



Virginia Gov.-elect Terry McAuliffe, left, listens as outgoing Gov. Bob McDonnell addresses the media after their private lunch at the Executive Mansion in Richmond, Va., Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013. (AP Photo/Richmond Times-Dispatch, Bob Brown)

# Governor appoints new board members

By Danielle Kirsh

After a semester of downfalls with Norfolk State University's governing board, Gov. Bob McDonnell has appointed three new members to fill the vacancies.

The new appointments come a month after Gov. McDonnell requested that some of the board members resign and the resignation of former Vice-Rector W. Wayne Perry, Jr. after he was indicted for fraud on Nov. 6.

The new members appointed to fill the vacancies on the board are Ret. Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, former community college president Deborah Di-

Croce and Vice President of Development for Gold Key/PHR Hotels and Resorts Bryan Cuffee.

The appointees join the Board of Visitors after Eddie N. Moore, Jr. was appointed as interim president and CEO of NSU on Sept. 13.

Former board member Henry D. Light resigned on Sept. 27. Julien Patterson also resigned on Oct. 30.

"Each appointee brings unique strengths and experiences to the board that will be vital to carrying out an innovative, strategic path for the University's future. Norfolk State

University has a history of academic excellence, outstanding alumni and strong community support. I have no doubt the University can overcome its current challenges and become a leader again in placing graduates in competitive, in-demand careers," McDonnell said in a statement released on Nov. 7.

McDonnell also appointed two advisors who will serve on an "as-needed" basis. The appointees are former Secretary of Education in Virginia Jim Dyke and NSU alumnus and professor at the University of Virginia Ervin Jordan.

# Education major unfazed by school violence across the country

By Danielle Kirsh

The Oct. 21 Sparks Middle School shooting in Sparks, Nevada comes almost a year after the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, leaving aspiring educators at Norfolk State to question their safety in schools.

There have been 138 fatal school shootings in America since 1980, with the Virginia Tech massacre being the most deadly school shooting in American history.

Some schools across the nation, from elementary to high schools, have implemented procedures in the event of an intruder or an attack from within the school. Educators are also learning self-defense and how to prevent fatalities.

NSU freshman education major Timothy Mallory thinks school systems should implement new tactics in order to keep the school safe.

"More discipline should be enforced, more security and

better structure in classrooms" are things Mallory thinks should be different.

Mallory also said that teachers have to show superiority over students to help keep schools safe.

On Nov. 4, a Maury High School, a tenth grader threw a loaded gun into a bathroom trashcan after being told by a probation officer that he had to be searched before he could re-enter the school. The student has been charged with possession of a firearm on school property, possession of a firearm by a minor and carrying a concealed weapon.

Mallory said that the shootings that have occurred in the schools is "bothersome."

Despite all of the incidents around the country in the last twenty years, Mallory said that his decision to become a teacher will not change.

"If anything, it will make me more observant," Mallory said.



In this Oct. 23, 2013 file photo, Washoe County School Board President Barbara Clark walks past a makeshift memorial in front of Sparks Middle School in Sparks, Nev., where math

teacher Michael Landsberry was killed and two students wounded before a 12-year-old gunman killed himself. (AP Photo/Scott Sonner, File)