

Communiqué

A summary of the April 18, 2016, Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the April 18 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

Month of the Military Child Proclamation

First Sergeant Audra McNeill, a senior in the JROTC program at Lithia Springs High School, read the proclamation declaring April as the Month of the Military Child.

Library Media Specialist of the Year

Dr. Gordon Pritz recognized **Mrs. Kerry Harbin** as the 2016-2017 Library Media Specialist of the Year for Douglas County. Mrs. Harbin has been the media specialist at Lithia Springs Elementary School since 2006.

Sweetwater Elementary

Math Bowl

Sweetwater students competed in the Title I Math Bowl in February. The following students were recognized:

1st place in the team competition for 5th grade

Samuel Sarfo

Efezino Oziwo

Jaylin Gaskin

2nd place in the team competition for 5th grade

Ken Senghore

Rene Appiah

Alethea Bowen

3rd place in the individual competition for 5th grade

Ken Senghore

1st place in the individual competition for 4th grade

Chizulum Onwumelu

3rd place in the individual competition for 4th grade

Habib Senghore

4th place in the individual competition for 4th grade

Kevin Johnson

4th grade team members

Sydney Cook and Deuntae Peters

2nd place in the team competition for 4th grade

Chizulum Onwumelu
Voncie Evans

Kevin Johnson
Carter Cook

Members of the 3rd grade math bowl team

Jabree Harris
Marlaysia Killings
Dolores Antonio-Aguilar

Math Bowl Coaches

Mrs. Lori Gordy

Mr. Michael Sherman

Ms. Denise Wellman

Geography Bee

Dustin Tolbert, grade 5 – Winner of Sweetwater’s Geography Bee

Spelling Bee

Efezino Oziwo, winner
Ta’mya Dean, runner up
Mrs. Amber Akers, spelling bee coordinator

Recipients of Grant to Attend 2016 Real World Science Seminar at National World War II Museum in New Orleans

Mrs. Lori Gordy

Dr. John Brooks

Lithia Springs High School

Google Gravity Games

The following students served as leaders for the Google Gravity Games team which won 1st place in the Design and Engineering Judges’ Choice Award and 2nd Place in the Kit Car Engineered Car Division:

Brandon Jacks, grade 11

Miles Rucker, grade 10

Timothy Lindstrom, grade 11

Michael Jack Lynch, grade 10

Mr. Darren Rager, team sponsor and STEM/Engineering teacher at Lithia

Governor’s Honors Program

The following students were selected to attend GHP this summer. Both will study Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics:

Sebastian Torres-Wilcken, grade 11

Ronan Patel, grade 11

Scholarships

Recipient of the QuestBridge National College Match Award and Scholarship -- **Vincent Buckman**

Finalists for the Gates Millennium Scholarship

Vincent Buckman

James Williams

Pascheyona Wright

Basketball

The following two students were recognized for their outstanding performance and leadership on the boys and girls basketball teams:

James Williams, grade 12

Kiana Johnson, grade 11

Honors for Lithia Springs High School

- Last month at the National Youth at Risk conference in Savannah, Lithia received honorable mention as a High Flying School.
- On April 14, Lithia was notified that the school was chosen to receive the 2016 SSTAGE Star Award for Promising Practices by the Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators.

Consent Agenda

Certified and classified personnel were approved, including the appointment of Ms. Tara Cowins as principal of Factory Shoals Elementary effective July 18, 2016.

Discussion Agenda

Operations

Recommendation was made to approve at the May 2, 2016, board meeting the replacement of flooring in the Warren Doris Building at DCHS.

Action Agenda

Operations

The Board approved the recommendation to purchase and install turf on the football fields at AHS, CHHS, DCHS, and LSHS.

Information Only

Overnight out of state field trips and after school camps were presented for review.

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I, Vice 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; 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 E. Renee Davis; Community Relations Director Karen Stroud; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

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.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m.