

BOARD BULLETIN

A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE **SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**, CARROLLTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING



CMS fourth grade teacher LaKeia King was named the Carrollton City Schools Teacher of the Year at the Sept. 7 Board of Education meeting, selected from a slate of school-level TOTYs. From left are Travis Thomaston, CJHS; King; Sara Williams, CES; and Betsy Downer Brown, CHS. King will now represent the school system at the state competition.

LaKeia King named Teacher of the Year

For the fourth year in a row, a Carrollton Middle School teacher has been named the Carrollton City Schools Teacher of the Year. Fourth grade teacher LaKeia King follows Susan Fields, Sheri Davis and Lori Higgs who were named the Carrollton City Schools Teachers of the Year for 2010, 2009 and 2008.

King, only a fifth-year teacher, was selected from among three of the four school-level Teachers of the Year recognized at the meeting. The other three teachers are Betsy Downer Brown, CHS; Travis Thomaston, CJHS; and Sara Williams, CES. Thomaston was not considered for the system-level award because of his recent promotion to assistant principal at CES.

Trent North, CMS principal, said he heavily recruited King following her exceptional performance as a University of West Georgia student teacher prior to her graduation in 2006. He joked that he had to convince the Habersham County native's mother that Carrollton Middle School was the right fit before she would allow her

daughter to stay in Carrollton.

Dr. Kent Edwards, superintendent, said the selection of the system Teacher of the Year is modeled after the state process. An outside evaluation team coordinated by Personnel Director Robin Gay reviews the TOTY applications, conducts on-site interviews and observes the candidates in their classrooms.

Call to Order

The September meeting of the Carrollton Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. by Dr. James C. Pope, chairman. Dr. Mark Albertus, CHS principal, provided inspiration.

Just before the Teacher of the Year presentations, Dr. Edwards presented board members with certificates recognizing their completion of the Georgia School Boards Association annual

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training for board members. He also recognized new CES assistant principals Travis Thomaston and Melanie Brooks, and outgoing Teacher of the Year Susan Fields, who were in attendance.

Staff Reports

Dr. Kent Edwards, superintendent, summarized staff and financial reports and the board voted to accept them as written. He noted that the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) labs at CHS and CJHS are in use and have been well received at both schools.

Old Business

No old business was brought before the board.

New Business

In new business, the board approved a one-vote consent agenda that included fund-raising requests and out-of-state travel.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Edwards presented a written report of his activities and also updated the board on SPLOST revenue. Dr. Edwards said SPLOST revenue collections have been holding steady, but still tracking below initial projections made before the economy soured.

Personnel

Dr. Edwards accepted the resignation of Mary Gwen Wilson, counselor (49%), CHS, and the retirement of Jane Barclay, special education teacher, CES.

The board approved the following recommendations: Sheanoka Almon, Rebecca Trent, paraprofessionals, CES. The board also approved the transfer of Brittney Jiles, teacher, to CES, and medical leave for Misty Williams, teacher, CES, from Nov. 1 to Jan. 3.