

Communiqué

A summary of the February 1, 2016, Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For details and attachments from the February 1 board meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Spotlight

PTA

Dr. Pritz recognized February 17, 2016, as National PTA Founders Day and introduced **Ms. Debra Lane** and **Ms. Mara Mays**, co-presidents of the Douglas County Council of PTAs. Ms. Mays read the Proclamation for National PTA Founders Day.

CTAE

Dr. Pritz recognized February as Career and Technical Education Month and introduced **Mrs. Mandy Johnson**, Director of College and Career Programs, and **Alexa Scott**, a senior and a member of the JROTC at Alexander High School. Alexa read the 2016 Proclamation for Career and Technical Education Month.

Dr. Pritz recognized Captain Ted McMurtrie, JROTC instructor at Chapel Hill High School, and the members of the Color Guard who presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting:

Avery Ward

Brendan Whitten

Benjamin Magee

Austin Ward

Allison Legrand

National School Counseling Week

Dr. Pritz recognized **Mrs. Mandy Johnson** and **Mr. Cedric Slay**, counselor at Sweetwater Elementary. Mr. Slay read the proclamation for National School Counseling Week, February 1-5, 2016.

Counselor of the Year

Dr. Pritz recognized the finalists and winners for Counselor of the Year.

The Elementary School Counselor of the Year is **Coletta Warren** from Mt. Carmel Elementary School. Finalists were:

Heather Rainey—Arbor Station

Tysha Vann—Mason Creek

Cedric Slay—Sweetwater

Tiffanie Wright—Burnett

The Middle School Counselor of the Year is **Monal Nabulsi** from Chapel Hill Middle School. Finalists were:

Tamara Moreland—Stewart and Yeager

Tangelia Thompson—Stewart

The High School Counselor of the Year is **Jen Travis** from New Manchester High School. Finalist was:

Melissa Nelson-Graham—Chapel Hill High

Black History Month

Dr. Pritz recognized that February 1 marks the beginning of Black History Month. He asked Board members and the audience to refer to the list of activities all schools will host during the month to celebrate Black History Month. The list is posted on the DCSS website as a news article and is available in eBOARD. Some of the events are open to the public.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved certified and classified personnel, including the retirement of Tommy Shadinger, Principal of Factory Shoals Elementary, effective June 10, 2016, and Richard Stone, SPED Coordinator, effective February 29, 2016.

The Board approved purchase of McGraw Hill-Learning and Assessment Management System as presented.

Action Agenda

Finance

The Board approved purchase of the MUNIS-Bid Management and eProcurement Modules as additional components to the current financial software system.

The Board approved the December, 2015, financial report as presented.

Operations

The Board approved the annual renewal of software maintenance and support for CompassLearning for all middle and elementary schools.

The Board approved a resolution certifying that all accounts for the Jim Steele Academy at Douglas County High School have been paid in full. The Georgia Department of Education will issue a project Cost Certification form for the release of the remaining balance of the state reimbursement funds to the Douglas County School System in the amount of \$164,183.50.

Information Only

Overnight and out of state field trips

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I, Vice Chair; Tracy Rookard, District III; Michelle Simmons, District IV; and Jeff Morris, District V. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Gordon Pritz; 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 E. Renee Davis; Community Relations Director Karen Stroud; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.