

Communiqué

A summary of the December 5, 2016, 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 December 5 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

GA Association for Alternative Education 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Pritz recognized Dr. Hope Sloan, Coordinator of the Douglas County Virtual Academy, for being named 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year by the Georgia Association for Alternative Education. Dr. Sloan also won the 2015-2016 Odyssey "Destiny" Award for Educator of the Year.

National Mentoring Month

Skylar Suggs, REACH Scholar and junior at Douglas County High School, read the National Mentoring Month Proclamation.

Burnett Elementary School

Jahlia Bazile, 5th grade, was recognized as Burnett's representative on the Superintendent's Student Forum.

Program Challenge teacher Anne-Marie Laseter was recognized for her contributions to Burnett including the talent development classes, gardening program, and Gravity Games.

Fifth grade teacher Lonnie Woods was recognized for establishing the mentor/flag football groups at Burnett.

Third grade teacher Roselorn Mason was recognized for establishing a STEM program after school.

School Resource Officer Jarrell Herring was recognized for his contributions to Burnett including teaching classes, mentoring students, coaching flag football, and meeting with families.

Eastside Elementary School

ESOL teacher Rena Gill was recognized for raising money to purchase head phones and books for students through Donors Choose.

Computer lab teacher Dr. Lisa Lindley was recognized for receiving a Dollar General grant. The \$4,000 grant was used to purchase resources to improve literacy.

Special education teacher Robert Jackson was recognized as 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for Eastside and a semi-finalist for Douglas County Teacher of the Year.

Third grade teacher Nicole Hall was recognized for establishing the intramural sports program for Eastside. Crews Hall was recognized as a student representative for the intramural teams.

Fifth graders Nia Littles, Nyla Bones, Dulce Garcia, and Misha Patel demonstrated their computer coding skills at the annual Georgia Educational Technology Conference. Dulce Garcia was recognized as a representative from the team. Dr. Lisa Lindley and Amy Shadix served as coaches.

The following 5th grade students were selected for the Georgia Gravity Games team: Asiah Levant, Da'Quan Simmons, Nia Littles, Thiago Silveyra, and Jaidyn Lyons. Asiah Levant was recognized as a representative from the team. Toni Franklin and Dr. Steven Littles were sponsors.

Stewart Middle School

Dr. Sherry Sutton was recognized as Stewart Middle's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year and as a semi-finalist for Douglas County Teacher of the Year.

Stewart participated in the Georgia Gravity Games. Team members included: Danquez Ray, grade 8; Jekerious Williams, grade 8; Tony Orellana, grade 7; Sean Boston, grade 7; and Tony Astin, grade 7. Dr. Sutton and Rita Ferrara served as sponsors.

The Stewart Beta Club won several awards at the Georgia State Junior Beta Convention. The following Beta Club members were recognized: Jasmine Sampson, grade 8; Aiden Hartzog, grade 7; Gabriel Miller, grade 7; and Harrison Lucus, grade 8.

Douglas County High School

The following JROTC members were recognized for presenting colors at the beginning of the board meeting: Tharna Klaihathai, grade 12; Nickolas Devenney, grade 12; Eyarraragine Guy, grade 11; Cary Lopez, grade 11; Y'Mariah Terrell, grade 12; and Adavia Hart, grade 12. Instructor Sergeant Major Keith Mack was also recognized.

The following students were recognized for their work with Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School and Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society: Larry Leger, grade 12; Madison Watts, grade 12; Christine Sit, grade 12; Jennifer Liu, grade 10; and Perjah Roberts, grade 12. Dr. Tamika Lindsey is sponsor of the club.

The following DECA members were recognized for their work in establishing a clothing closet for students in need at DCHS: Uneeke Williams, grade 12; Brielle Humphrey, grade 10; and Evette Richardson, grade 12. Janice Ritchey is sponsor of DECA.

New Business

The following board meeting dates were approved:

- December 8, 2016, 9:00 a.m. Meeting with Local Legislative Delegation at Douglasville Conference Center
- January 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Special Called Board Meeting for AdvancED accreditation visit preparation
- January 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Executive Session
- January 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- January 25, 2017, 1:30 p.m. Special Called Board Meeting AdvancED Final Accreditation

The 2017 Board Meeting calendar will be presented for approval at the January 9, 2017, Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved:

- Minutes from the November 14, 2016, Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting
- Classified personnel
- Purchase of technical services from Dell for the installation and configuration of Active Directory Federation Services, System Center Configuration Manager, and Windows 10 deployment engineering services

Discussion Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership

Rueben Pitts, Social Studies School Improvement Specialist, provided a presentation on Social Studies in Douglas County.

Action Agenda

Personnel

Certified personnel were approved, including the appointment of Nick Epstein as Assistant Principal at Dorsett Shoals Elementary to replace Sharon Mucha who will retire effective December 31.

Student Services

Representatives from Willowbrooke at Tanner presented information on providing a community based mental health therapist for use by the Douglas County School System. The agreement was approved as presented.

Information Only

Overnight and out of state field trips 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; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

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