

Communiqué

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

The School Leadership Team and Board members continued budget development for FY18.

A summary of the May 15, 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 15 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

Youth Leadership Douglas

The following 11th graders were recognized for completing the Youth Leadership Douglas spring class. The program is led by Sara Ray, Douglas County Chamber of Commerce, and Whitney Lester, New Manchester High School.

Alexander High School -- Folasade Fasina-Thomas, Alex Godfrey, Nathan Greenwood, Landry Solomon, Jake Suttles, Mackenzie Tanner, and Avery Timmons

Chapel Hill High School -- Laura Braswell, Jayce Easterwood, Nahdia Johnson, Edy O'Shields, Kristin Pirkle, and Cory Raxton

Douglas County High School -- Madalin How, Zaviyah Hudson, Zania Jackson, Joviane Leandre, and Jordan Williams

Lithia Springs High School – Alexis Gray, Jaden Lamar, and Miles Rucker

State Winners

The following state winners were recognized:

Factory Shoals Middle School – The following students won state honors at the Beta Club Convention: Haven Brown, Imaijah Bernardezruiz, Makayla Coleman, Rachel Celestin, Christopher Suarez, Michaela Robinson, Morgan Gooden, Kendall King, Madison Bradley, Chinelo Ireh, Madison Bell, and Antonae Johnson. Sponsors are Esther Aligbe and Louis Smith.

Yeager Middle School – Alexa Robles won Fourth Honors at the GA Science & Engineering Fair.

Alexander High School

All State Chorus – Enoch Dotson, Luke Dixon, Colby Davis, and Joseph Moran. Chorus teacher is Sandra Chandler.

Tome Society State Winners – Avery Timmons, Elizabeth Blevins. Sponsor is Kim Boehman.

DECA – Kaden Vanwey was elected state vice president for the Georgia DECA Association. Sponsor is Melissa Claiborne.

CTI – Keeley Grizzard and Blake Henslee placed 1st in state in the state CTI competition. Teacher is Pam Jarek.

Cross Country – AAAAAA State Champions. Team members are Braeden Collins, Warren Taylor, Tyler Whorton, Austin Muse, Koi Williams, Mekhi Williams, and Nick Albanese. Braeden Collins is the Individual Cross Country State Champion. Coaches are Brian Robinson, Steve Duncan, Jeff Railey, and Jeremy Williams.

Track – Braeden Collins is the state champion in the 1600 and 3200 meter run. Brenda Ayuk is the state champion in the 800 meter run. Boys team placed 3rd overall in state. Brian Robinson is the track coach.

Wrestling – Winner of both the AAAAAA Dual State Championship and AAAAAA Traditional State Championship. Team members include Zayd Ansari, Garrett Berry, Deandre Burton, Chandler Cadman, Taylor Cantrell, Gil Crew, Cole Driskell, London Dubroc, Vinnie Ferrara, Ryan Flaherty, Nathaniel Green, Xavier Jamerson, Reese Kingston, Zach Loner, Spencer Myers, Little Nelson, Colton Norfleet, Conner Perry, Alex Ragland, Reid Rogers, and Wade Warnock. Coaches are Sean Moistner, Daryk Cochran, Kyle Cadman, Joe Hinchman, Dennis Callahan, and Kyle Sanders.

Softball – Brooke Strickland, Faith Shirley, and Gracyn Thrasher were named to the All State Softball 1st Team. Coach is Zach Graham.

Georgia Scholars – Katherine Gamel and Carter Lankford

Chapel Hill High School

Georgia Scholars – Kayla McLain and Jack Shadinger

FBLA – Business Ethics team 3rd in state. Team members are Myles Davis, Khalil Edmondson, and Cory Raxton. Sponsor is Kristin Caverly.

Softball – Savana Sikes was named AAAA All State Softball Player of the Year. These athletes were named to the Softball All State 2nd Team: Ashley Morgan, Paige Vincent, and Taylor Middlebrook. Coaches are Mick Harper, Bobby Nail, Tim Trowell, and Doug Allen.

Key Club – 1st Place Platinum Community Service Award. Team members are Andrea Manning, Emily Orr, Iyanna Parker, Carlos Delacruz, Jada Ackey, and Danielle Glenn. Sponsor is Lydia Blakey.

Track – 2017 AAAA State Championship. Team members are Meghan Daniels, Angel Amadi, Kayla Alexander, Aliyah Sangster, Kendria Edouard, Ilene Solen, Keiyana Palmer, Ashlyn Boles, Jazlyn Perry, Joy Scott, Isis Taylor, Jailyn Kendrick, and Zaria White. Aliyah Sangster, Kayla Alexander, Kendria Edouard, and Angel Amadi won the state championship in the 4x100 meter relay. Meghan Daniels, Aliyah Sangster, Kendria Edouard, and Ilene Soleyn won the state championship in the 4x400 meter relay. Boys team place 3rd place in the state meet. Jermaine Anderson is the state champion in the discus. Coaches are Kelly Williams, Travis Mihalik, Chad Miller, Anthony Mandani, and Scott Long.

