

Communiqué

A summary of the April 11, 2016, Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the April 11 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

Eagle Scouts

The following students were recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

James Spencer Hood -- senior, Douglas County High School

Trevor Ronald Rose – senior, Alexander High School

James Levi Stanley – senior, Alexander High School

Kenneth Zachary Thomas – junior, Lithia Springs High School

Kyler Carlton Wade – sophomore, Alexander High School

Girl Scout Gold Award

Camila Vizcarra, a senior at Douglas County High School, was recognized for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive.

Georgia Scholar

Kimberly Gessner, senior at Chapel Hill High School, was recognized for being named a Georgia Scholar by the Georgia Department of Education.

Service to our Schools

Ms. Kascia Lipford and her nonprofit organization, Beyond the Front Porch, were recognized for providing monthly educational field trips for students on weekends. Donations from businesses and individuals in the community make these field trips possible for students who otherwise could not afford them.

Pastor Benjamin Lang and the congregation of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lithia Springs were recognized for the support the church provides to several schools through donations of money, supplies, and time. The church also provides pregame meals to the football team at Lithia Springs High School.

Pastor Steve McFall and the congregation of Central Baptist Church were recognized for their support including use of their facilities, the DaySpring 5K Road Race which raises funds for schools, and the partnership with several individual schools.

High School AP

All five high schools were recently named 2016 AP Honor Schools by the Georgia Department of Education. Administrators, AP coordinators, and teachers were recognized by Dr. Pritz for this achievement. Chapel Hill, Douglas County, Lithia Springs, and New Manchester High Schools were named AP STEM Schools as a result of having students testing in at least two AP math courses and two AP science courses. Alexander and Douglas

County High Schools were named AP Humanities Schools with students testing in all of the following AP courses: at least one ELA course, two social science courses, one fine arts course, and one world language course.

Administrative Professionals Week Proclamation

Dr. Pritz read the proclamation for Administrative Professionals Week which will be observed April 24-30.

Unfinished Business/Committee Reports

GSBA Legislative Positions – No proposals for amendments, deletions, or additions to the 2016 GSBA Legislative Positions have been submitted. No action was taken.

New Business

The Board approved the recommendation to change the date of the second board meeting in April to April 18, 2016.

Consent Agenda

The following recommendations were approved by consent:

- Certified and classified personnel
- Paving and sealing at DCHS and NMHS
- Carpet for Central Office and Annex East
- Carpet for elementary school media centers
- Consultant agreement for Dr. Maurice Wilson/MLW Consulting – addendum
- Consultant agreement for EPIC Education’s Education Partnerships Services – addendum
- Surplus of furniture, books, and other items
- Land purchase

Discussion Agenda

Operations – Recommendation was made to approve at the April 18 meeting the purchase and installation of turf on the football fields at AHS, CHHS, DCHS, and LSHS by Deluxe Athletics.

Action Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership – The Board approved Brighten Academy’s Letter of Intent to renew the charter beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

Finance – The January 2016 and February 2016 financial reports were approved.

Policies – The Board approved the recommendation to waive Section III, Special Provisions, iv of Policy IDE(3) Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12 to allow middle school students to participate in the 2016 high school spring softball and volleyball tryouts. This action is in compliance with GHSA’s recent change of the rules pertaining to when high schools are allowed to conduct tryouts for softball and volleyball.

Information Only

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

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Tracy Rookard, District III; Michelle Simmons, District IV; and Jeff Morris, District V. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Gordon Pritz; Chief Academic Officer Pam Nail; Chief Financial Officer Greg Denney; Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Policy Dr. Michelle Ruble; Assistant Superintendent of Student Services E. Renee Davis; 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

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

Budget Planning Session on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Planning Session on Monday, May 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m.