed **from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- ▶ The Regular Session scheduled for **February 12** has been changed **from 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

