

## Communiqué

A summary of the May 2, 2016, Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the May 2 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

### **Superintendent's Spotlight**

#### **Emergency Responders at Stewart Middle School**

The following DCSS employees and public safety personnel were recognized for their quick and effective response to an emergency situation at Stewart Middle School on April 18. By using a defibrillator and CPR, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student was revived and transported to the hospital.

Principal Ms. Robyn Scott

Dr. Joan Atkinson

Mrs. Wanda Bass

Assistant Principal Mr. E.W. Tolbert

Nurse Charlotte Fulton

Lt. Scott Chittum

Sgt. Michael George

Firefighter Kevin Colbert

Sgt. Jon Acree

EMT Kevin Donnell

#### **Public Safety Recognition**

Dr. Pritz recognized and expressed appreciation to the following public safety departments.

#### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Scott Spencer

Deputy Fire Chief Scott Zachmeyer

#### **Police Department**

Chief Gary Sparks, Captain Brad Stafford, Sgt. Jeff Taylor – Supervisor of School Resource Officers

#### **School Resource Officers:**

Officer Robert Long

Officer Jarrell Herring

Officer Marvin Hubbard

Officer Nadia Byrd

Officer Laura Mullis

Officer John Jackson

#### **Sheriff's Department**

Lt. Jon Mauney, Cpt. Bruce Ferguson, Sgt. Jesse Hambrick

#### **BLAST Officers**

Sgt. Donna Morris – Supervisor

Sgt. Traci Sullivan

Deputy Henry Timms

Deputy Shelly Kimbal

#### **School Resource Officers**

Lewis Fredenburg

Mark Matthews

Theresa Jones

Tony Carr

Cam Brooks

Charles Carter

Aaron Smith

Chiquita Bailey

Clint Ayers

Ken Davenport

Matt Wilson

Chuck Sharpe

Ryan Quibell

Keith Wood

Myrlene Joseph

### **National School Nurse Day Proclamation**

National School Nurse Day is May 11. Mr. Zach Spencer, Coordinator of Safety, Health & Emergency Preparedness for DCSS, read the proclamation. The following school nurses were recognized:

Charlotte Fulton  
Shannon Hendrix  
Nancy McCready

Carol Miller  
Kia Redwine  
Jaime Reyes

Kay Thompson

### **Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation**

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. Mr. Casey Bethel, Douglas County Teacher of the Year and one of 10 finalists for 2017 Teacher of the Year for the state of Georgia, read the proclamation.

### **National School Nutrition Employee Week Proclamation**

May 2-6 is National School Nutrition Employee Week. Ms. Julia Thomas, café manager at Bright Star Elementary and the Georgia School Nutrition Association District 7 President, read the proclamation.

### **Culinary Contest Winners**

The following DCSS school café employees were recognized for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in their categories at the Georgia School Nutrition Association statewide conference in Savannah on April 15:

Ms. Shirley Smith, food service assistant at Lithia Springs Elementary  
Ms. Julia Thomas, café manager at Bright Star Elementary  
Ms. Kathy Brown, assistant café manager at South Douglas Elementary

### **Governor's Honors Program**

A record number of students from Douglas County earned coveted spots to attend the Governor's Honors Program this summer. Ms. Corinne Barnes, Director of Foreign Language, ESOL, Gifted and Fine Arts, assisted Dr. Pritz with recognizing the following students:

#### **Chapel Hill High School**

Alexandra Carpenter – Science  
Cierra Fountain – Visual Arts

Chandler West -- Theatre

#### **Douglas County High School**

Erica Bressner -- Communicative Arts  
Jalen Brown -- Spanish  
Tari Clement -- French  
Matthew McCready – French

Jayne Perry – Theatre  
Daniella Puche – Spanish  
Madison Watts – Mathematics

#### **Lithia Springs High School**

Ronan Patel – Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics  
Sebastian Torres-Wilcken – Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics

#### **New Manchester High School**

Sakinah Bennett – Dance  
Niya Garner – Dance

Chassy Lock – Science

### **Young Georgia Authors**

The following students were recognized as grade level winners of the Young Georgia Authors competition. Dr. Tara Campbell, English Language Arts Specialist for DCSS, assisted Dr. Pritz with the recognition.

