

## Communiqué

A summary of the October 3, 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 October 3 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

### **Superintendent's Spotlight**

A summary of the Proclamation for National School Bus Safety Week was read by **Alex Bell Thomas**, the Bus Drivers Association President for DCSS. Board approved October 17-21 as National School Bus Safety Week.

**Zach Spencer**, Coordinator of Safety, Health & Emergency Preparedness for DCSS, read a summary of the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week. Board approved October 24-28 as Red Ribbon Week.

A summary of the Proclamation for National School Lunch Week was read by **Sheila Garmon**, café manager at Factory Shoals Elementary and current Douglas County School Nutrition Association President. Board approved October 10-14 as National School Lunch Week.

Dr. Pritz recognized the DCSS Nutrition Department for winning the 2016 USDA Southeast Regional "Best Practice" award. The Nutrition Department is under the leadership of **Emily Hanlin**, School Nutrition Director.

### **Mirror Lake Elementary**

Mirror Lake will participate in the Google Gravity Games thanks to the sponsorship of the Hughes Ray Company which purchased the kit used to build the derby car. Dr. Pritz recognized the following 5<sup>th</sup> graders who were selected for the Google Gravity Games team: **Garrett Austin, Skyler Barrett, Kennedy Elder, Gaby Ortega, and Keziah Roberts**. The following 5<sup>th</sup> graders are filming construction of the car: **Chisa Ihekwereme and Emma McCoy**. Teachers **Natalie Benton** and **Kristy Ward** are sponsors for the team.

Third grade teacher **Allison Piepmeier** was recognized as 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for Mirror Lake.

### **North Douglas Elementary**

Dr. Pritz recognized **Brandy Kirby**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade English language Arts teacher, as 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for North Douglas.

The following 5<sup>th</sup> graders were recognized as part of the Stingray News Crew: **Theodore Baker, Camren Kelley, Jordan Perez, Charla Young, and Micah West**. Media Specialist **Katie Henry** serves as sponsor for the Stingray News Crew.

**Ms. Anitra Paige**, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, was recognized as sponsor for the Project Lead the Way STEM initiative.

**Mr. Anthony Washington**, system technology representative, was honored for ensuring that the school's technology and programs run efficiently at school.

### **Winston Elementary**

Dr. Pritz recognized the following 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are part of the WES Live News Team: **Mac Nail, Johnny Herrera, Takarah Winbush**, and **Avery McGee**. Media Specialist **Dani Johnstone** serves as sponsor for the group.

The following faculty members were recognized for their leadership with the "Get Your Pink On" race at WES: **Shannon Postell, Michelle Hill**, and **Kathy Morgan**. Last month 450 runners took part and more than \$25,000 has been raised for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

**Ginny Head**, ESOL teacher, was recognized as 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for Winston Elementary and as a semi-finalist for Douglas County Teacher of the Year.

### **New Business**

FY 17 Legislative Priorities – The Board will keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Board members will send suggestions to Dr. Pritz or Mr. Jackson.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was approved including:

- Certified and classified personnel
- Consultant agreement for Dr. Rozlyn Linder to provide professional development courses for Title I schools
- Contracts with Kennesaw State University and Georgia State University for external evaluation services for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants

### **Discussion Agenda**

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

Ms. Pam Nail gave an update on magnet programs at all five high schools including timelines for the application process. Information will go to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents.

#### **Operations**

Dr. Tim Scott recommended approval at the October 17 board meeting of the purchase of a 48 passenger Thomas School Bus with a wheelchair lift.

Dr. Scott recommended approval at the October 17 board meeting of the purchase of AngelTrax video recording system for the 34 buses that still use VCRs so that all buses will have the same digital video recording system.

### **Personnel**

Dr. Michelle Ruble presented an update of employee demographics.

### **Action Agenda**

#### **Finance**

Board approved the June 2016 financial report presented by Mr. Greg Denney. The unreserved/undesignated fund balance is now up to \$28,320,888.42 which is in line with the target.

Mr. Denney presented the final digest values along with possible budget amendments. Board members discussed options and agreed to table the agenda item until the next meeting on October 17.

#### **Operations**

The Board approved a resolution certifying that all accounts for the serving lines at Alexander High School, Chapel Hill Middle School, and Mt. Carmel Elementary School have been paid in full.

### **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; 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, October 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.