

Communiqué

A summary of the August 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the August 1 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

Partners in Education (PIE)

PIE is the organization made of businesses, civic groups, and churches that impact student achievement by supporting schools and the school system. The PIE committee organizes events for the organization. Dr. Pritz recognized the following members of the PIE committee: Janet Blair, Nell Boggs, Rodney Davis, Marian Dowland, Rita Harris, Vicki Harshbarger, Shadrack Hendricks, Angie Holland, Tonya Jackson, Melissa Joe, Mike Kastensmidt, Mary Jane King, Ashley Kramer, Kascia Lipford, Mitzi Malone, Trisha McBee, Jane Melton, Melanie Nicholson, Kerry Rigdon, Lindsey Sargent, Brenda Spain, Sabrina Starr, Karen Stroud, Cathy Swanger, Mitzi Teal, and Vonda Thorpe.

Public Education Trust (PET)

PET is the foundation that serves the Douglas County School System by raising money for Classroom Impact Grants and other occasional restricted grants for teachers, scholarships for graduating seniors, and honorariums for Teachers and Counselors of the Year. Dr. Pritz recognized the board members for PET: Jerry Hall, Tonya Jackson, Marian Dowland, Athena Bryant, Lynne Cole, James Brown, Sissy Bunch, Rocky Clay, Ed Denovellis, Wes Farnan, Angie Holland, D.T. Jackson, Sherry McKinley, Sheila Miller, Henry Mitchell, Dr. Mary Sue Murray, Don Remillard, Christine Stanley, Karen Stroud (Superintendent's Representative), Lynn Murray, D.T. Jackson (Ex Officio member), and Gordon Pritz (Ex Officio member).

Eagle Scout

Dr. Pritz recognized **Griffin Fraker**, 9th grader at Alexander High School, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement attainable in Boy Scouts of America.

New Business

Ms. Simmons would like for the Board to consider a resolution opposing Opportunity School Districts which will be on the ballot in November as a Constitutional Amendment in Georgia. Mr. Jackson said that the Board will consider this in September.

Consent Agenda

Certified and classified personnel were approved, including the retirement of Sharon Mucha, assistant principal at Dorsett Shoals Elementary, effective January 1, 2017.

The following recommendations were approved:

- The surplus of school food service items
- Agreements with Comprehensive Therapy Consultants for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy

- Agreement with Edgenuity for online learning, credit recovery options, and MyPath for students in grades 6-12
- MyOn Reader subscription for all Title I schools
- Consultant agreement for School of Americas, Dr. Barry Bogan, for implementation and monitoring of the system tutoring program for Title I
- Consultant agreement with Dr. Jim Wright for technology consulting services and training for all 12 Title I schools
- Consultant agreement with Dr. Maurice Wilson/MLW Consulting for Number Talks Training, implementation and monitoring of the math tutoring program, and math bowl coordination for all 12 Title I schools

Discussion Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership

Recommendation was made to approve at the August 15, 2016, board meeting the agreement with Hanover Research for high quality, custom research and analytics.

Finance

Mr. Denney presented documents concerning final digest values and possible budget amendments for board discussion.

Operations

Recommendation was made to approve at the August 15, 2016, board meeting the purchase of two forklifts for the maintenance and transportation departments.

Policies

Recommendation was made to approve at the August 15, 2016, board meeting changes to Board Policy:

- Board Policy GAE(2): Complaints and Grievances, Certified Employees
- Board Policy JBCCA: Student Assignment to Schools

Action Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership

- Board approved a five year extension of the Brighten Academy charter renewal beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.
- Board approved the facility grant application for Brighten Academy.

Finance

Board approved the May, 2016, financial report as presented.

Student Services

Board approved the 21st Century Community Learning Centers 2016-2017 Program Assurances for Subgrantees as presented.

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; 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, August 15, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m.