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School Board Members Attend School Design and Construction Conference

(STAUNTON, VA – April 17, 2015) Members of the Staunton City School Board along with the superintendent, Dr. Linda Reviea traveled to Charlottesville on Wednesday, April 15 to a Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Hot Topic Conference. The conference, focused on school design and construction, offered School Board members, school administrators and other educational leaders from across the state the opportunity to hear more about current trends in school construction.

Understanding that education has changed tremendously over the past couple of decades, presenters offered insight in designing a school building with the whole child in mind -- addressing academics, creativity, social and civic responsibility, health and play, and emotional well-being. They also discussed considerations regarding renovating versus building a new structure, projected increases in construction costs, legal and practical issues for consideration in new school construction, and community involvement in the decision-making process.

"We definitely appreciated the range of information offered -- speakers included school board members and superintendents who were 'mid-phase' and others who had recently completed construction projects, as well as architects and even a past-president of the national PTA who works in school construction," said Ronald Ramsey, School Board Chair. "Multiple points raised during the different presentations and their question-and-answer sessions strengthened our belief that we are moving step by step in the right direction for our students and the Staunton community with our hoped-for high school project."

Staunton City School Board members regularly attend conferences and training sessions provided by the Virginia School Boards Association as a part of the School Board's ongoing efforts to stay abreast of current issues and trends impacting public education.

Lee High Competes in Science Olympiad

(STAUNTON, VA – April 17, 2015) The Robert E. Lee High School Science Olympiad Team has enjoyed a successful season. The team, which is sponsored by Lee teachers, Crystal Nabers and Louise Pollack, is made up of fifteen members who excel in science and study it with great passion. In late February, they competed in the regional tournament at Charlottesville High School, finishing in 4th place overall. The team garnered 1st place in the Scrambler, 2nd place in Geologic Mapping and Mission Possible, and 5th place in Entomology, It's About Time, and Write it, Do it.

Their success at the regional tournament qualified the team to compete in the Virginia Science Olympiad (VASO) State Tournament, held at Lake Braddock Secondary School on April 11. The Leemen finished in 15th place overall, earning 5th place in Geologic Mapping and 6th place in Scrambler, Anatomy & Physiology and Green Generation. The Leemen Science Olympiad Team continues to have great showings as they further their love of science and prepare for future tournament successes.



The 2015 Robert E. Lee High School Science Olympiad Team -- Front row: Lousie Pollak (Biology Teacher), Megan Payne, Grace Adkins, Cystal Nabors (Science Teacher), 2nd row: Cady VanAssendleft, Sean Stuhlsatz, Bruce Colson, 3rd row: Savannah Faith Clark, Ailec Wu, Chris Gill, 4th row: Gus Hollberg, Jacob Warner, Liam Warren.

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