

DAVID'S BOE MEETING BRIEF

Breaking down Board of Education meetings

CURRICULUM

At its July 14 meeting, the Wicomico County Board of Education approved the adoption of Amplify CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) as the district's new elementary English Language Arts curriculum. The approval followed an extensive pilot process that included classroom implementation, stakeholder feedback, and a review of instructional outcomes. Amplify CKLA is designed to strengthen students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through a knowledge-rich approach that integrates literacy instruction with content learning. The adoption reflects the Board's commitment to providing high-quality instructional resources that support student achievement, align with state standards, and help ensure all students develop the foundational literacy skills necessary for long-term academic success.

REPLACEMENT WI-MIDDLE

The Board approved a contract with Becker Morgan Group, Inc. for architectural and engineering services related to the replacement of Wicomico Middle School. The approved proposal, totaling \$2,893,702 through the Construction Document phase, represents a significant step forward in the planning and design process for a modern learning environment that will serve Wicomico County students for generations to come. The project reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to providing safe, effective, and future-focused educational facilities that support student learning, accommodate evolving instructional needs, and meet the long-term needs of the community.

FY 2026 Grant Funding Received
\$10,346,353.71

CONSENT ITEMS

- Personnel Matters: At each meeting the Board approves appointment of staff, leaves of absence for medical or to further the staff member's education, promotions, and separations. Since these are personnel related, discussion occurs in a closed session.
- Approval of contracts for:
 - School photography services. Schools may choose their preferred vendor:
 - Shutterfly/Lifetouch
 - Barksdale Group
 - Legacy Studios
 - Bread and rolls
 - Schmidt Baking Company
 - Musical instruments, as needed from various companies.
 - Student records management system
 - Concourse Tech, Inc.

Consent Items are non-controversial items voted on at once to streamline meetings. Board members either previously discussed the items or they had the opportunity to in advance.

DONATION

The Board approved the acceptance of an \$83,000 donation from American Freedom Preservation to purchase and install security window film on exterior windows at Wicomico High School. This generous contribution will help enhance school safety and security while demonstrating the positive impact of community partnerships in supporting students, staff, and school facilities.