

Communiqué

A summary of the February 8, 2016, Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For details and attachments from the February 8 board meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Spotlight

Chapel Hill Middle School

Several students were honored for individual achievements.

Chancellor Lee-Parker – DC Middle School Football Offensive MVP and A/B Honor Roll

Sara Guger – CHMS Spelling Bee winner

Chancellor Brown – Star Student from Mr. Ulmer's Class

"YJ" Obaseyjosam Arikpo – Star Student from Mrs. Cox's Class

Georgia Stinchcomb – First Place in the District Science Fair

Ella Stinchcomb – First Place in the District Science Fair

Victoria Naile – First Place in the District Science Fair and Best-in Fair for Middle School

PTSO

Mrs. Tracy Benedict was recognized for serving as a PTSO Executive Officer for eight years.

Faculty

Ms. Carrin Daniels – 2015-2016 CHMS Teacher of the Year

Mr. Matt Ulmer – Outstanding service as teacher of students with autism

Ms. Jeana Lowe – Outstanding service as paraprofessional for students with autism

Mrs. April Cox – Outstanding service as teacher of deaf and hard of hearing

Chapel Hill High School

Academics and Leadership

Emily Austin – CHHS STAR Student

Shane Porter – Winner of 2016 Disney Dreamers Academy Essay Contest

Ally Carpenter – First Place and Best in Show at the Douglas County Science Fair

Softball Student Athletes

Ashley Morgan – Douglas County Pitcher of the Year, State 5AAAAA Softball Play of the Year

Shelby Robinson – Dugout Club All State Team

Savana Sikes – Douglas County Hitter of the Year, GACA 1st Team All State

Bella Caricari – GACA 1st Team All State

Fine Arts

The following students have been selected to advance to the State Interview round of the Governor's Honors Program in Fine Arts:

Cierra Fountain
Jake Melish

Ashlyn Mahar
Chandler West

Logen Roberts

Teachers

Ms. Sandy Smith – CHHS Teacher of the Year

Mr. Zac Cooper – 2015-2016 CHHS STAR Teacher

Dr. Sean Kelly – One of six finalists for the Georgia Principal of the Year Award

Audience Participation

Parent Mrs. Lynne Cole, co-chair of the Committee for Excellence in Education, spoke in support of ESPLOST V.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved certified and classified personnel.

Discussion Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership

Mrs. Pam Nail presented a list of textbooks under consideration for foreign language instruction. She also provided the cost and the process used for selecting the books. Recommendation will be made at the March 7, 2016 Board Meeting to approve the purchase. The books are available for review by the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Central Office located at 9030 Highway 5, Douglasville, from February 9 – 25, 2016.

Student Services

Ms. Renee Davis presented information on the School Based Health Center.

Action Agenda

Finance

Mr. Greg Denney recommended approval to purchase weight equipment for Douglas County High School. The purchase will be funded through a donation.

Information Only

Dr. Ruble presented revisions to the IHE-E(3) Retention/Promotion Recommendation Form.

Overnight and out-of-state field trips

Mrs. Pam Nail presented a draft of the strategic waivers school system application document.

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; 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; Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson; and Community Relations Specialist Nell Boggs.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

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

Board Planning Session on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.