

Communiqué

A brief summary of the February 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Douglas County Board of Education work session follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting and work session are posted online. For an agenda from the February 5 meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

(See personnel announcements from the January 16 BOE meeting at the end of this Communiqué.)

Work Session Agenda

2018-2019 High School Schedules

High school principals presented their scheduling plans for 2018-2019. Schedules were determined based on research; surveys of parents, students, and staff; achievement data; and scheduling needs/challenges for the school's student population. The following schedules will be in effect for 2018-2019:

- **Alexander High School** – Alexander will maintain its current modified “Straight 8” schedule. Students will take eight classes each day all year.
- **Chapel Hill High School** – Chapel Hill will move from a modified “A-B Block” schedule to a traditional “4x4 Block.” Students will take four classes the first semester and four different classes the second semester.
- **Douglas County High School** – Douglas County will move from an “A-B Block” schedule to a “4x4 Block.” Students will take four classes the first semester and four different classes the second semester. IB students in 11th and 12th grades will take eight year-long classes on an “Alternating Block” schedule.
- **Lithia Springs High School** – Lithia will maintain its rotating “A-B Block” schedule. Students will have eight classes that last all year with four class periods each day.
- **New Manchester High School** will move to the “4x4 Block” schedule. Students will take four classes the first semester and four different classes the second semester.

2018-2019 Budget Draft Timeline

A rough draft of the 2018-2019 budget adoption timeline was discussed.

Board Agenda Items

Student Achievement and Leadership

Recommendation was made to approve at the February 12, 2018, BOE meeting the purchase of the following:

- Math instructional resources for grades 1-5. Hard copy and digital resources were made available to all teachers and administrators for review for approximately two months.
- Math instructional resources for grades 6-8. Teachers and administrators attended vendor presentations and provided feedback on each resource. Hard copy and digital resources were made available to all teachers and administrators for review for approximately two months.

Finance

Chief Financial Officer Greg Denney presented for approval at the February 12, 2018, BOE meeting:

- Financial reports for November and December, 2017
- Purchase of classroom and office furniture for the new addition at Lithia Springs Elementary School

Operations

Recommendation was made to approve at the February 12, 2018, BOE meeting the annual renewal of the Cisco Smartnet support contract with Disys Solutions.

Personnel and Policy

Recommendation was made to approve at the February 12, 2018, BOE meeting changes to Board Policy JBC(1): Homeless Students.

For Information Only

- Revisions to JBC(1) Exhibits 1-5 and JBC(1)-R(1)
- After School Camps
- February is Black History Month.
- February 17 is National PTA Founders Day.
- February 5-9 is National School Counseling Week.
- February 1-28 is CTAE Month.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

Monday, February 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting

Monday, March 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m. BOE Work Session

Present were Board Members Tracy Rookard, District III, Chair; Devettrion Caldwell, District I; 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.

Personnel Announcements from January 16, 2018, BOE Meeting

The following personnel changes will take place effective July 1, 2018:

- Melanie Manley, Principal of Holly Springs Elementary, was appointed Area Executive Director.
- Cheryl Handley, Special Education Supervisor, was appointed Special Education Director.
- Maria Life, Transportation Coordinator, was appointed Transportation Director.
- Quincy McNair, Transportation Manager in DeKalb County Schools, was appointed Transportation Assistant Director.

The following DCSS teachers were appointed Elementary Content Specialists effective July 1, 2018:

- Lauren Cook and K'Asha Davis, English Language Arts
- Tammy Morris, Art
- Samantha Shipp, Social Studies
- Nicole Smith-Hall, Math
- Tanish Springer, Science