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May. Assistant Superintendent David Murphy suggested that the schools form a committee or advisory board to work in tandem with the school board as an answer to community concerns regarding transparency with respect to ESPLOST projects.

Additionally, he suggested that the board allow Hill to have free rein to direct those projects as long as percentage of completion and percentage of cost were maintained within the guidelines.

Murphy said this would streamline the construction process, thereby saving the taxpayers and the school system money.

He also addressed the issue of retiring and replacing three pick-up trucks, and the board approved bids for three Ford F-150 pick-up trucks at a total cost of \$57,498.

The three old trucks combined have about 700,000 miles on them, with a trade-in value of about \$3,000.

The board approved the fiscal year 2019 Union



Union County Schools Police Chief Chad Deyton in the Aug. 21 regular school board meeting.

Photo by Mark Smith



Union County Middle School Principal Gwen Stafford giving a report on the start of the school year at the August monthly board meeting.

Photo by Mark Smith

County Learning Enrichment Center Grant, formerly the 21st Century Grant. This grant funds the after-school program.

This will be the fifth year of the federal grant, after which the grant application process for this grant must start again.

The grant targets "at-risk" kids and, over the four

previous years, has met nine of its 11 objectives, said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Paula Davenport.

Separately, the board approved Davenport's strategic plan and new mission statement, which reads, "Union County School District prepares ALL students for success."

Primary School Principal Millie Owenby said the new CarRiderPro system for student car riders was working fine, but that it took parents about three days to get in sync with the system.

Middle School Principal Gwen Stafford said that a student experienced a seizure on the return trip to sing the national anthem at the Aug. 18 Gwinnett Stripers baseball game, and that, fortunately, UCS Police Chief Chad Deyton was there to help handle the situation.

High School Principal C.T. Hussion reported that he had 217 seniors this year, and that 180 students are currently dual-enrolled for college classes, with about 90 percent of those classes being taught on campus in a classroom rather than online.

Chief Deyton said students are welcoming the new campus police, and that it's very heartening to see the smaller students giving officers hugs and the older students giving high fives.

Come learn how to help abused and neglected children

Everyone is welcome to come for light lunch and to learn how you can help abused and neglected children in Union and Towns Counties. Enotah CASA's staff and Board members invite you to the meet & greet reception and discussion on the roles of a CASA advocate and an ambassador. The event will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM at the Towns County Historical Society located at 900 N Main Street Hiawassee, GA.

Enotah CASA is a non-profit whose goal is to ensure every abused or neglected child from our community gets a safe and permanent home as soon as possible. We are seeking advocates to build a trusting, caring relationship with a foster child

and to represent their best interests. In addition to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs,) we need Ambassadors to take our message to the public, help raise support for our cause and/or assist with events.

Last year, Enotah CASAs advocated for 324 children in the Enotah Judicial Circuit. The CASA program not only works for children, it also saved Union County over \$151,000 and Towns County nearly \$43,000 with the volunteer services they provided last year. If you are interested in learning about volunteering for CASA please stop by this open house and to make a donation, please call 706-864-0300, or visit www.enotahcasa.org.

Union County Primary and Elementary School Open House Schedules

5th Grade August 28th @ 5:30

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