

Communiqué

A summary of the January 5, 2015 Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each Board Meeting are posted on line. For details and attachments from the January 5 Board Meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight:

National Mentoring Month:

Mitzi Teal, Executive Director of Communities in Schools of Douglas County (CISDC) read the National Mentoring Month proclamation and it was approved by the Board.

CISDC National Accreditation:

Communities In Schools of Douglas County officially achieved National Accreditation by demonstrating compliance with all Communities In Schools Total Quality System standards in the fall of 2014. Recognized DCSS staff and CISDC Board Members were:

Mitzi Teal	Secretary	Jane Melton
Renee Davis	Amanda Bryant,	Dana Mitchell
Stephanie Carter	Treasurer	Melanie Nicholson
Kelly Parkin	Sybil Bennett	Joey O'Bryant
Dana Jones Wynn,	Ruby Byers	Chris Stanley
Chair	Dr. Donita Cullen	Karen Stroud
Wes Tallon, Vice-	June Keen	Barbara Williams
Chair	Mary Jane King	
Ashley Kramer,	Emily Lyles	

Symetra Hero in the Classroom:

Mr. Joseph Grainger, Sweetwater Elementary School Teacher of the Year, was recognized for being named as a "Symetra Hero in the Classroom."

"Be the Wall" Campaign:

Two schools in Douglas County placed in the "Be the Wall" contest sponsored by Cobb and Douglas Public Health (CDPH). The two schools creatively built a wall of signed pledge cards to stand between them and substance use. Douglas County High School was recognized for placing first in the contest, while New Manchester High School was recognize for placing second. Staff members representing each school were:

<u>Douglas County High School:</u>	<u>New Manchester High School:</u>
Dr. Tim Scott, Principal	Connie Craft, Principal
Aubrey Biddle	Pamela Cummings
Amanda Burross	Shujuan Shannon
Yvonne Goodson	Teresa Townsend
Rebecca Lee	Jen Travis
Michelle Pruitt	Catherine Westbrook

CDPH staff members recognized were: Albert Case, Tanya Jackson, Kysha Parker, and Cathy Wendholt-McDade.

New Business: Officers were elected as follows: Mr. D.T. Jackson, Board Chair and Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair. Approval was given to adopt the Board Code of Ethics. The 2015 Board of Education Meeting Dates were approved and are attached.

Consent Agenda: Certified and Classified Personnel were approved.

Discussion Agenda: Information on the following items were presented for discussion: **Student Services:** MATCH Mentor Program Update.

Action Agenda: **Finance:** The November 2014 Financial Report was approved.

Information Only: Overnight Out of State Field Trips and Camps on Campus were presented for Information Only.

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Michelle Simmons, District IV, Vice Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I; Tracy Rookard, District III; and Jeff Morris, District V. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Gordon Pritz; Associate Superintendent of Student Achievement and Leadership Pam Nail; Chief Operating Officer Dudley Spruill; Chief Financial Officer Greg Denney; Executive Director of Personnel and Policy Dr. Michelle Ruble; Executive Director of Student Services E. Renee Davis; Community Relations Director Karen Stroud; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming 2015 Meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education:

Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.