

Communiqué

Special Called Board Meeting – Strategic Waivers School System Public Hearing

At 6:30 prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, a special called board meeting was held. Pam Nail presented information regarding the Strategic Waivers School System Application. Dr. Pritz asked if anyone present had input. No one came forward with comments. There will be additional opportunities for public input. For more information, click [here](#). Click the second agenda item for supporting documents.

A summary of the March 7, 2016, Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the March 7 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

Fine Arts

Dr. Pritz recognized March as Music in Our Schools Month. **Grace Greene** from Mason Creek Middle School read the Proclamation.

Dr. Pritz recognized March as Youth Art Month and acknowledged the art exhibits at the Board of Education, Douglas County Courthouse, and Cultural Arts Center. **Alyssa Roe** and **Madison Judd** from Winston Elementary read the Youth Art Month Proclamation.

Dr. Pritz recognized March as Theatre in Our Schools Month. **Ally Edwards** from Lithia Springs High School read the proclamation.

Exceptional Children

Dr. Pritz recognized March as Exceptional Children's Month. **Christopher Morgan** from Mt. Carmel Elementary read the proclamation in Braille. Christopher was accompanied by his teacher of Braille, **Ms. Monica Harris**.

School Nutrition Services

Dr. Pritz recognized March 7-11 as National School Breakfast Week. **Ms. Kathleen Albertson**, café manager at Eastside Elementary, read the official proclamation.

Social Workers

March was recognized as National School Social Workers Month. **Dr. Terry Brown**, social worker at Eastside Elementary, Factory Shoals Elementary, and Factory Shoals Middle, read the proclamation.

School Board

Dr. Pritz acknowledged March 14-18 as School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. He expressed appreciation to members of the DCSS Board and recognized that our Board is one of 32 out of 180 boards in Georgia to be honored as a 2015 Quality Board.

New Business

Ed and Mary Sue Murray Educational Center

Per request made to the board, recommendation will be made at the March 21 board meeting to approve naming Annex West the Ed and Mary Sue Murray Educational Center in honor of the couple's dedication and contribution to education in Douglas County and the state.

Georgia School Board Association Legislative Positions

The Board will review the 2016 GSBA Legislative Positions and submit proposals prior to April 15, 2016.

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the GSBA Conference and Delegate Assembly

The board will appoint a delegate and alternate prior to April 15, 2016.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved certified and classified personnel. DeMarcos Holland was named principal at New Manchester High School effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Holland currently serves as a high school principal for Atlanta Public Schools. Stefanie Stinchcomb was named interim principal at Yeager Middle School, and Tommy Thorne was named teacher on special assignment as assistant principal at Yeager Middle School, both effective March 2, 2016. Sheila Miller, principal of Holly Springs Elementary, will retire effective June 10, 2016.

The board approved the adoption of the foreign language instructional resources for middle and high schools.

Discussion Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership

Recommendation will be made to approve the Douglas County School System Strategic Waivers School System Application at the March 21, 2016, board meeting. Opportunity was offered for public input.

Information on tentative FY 2017 teacher allotments was presented and will be recommended for approval on March 21, 2016.

Operations

Recommendation was made to approve the following expenditures at the March 21, 2016, board meeting:

- Painting at CHHS, DCHS, BAES, FSMS, MCMS
- Renewal of solid waste management contract with Waste Industries
- 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

Action Agenda

Operations

The joint facility use agreement with Douglas County Board of Commissioners was approved.

HVAC renovation for Alexander High School was approved.

The school-based health center at Burnett Elementary was approved.

Information Only

The Business Services Department will host a meeting “How to Do Business with the Douglas County School System” on Friday, April 22, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Over Night and Out of State Field Trips

The BCBI-E Public Participation at Board Meetings form has been modified.

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I, Vice Chair; Tracy Rookard, District III; and Michelle Simmons, District IV. 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; Community Relations Director Karen Stroud; Community Relations Specialist Nell Boggs; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

Board Planning Session on Saturday, March 19, 2016, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Special Called Board Meeting – Strategic Waivers School System Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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