Douglas County High School

Tome Society – The following students won awards at the Tome Society competition: Duncan Helms, Abi Griffin, Sydney Roe, Sierra McIntosh, Morgan Dykes, Jamia Altidor, and Jovanna Patterson. Sponsors are Kristy Herlihy and Suzanne Helms.

DECA – Omar Tello, Lelani Smith, and Victoria Pommells won the DECA National Award of Excellence.

HOSA – State winners were Hassanatou Diallo, Jake Coldiron, Solomon Takang, Ali Al-Husseini, and Muhammad Numan. Sponsor is Rebecca Lee.

All State Chorus – Joey Steele and Haley McElroy. Chorus teacher is Karl Kuhlken.

State Literary Competition – Erica Bressner and Kobey McKelvey placed 3rd in their categories.

GA Science & Engineering Fair – Devika Dutt won Second Honors.

Georgia Scholars – Erica Bressner, Devika Dutt, and Christine Sit

Race Walking – Jordan Crawford is the only nationally ranked high school race walker in the state of Georgia.

Wrestling – Dennis McNeal, Jr., won 2nd place at the state meet.

Lithia Springs High School

GA Science & Engineering Fair – Blair Cowan and Nicholas Gorzynski, Third Honors; Hope Lee, Third Honors; Jaden Lamar and Anthony Russo, ASU Sustainability Solutions Award; and Kenneth Thomas, Naval Science Award.

Basketball – Kiana Johnson, All State Team, All State Honorable Mention by AJC, and 5A Region 6 Player of the Year. Coach is David Mills.

National History Day – Sara Sweet, Lauren Jordan, Tiffany Robinson, Ireland McBride, and Robert Gish won the Angelo Group Military History Award at the state National History Day competition. Sponsor is Eric Tedder.

STEM Certification – Payton Millinor was instrumental in Lithia Springs earning AdvancED STEM certification.

New Manchester High School – InToneNation a cappella group placed 3rd overall at the International Competition of High School A Cappella. Director is Trey Giddens.

Personnel

Certified and classified personnel were approved, including:

- Appointment of Kim Smith, Ed. Evaluator at Stewart Middle School, as Assistant Principal at Stewart to replace E.W. Tolbert, who will move to Turner Middle School as Assistant Principal
- Transfer of Daryl Holman, Assistant Principal at Factory Shoals Middle School, to Lithia Springs High School as Assistant Principal
- Transfer of Caroline Whitt, Assistant Principal at Lithia Springs High School, to Factory Shoals Middle School as Assistant Principal

Student Achievement and Leadership

Board approved:

- 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

The department recommended for approval at the June 5, 2017, meeting:

- Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services for one-to-one nursing services for special education students
- Agreement with GoodLife Care LLC for speech language therapy services

The school system has received a letter of intent to open the Mount Vernon Integrative Arts Academy Charter School. The charter petition will be reviewed and presented for approval or denial at the July 17, 2017, meeting.

Operations

Board approved:

- 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
- Resolution certifying that all accounts for replacement of HVAC at Alexander High School have been paid in full
- Acceptance of bid from Secure Recycling for surplus technology

The department recommended for approval at the June 5, 2017, meeting:

- Purchase of uniforms and shoes for school food service employees
- Purchase of a walk-in cooler and freezer for Mt. Carmel Elementary
- An increase in school lunch prices
- Renewal of contract with Gordon Food Service for food supply and distribution services
- Renewal of contract with Royal Produce for fresh produce and egg supply and distribution
- Renewal of contract with Dade Paper for paper product supply and distribution
- Agreement with Barnum LLC for service work on school grease traps

Finance

The second public hearing on the FY 18 budget was held. There were no public comments.

Board approved the tentative 2018 budget.

Policies

Recommendation was made to approve at the June 5, 2017, meeting changes to Board Policy IFFA – Instructional Resources Selection and Adoption.

Information Only

- Summer camps were presented for review.

- Dr. Pritz presented a departmental overview.
- Todd Hindmon presented an update on the Educam 360 pilot at Arbor Station Elementary, Stewart Middle School, and Alexander High School.

Present were Board Members Tracy Rookard, District III, Chair; Michelle Simmons, District IV, Vice Chair; Devetrion Caldwell, District I; D.T. Jackson, District II; 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 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 16, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Special Called Board Meeting

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

June 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting