

## Communiqué

### **Budget Planning Session, May 1, 2017, 5:00 p.m.**

- The Board held the first opportunity for the public to provide comments on the 2017-2018 budget. No one signed up to speak.
- The School Leadership Team and Board members will continue budget development for FY18.

A summary of the May 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Douglas County Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the May 1 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

### **Proclamations**

- **School Nutrition Employee Week** is May 1-5, 2017. The proclamation summary was read by Teresa Woljevach, café manager at Mason Creek Middle School and president-elect for the Douglas County School Nutrition Association.
- **National School Nurse Day** is May 10, 2017. The proclamation summary was read by Zach Spencer, coordinator of safety, health & emergency preparedness. The school nurses were recognized: Shannon Hendrix, Nancy McCready, Carol Miller, Kia Redwine, Amy Reyes, Jaime Reyes, and Kay Thompson.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** is May 1-5, 2017. Rachel Rogers, 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for Douglas County, read a summary of the proclamation.

### **Superintendent's Spotlight**

#### **Emergency Response**

Larinda Procuero was honored for successfully performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student in distress.

#### **Governor's Honors Program**

The following students were recognized for being selected to attend the 2017 Governor's Honors Program:

**Alexander High School** – Colby Davis, Music, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and Avery Timmons, Science, 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**Chapel Hill High School** – Desiree Barnett, Visual Arts, 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**Douglas County High School** – Aldo Barriente, Communicative Arts, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; Devon Boatright, Mathematics, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; John Buterbaugh, Social Studies, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; Madalin How, Social Studies, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; Jennifer Liu, Mathematics, 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Sierra McIntosh, Dance, 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Christiana Pittman, Spanish, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; Patrick Spoor, Mathematics, 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**New Manchester High School** – Destiny Felder, Dance 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and Tyler Lewis, Music, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

## Young Georgia Authors

The following students were named district level winners for their grade level:

Kindergarten, Jacobi Powell, Eastside Elementary; 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Lexi Shearouse, Winston Elementary; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Wyatt Brady, South Douglas Elementary; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Ava Emberson, Mason Creek Elementary; 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Kelia Agbor, Factory Shoals Elementary; 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Nailah Goldsby, Mirror Lake Elementary. Nailah is also the Elementary School Level Winner for the county. 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Zanelle Zabala, Mason Creek Middle School; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jelidiah Gyamfi, Chapel Hill Middle School; 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Julia Milton, Turner Middle School. Julia is also the Middle School Level Winner for the county. 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Presley Webb, Alexander High School. Presley is also the High School Level Winner for the county and won Best in Show for the school system. 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Blair Cowan, Lithia Springs High School; 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Jazmynn Flewellen, Douglas County High School; and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Brenden Benson, Douglas County High School.

## Operation HOPE

The following students were recognized for successfully completing the 12 week youth entrepreneur program "HOPE Business in a Box Academies."

**New Manchester High School** – 12<sup>th</sup> grade: Dion Johnson, Jordan Villafana, Farimang Singhateh, Alan Boyd, and Julian Wetherington. 11<sup>th</sup> grade: Christopher Green, Xavier Crawford, Antwaun Edwards, Justin Greene, Robert Calypso, and Marquis Shelton. 10<sup>th</sup> grade: Jayda Moore, Denea Carson, Maliyah Remice, and Marvin Walton.

**Turner Middle School** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Gavin Ryan, Kamaria McCrary, Ramone Bushby, and Taija Maxey. 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Allison Hughes, Alicia Washington, and Rachel Allen.

## Personnel

Certified and classified personnel were approved and appointments will be effective July 17, 2017, including:

- Dr. Emily Felton, Assistant Principal at Sweetwater Elementary, was appointed Principal of Sweetwater Elementary to replace Dr. Teresa Martin who will serve as Principal on Special Assignment to assist in an administrative role at Chapel Hill Elementary until her retirement November 1.
- Timothy Jenkins, Assistant Principal at Annette Winn Elementary, was appointed Principal of Eastside Elementary to replace Sean Roach. Mr. Roach was named Principal on Special Assignment as Interim Coordinator of Health, Safety, and Emergency Preparedness to replace Zach Spencer who is retiring June 30.
- Fhonda Strong, Assistant Principal at Fairplay Middle School, was named Principal of Fairplay Middle School to replace Yvonne Kidney who is retiring effective June 1.
- Gary Morris, Assistant Principal at Chapel Hill High School, was named Director of the College and Career Institute (CCI) to replace Mandy Johnson who will continue in her role as Director of College and Career Programs in its newly enhanced and broadened capacity.
- E.W. Tolbert, Assistant Principal at Stewart Middle School, will transfer to Turner Middle School as Assistant Principal. He will replace John Rowe who is retiring effective July 1.

## **Operations**

Board approved:

- One year renewal fee for K-12 Solutions/Infinite Campus to include the addition of the online registration module
- Renewal of Let's Talk! communication platform
- Purchase of student furniture for the new classrooms being assembled at CCI from the 10 classroom modular building being relocated from Mirror Lake Elementary
- Surplus of mobile classroom unites at CCI and Lithia Springs Elementary

The department recommended for approval at the May 15, 2017, meeting:

- Renewal of the Microsoft Premier Support Agreement
- Annual renewal of the Microsoft School Licensing Agreement
- Replacement and upgrade of the turf athletic field at New Manchester High School due to premature wear. The field is under warranty and can be upgraded to Revolution 360 Turf with CoolPlay at a cost of \$154,184. The upgrade would make the field equitable with those at the other four high schools and extend the warranty for an additional eight years.

## **Student Achievement and Leadership**

The department recommended for approval at the May 15, 2017, meeting:

- Renewal for Accelerated Reader
- One year AIMSweb subscription and license agreement
- Purchase of McGraw Hill instructional materials for special education students
- Agreements with Comprehensive Therapy Consultants for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy services
- Contract with Southern Behavioral Group for various services
- Contract with Vision Rehabilitation Services of GA, Inc. to provide orientation and mobility training to low vision/blind students

Board upheld the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter petition for the Bettye Cardwell School of International Studies.

## **Finance**

Board approved the March, 2017, Financial Report.

## **Information Only**

Summer camps and overnight and out of state field trips were presented for review.

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

**Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education**

May 6, 2017, 8:00 a.m. Special Called Board Meeting

May 7, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Special Called Board Meeting

May 15, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Budget Planning Meeting

May 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

June 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting