

Communiqué

A brief summary of the December 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Douglas County Board of Education work session and meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting and work session are posted online. For an agenda from the December 4 meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Board Recognition

Chapel Hill High School

Principal Sean Kelly introduced the 2017 Georgia High School Association 4A State Competition Cheerleading Champions from Chapel Hill High School. Chapel Hill is the first school in Douglas County history to win a state title in cheerleading.

Recognized were coaches Cheryl Handley and Alyssa Handley-Lascek and team members Kailey Belcher, Ashlyn Boles, Kennedy Cherry, Mikayla Cleary, Kaydee Cohran, Bralyn Curry, Dajah Evans, Ivana Fiallos, Aliyah Hutton, Ashley Hutton, Hannah Jackson, Kennedy King, Nyah Priester, Aliyah Robinson, Anaiya Rubin, Olivia Sorensen, Sydney Stoutmire, Capri Stroud, and Katelynn Tingen.

State Representative Roger Bruce Proclamation

Board of Education Vice Chair Michelle Simmons introduced State Representative Roger Bruce and presented a proclamation honoring Representative Bruce for his work representing District 61 in the Georgia House of Representatives. Representative Bruce has made a significant impact on the Douglas County community through his focus on issues related to children with special needs, the aging, education, working families, economic development, voting rights, and criminal justice.

Shuronda Richardson Proclamation

Andy Micacchione, Director of Transportation, presented a proclamation honoring Shuronda Richardson, driver of bus #315, for her heroic actions in evacuating students from her bus when it caught on fire following an unavoidable accident on November 10. December 12, 2017, was declared Shuronda Richardson Day in the Douglas County School System.

New Business

Board approved the dates for the 2018 Board of Education meetings. Click [here](#) for schedule.

Work Session Agenda

- Michael Smentkiewicz from USHA Software LLC presented information on FTE Track and ABC Data. The software will assist with FTE data reporting and has additional applications.
- Greg Denney presented an analysis compiled by Becky Eigel on custodial/grounds services.

Discussion Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership

Pam Nail recommended approval of a one year subscription for Star 360, a universal screener for students in grades 1-6. Star 360 will replace AIMSweb.

Finance

- Greg Denney recommended approval of financial reports for July, August, September, and October, 2017.
- Mr. Denney recommended the order of 65 school buses using the Georgia DOAS Statewide Contract. Buses will be delivered in August, 2018, and include 45 72-passenger regular education buses, 10 54-passenger special education buses, and 10 16-passenger activity buses.

Operations

Dr. Tim Scott recommended approval of the purchase of hardware and installation of the Audio Enhancement SAFE System and classroom cameras in classrooms at Burnett Elementary, Chestnut Log Middle, Lithia Springs Elementary, New Manchester Elementary, and Turner Middle School.

Personnel and Policy

Dr. Michelle Ruble recommended changes to Board Policy GCRD: Classified Personnel Overtime Pay and to board policy JBCCA: Student Assignment to Schools.

Action Agenda

- Items recommended for approval under the work session agenda were approved.
- Board approved certified and classified personnel, including the appointment of Lynn Murray as Executive Director of PET effective January 2, 2018, and the retirement of Andy Micacchione, Director of Transportation, effective September 1, 2018.

Information Only

Overnight and out of state field trips were presented for review.

Present were Board Members Tracy Rookard, District III, Chair; Michelle Simmons, District IV, Vice Chair; Devetrian Caldwell, District I; D.T. Jackson, District II; and Jeff Morris, District V. Also present were Superintendent Trent North; Chief Academic Officer Pam Nail; Assistant Superintendent of District Operations Dr. Tim Scott; Chief Financial Officer Greg Denney; Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Policy Dr. Michelle Ruble; Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Renee Davis; Director of Community Relations Karen Stroud; Director of Public Information Portia Lake; Communications Director Nell Boggs; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

January 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m. BOE Work Session

January 16, 2018, 2:00 p.m. Whole Board Governance Training

January 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting