

Communiqué

A brief summary of the September 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Douglas County Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting and work session are posted online. For an agenda from the September 18 meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Introduction of Superintendent

Superintendent North was introduced by Nicole Paul, president of the sophomore class at Chapel Hill High School.

Board Recognition

- Mt. Carmel Principal Tracey Seymour recognized Addison Osborn, 5th grade, for attending the National Youth Leadership Forum at Agnes Scott College during the summer.
- Mason Creek Elementary Principal Kathleen French recognized Christopher Morgan, 4th grade, for participating in the national Braille Challenge in Los Angeles during the summer and for winning 3rd place in his category. Christopher wrote a summary of his experience and read it in braille during the meeting.
- Mr. Andy Micacchione, Transportation Director, recognized Secelia Tolbert, Bus Driver for bus #292, for her service to students at Douglas County High School and Eastside Elementary and for the publication of her book titled “The Smile That Hides the Pain Within.”

Consent Agenda

The following agenda items were approved:

- Student Achievement and Leadership – continuation of the Abstinence Education Grant
- Finance – surplus of mobile classroom units at Sweetwater Elementary and Chapel Hill Middle School, furniture, books, electronics, and various other items
- Operations – purchase of hardware, software, and support for the Reduxio storage arrays
- Student Services – external evaluation services for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant
- Personnel – Certified and classified personnel were approved, including the appointment of Portia Lake as Director of Publications and Public Information. Ms. Lake’s most recent experience was as a news anchor, reporter, and producer for 13WMAZ TV in Macon, GA.

Information Only

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; D.T. Jackson, District II; and Jeff Morris, District V. Also present were Superintendent Trent North; 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 Coordinator Nell Boggs; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

Monday, October 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Work Session

Monday, October 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting