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Bowling Green School Board Seat

On October 9, 2023, the CCPS School Board received and accepted the resignation of longtime board member, Mr. George Spaulding, Jr. Mr. Spaulding has served on the School Board since 2000. His current four-year term was set to expire in December 2023 and while planning to run for the Bowling Green seat in the November 2023 election, the letter read aloud by Board Chair Shawn Kelley on behalf of Spaulding acknowledged recent health concerns and the desire for the Bowling Green community to have more immediate representation. Mr. Spaulding noted, "The School Board is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and to effect positive change as an advocate for public education." CCPS is grateful for the immeasurable impact Mr. Spaulding has had on the Caroline County P.S. community over the past 50 years.

In the Interim, CCPS Policy BBA states that the board will follow guidance outlined in Code of Virginia § 24.2-228:

Interim appointment to local governing body or elected school board; elected mayor:

A. When a vacancy occurs in a local governing body or an elected school board, the remaining members of the body or board, respectively, within 45 days of the office becoming vacant, may appoint a qualified voter of the election district in which the vacancy occurred to fill the vacancy. If a majority of the remaining members of the body or board cannot agree, or do not act, the judges of the circuit court of the county or city may make the appointment. Notwithstanding any charter provisions to the contrary, the person so appointed shall hold office only until the qualified voters fill the vacancy by special election pursuant to § 24.2-682 and the person so elected has qualified. Any person so appointed shall hold office the same as an elected person and shall exercise all powers of the elected office.

In accordance with state law, the CCPS School Board has unanimously determined that the outcome of the incumbent elected to the Bowling Green seat on November 7, 2023 will serve the remainder of Spaulding's term, which expires on December 31, 2023. Board Clerk Lisa Stevens stated, "Ideally November 13, 2023 would be the first meeting the new representative will be seated; however, the candidate would need to be sworn in as a constitutional officer prior to beginning. Should this not occur in time for the November meeting, the elected board member would begin in December."

"On behalf of our entire board," Kelley said, "I want to offer our deepest appreciation to Mr. Spaulding for his unwavering support throughout his tenure of athletics, education, teacher support, and support staff for which he was such a consistent advocate. His dedication to our school division, children and community is beyond reproach, and serves as inspiration for all."