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James Piatt Selected to Fill Board of Education Vacancy

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 3, 2014 –The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) yesterday voted unanimously to appoint Lusby resident James C. Piatt to the position of First County Commissioner District representative on the Calvert County Board of Education .

Piatt’s appointment fills the vacancy left by Joseph R. Chenelly, who resigned Nov. 1, 2014 to move out of state. He will serve the remaining two years of Chenelly’s term through November 2016.

Piatt is a Senior Reactor Operator at Exelon’s Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. A Navy veteran, he holds master’s degrees in business administration and performance improvement from Grantham University. He and his wife Laurel have two children in the Calvert County public school system.

“I am very excited about this appointment and I look forward to working with the other members of the board of education to tackle the issues we face today,” said Piatt. “Having children and friends who are part of, and work for, the school system, I am a proud supporter of the education process and the Calvert County school system.”

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The BOCC is mandated by state law to fill board of education vacancies. Fifteen candidates applied for the open seat by the Nov. 17 deadline. Two subsequently withdrew their applications and the remaining 13 were interviewed by the Board of County Commissioners.

To qualify for the position, candidates were required to be registered to vote in Calvert County and residents of the First Election District for a minimum of two years before the beginning of the appointed term.

Piatt will be sworn in along with the other elected board of education members Jan. 6, 2015.

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