Kindergarten: **Crews Smith-Hall**, Eastside Elementary; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: **Yahminisakti Chandrasekaran**, South Douglas Elementary. Yahminisakti was also the Elementary School Level Winner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: **Khyrah Long**, Holly Springs Elementary; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: **Lucy Noonan**, Beulah Elementary; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Hellen Nganga**, Mt. Carmel Elementary; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Regis Harris**, Holly Springs Elementary; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Kelsey Bridges**, Fairplay Middle School; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Mhauin Reign Reyes**, Chestnut Log Middle School; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Troy B. Maxwell**, Chapel Hill Middle School. Troy was also the Middle School Level Winner and the Best in Show; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Kayla Knight**, Lithia Springs High School; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Devin White**, Lithia Springs High School; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Carleigh Camp**, Alexander High School. Carleigh was also the High School Level Winner; 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Audra McNeill**, Lithia Springs High School.

### **Industry Certification**

Ms. Mandy Johnson, Director of College and Career Programs for DCSS, assisted Dr. Pritz in recognizing CTAE teachers who went through the industry certification process this spring.

#### **Alexander High School**

Kay Henry – Healthcare Science

Melissa Claiborne – Marketing

#### **Chapel Hill High School**

Sandy Smith – Healthcare Science

Connie Highnote – Engineering and Drafting

Leslie Austin – Marketing

#### **Douglas County High School**

Becky Lee and Yvonne Goodson – Healthcare Science

#### **Lithia Springs High School**

Debbie Vinsant – Healthcare Science

Evan Hopkins and Becky Lee – Early Childhood

### **Consent Agenda**

**Certified and classified personnel were approved.** Current Annette Winn Elementary Principal Melanie Manley was appointed principal of Holly Springs Elementary effective July 18, 2016, to replace retiring Principal Sheila Miller. Current North Douglas Elementary Assistant Principal Dr. Sherritta Abell was appointed principal of Annette Winn Elementary to replace Melanie Manley effective July 18. Other appointments include Geri Armstrong as full-time assistant principal at College and Career Institute; Dr. Donita Cullen as assistant principal at Douglas County High School; Jennifer Jimmy as assistant principal at Lithia Springs Elementary School; Minda Trexler as assistant principal at Factory Shoals Elementary School; Dr. Emily Felton as assistant principal at Sweetwater Elementary School; and April Gaines as assistant principal at Mason Creek Elementary School. Current Yeager Middle School Principal Dr. Fred Ervin will retire effective September 30, 2016, and will serve as principal on special assignment at the Central Office from July 18 until his retirement.

The Board approved the replacement of flooring in the Warren Doris building at DCHS.

### **Discussion Agenda**

#### **Student Achievement and Leadership**

Recommendation was made to approve at the May 16, 2016, board meeting the premium maintenance and support services renewal for 2016-2017 for Houghton Mifflin for Read 180 and System 44. Read 180 is a computer based reading intervention program used in high schools. System 44 is used in middle schools.

Recommendation was also made to approve at the May 16 board meeting the purchase of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt instructional materials to support reading instruction for students using Read 180 and System 44.

#### **Operations**

Recommendation was made to approve at the May 16, 2016, board meeting the renewal of the Microsoft Premier Support Agreement.

Recommendation was made to approve at the May 16, 2016, board meeting the renewal of the Microsoft School Licensing Agreement.

Recommendation was made to approve at the May 16, 2016, board meeting the revised school lunch prices as follows: Elementary \$2.10; Middle \$2.35; High \$2.35; Staff \$3.25; Guest \$3.50. Breakfast prices will not change.

### **Action Agenda**

#### **Finance**

The March 2016 financial statement was approved.

### **Information Only**

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

The approved 2016-2017 calendar was presented with items added including half days, report cards, and progress reports. (Attached)

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; Community Relations Specialist Nell Boggs; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

### **Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education**

Budget Planning Session on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting and Budget Hearing on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting and Budget Hearing on Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.