

Communiqué

Special Called Board Meeting – Strategic Waivers School System Public Hearing

On March 21, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, a special called board meeting was held to offer information and public input for the Strategic Waivers School System Application. Superintendent Dr. Gordon Pritz asked if anyone present had questions or input. No one came forward. The final opportunity for public input was held during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#). Click the second agenda item for supporting documents.

A summary of the March 21, 2016, Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the March 21 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

North Douglas Elementary

Principal Ms. Fran Davis and Assistant Principal Dr. Sherritta Abell assisted Dr. Pritz in the following recognitions.

Teacher of the Year

Ms. Jami Brooks is the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year for North Douglas.

Math Bowl

1st place individual competition for 5th grade—Jaida Sampson

1st place team competition for 3rd grade

Kendan Arnold	Melissa Barmore	Natalia Gilmore
Edana Johnson	Darius Turner	

2nd place team competition for 3rd grade

Chloe Dollar	Kaden Burley	Brice Porter
Barrion Varner	Monica Velazquez	

Alternates – Enos Zaah and Zy'Vere Hastings

Math Team Coaches

Ms. Camil Hayes	Ms. Christy McCoy
Ms. Anitra Paige	Ms. Allison Vereen

Chess Team

Douglas County Elementary Chess Championship Individual Winner – Adayla Horstkamp

8th Place Overall

Neyshawn Spearman – 5 th grade	Andre Patrick-Smith – 5 th grade
Alexys Ross – 5 th grade	

14th Place Overall
Carter Powe – 3rd grade

Joshua Short – 3rd grade

Chess Team Coaches
Mr. Ben Harbor

Ms. Jill Perry

Mr. Timothy Savidge

North Douglas Spelling Bee Winner

Micah West

Random Acts of Kindness Club

Founder – Nicholas Downing

Sponsors

Ms. Leilani Wood
Ms. Katie Henry

Ms. Jennifer Shumake
Ms. Virginia Watts

Stewart Middle School

Principal Ms. Robyn Scott and Assistant Principal Mr. E.W. Tolbert assisted Dr. Pritz with the following recognitions.

Stewart Spelling Bee

Winner – Aldrick Andoh

Runner-Up – Emily Jackson

Coordinators

Ms. Tanganeke Shackleford

Mrs. Regina Gladney

Mrs. Heather Deal

Beta Club

Outstanding Performance in Speech and Art Competitions at State Beta Convention

Jasmine Sampson – 7th grade

Harrison Lucas – 7th grade

Recipient of the Carson Scholars Fund – Harrison Lucas

Sponsors

Ms. “T-Shack” Shackleford

Ms. Edwige Julien

Mrs. Verne Cheney

Accelerated Reader

Top Point Earner – Abi Griffin

2nd Place – Aldrick Andoh

4-H

1st Place winners in Douglas county 4-H Competition

Kyla Calvert

RJ Huff

Aaliyah Reid

Tia Dash

Montaze Kendrick

Sonje Taylor

Ashley Flanigan

Paul Lacap

Nyla Turner

Taylan Graham

Danielle Raghoob

Arlett Zepeda

Coordinators

Dr. Sherry Sutton

Ms. Dana Mason

Ms. "T-Shack" Shackelford

Mathletes

1st Place 6th Grade Individual Math Competition – Eric Boyzo

1st Place Math Team for 6th Grade

Eric Boyzo

Aldrick Andoh

Trent Cato

Coordinators

Ms. Edwige Julien

Ms. Cathleen Gillespie

ESPLOST V

The following members of the Community ESPLOST V Committee were recognized for their work on educating voters about the ESPLOST referendum.

Stephanie Bleakley

Myesha Good

John Sell

Lynne Cole

Jerry Hall

Dudley Spruill

Kali Boatright

Janet Kelley

Jeff and Lesia Vick

Ed Cahill

Kascia Lipford

Nancy Workman

Lenny Draper

Heather Scott

Ed and Mary Sue Murray Educational Center

Mr. Jackson recognized Mr. Ed and Dr. Mary Sue Murray for their contributions to education in Douglas County and the state and acknowledged tonight's agenda item of naming the Central Office Annex West in their honor.

Unfinished Business/Committee Reports

GSBA Legislative Positions – The Board will continue discussions at the next meeting.

Mr. Jackson will serve as the delegate to the GSBA Conference and Delegate Assembly. Mr. Morris will serve as alternate.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved:

- Certified and classified personnel, including the retirement of Dr. Larry Moore, Assistant Principal at DCHS
- The recommendation to name the Annex West the Ed and Mary Sue Murray Educational Center
- Tentative teacher allotments for FY 2017
- Painting at CHHS, DCHS, BAES, FSMS, and MAMS
- FY 2017 solid waste management contract with Waste Industries
- Purchase of updated hardware and annual support for the MediaCAST Digital Learning Platform
- Purchase of desktops and laptops as part of the ongoing refresh of obsolete technology equipment and to provide additional devices for schools
- Annual renewal of the Cisco Smartnet support contract

- Annual renewal of the ParentLink automated messaging system
- The surplus of items from School Food Service

Discussion Agenda

Operations

Recommendation will be made to approve at the April 11, 2016, board meeting:

- Repaving and sealing of deteriorated asphalt at DCHS and NMHS
- Purchase of carpet from Milliken to replace carpet in the Central Office and Annex East Office area
- Purchase of carpet from Milliken to replace carpet at MCES, NDES, MLES, and the Annex East media centers

Student Services

Recommendation will be made to approve at the April 11, 2016, board meeting:

- Addendum to the consultant agreement with Dr. Maurice Wilson/MLW Consulting
- Addendum to the consultant agreement with EPIC as presented

Action Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership

The public was invited to make comments or ask questions about the Strategic Waivers School System Application during the fourth and final opportunity for public input. No one came forward.

The Board approved the Strategic Waivers School System Application as presented. The application will be submitted to the GA Department of Education for approval at its March 30, 2016, meeting.

Information Only

Overnight out of state field trip

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I, Vice Chair; Tracy Rookard, District III; 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 Specialist Nell Boggs; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

Budget Planning Session, Monday, April 11, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.