

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Prince George's County Public Schools
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

NAMING OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT THE WILLIAM S. SCHMIDT CENTER "THE JOHN NEVILLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING"

First Reader: September 12, 2011

Second Reader: October 13, 2011

It was moved by Mrs. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Jacobs and Ms. Johnson, that the Prince George's County Board of Education hereby agrees to rename the Administration Building at the William S. Schmidt Center, "The John Neville Administration Building"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Environmental Education Programs at the William S. Schmidt Center is to enable students to make decisions and take actions that create and maintain an optimal relationship between themselves and the environment, and to preserve and protect the unique natural resources of Maryland, particularly those of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing hosted by the Board of Education was held on October 3, 2011, to provide an opportunity for the public to recommend a name for the Administration Building at the William S. Schmidt Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John J. Neville began his employment with the Prince George's County Public Schools System in February 1967 at Beacon Heights Elementary School as a sixth grade teacher; served as an Elementary Science Specialist; Environmental Education Specialist; Supervisor of Environmental Education and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neville served as the point person for managing the William S. Schmidt Center from the Johnny on the Spot campsites beginning in 1974 through the development of the residential overnight centers until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neville has been an employee with the Prince George's County Public Schools for forty-six years and has served, advised, guided, counseled, and dedicated himself to the students and staff at the William S. Schmidt Center for forty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neville developed a long standing partnership with Keep Prince Georges County Beautiful, The Alice Fergusson Foundation, the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District, the Prince George's County Forestry Board, the Maryland Association of Outdoor and Environmental Education, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's County Police Department, Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corp (JROTC), Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and numerous other local groups; and

WHEREAS, through his service to the students, teachers and community, Mr. Neville leaves a legacy of devotion that aligns with the Children Come First Core Beliefs of the Prince George's County Public Schools; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County strongly supports the "will of the community" as supported by endorsement of the past and current students, teachers and administrators in the recognition of Mr. Neville's dedication to the William S. Schmidt Center; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education further believes the naming of the Administration Building after Mr. John J. Neville will honor the admirable service of our colleague and provide a lasting acknowledgement of his exceptional work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County hereby directs that the Administration Building at the William S. Schmidt Environmental Education Center will hereinafter be known as "The John Neville Administration Building. "

Submitted by: Mrs. Beck & Mrs. Jacobs and Ms. Johnson
Agenda Date: September 12, 2011
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Discussion Item:
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