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

Prior to the Board Meeting, Whole Board Governance Training was held.

Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight

National Trade and Industrial Educator of the Year Under 5 Years:

Cortney North, Lithia Springs High School Cosmetology teacher, has been named the National Trade and Industrial Educator of the Year in the category for those with under five years of experience.

Elementary, Middle, High and Douglas County Teacher of the Year:

Nick Epstein, PE Teacher at Dorsett Shoals Elementary School, was recognized as the 2015-2016 Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Adrienne Griffin, Health and PE Teacher at Fairplay Middle School, was recognized as the 2015-2016 Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Casey Bethel, Biology and Physics Teacher at New Manchester High School, was recognized as the 2015-2016 High School Teacher of the Year and Douglas County Teacher of the Year. He will represent Douglas County in the Georgia Teacher of the Year selection process.

National School Bus Safety Week Proclamation:

National School Bus Safety Week is celebrated in the Douglas County School System October 19 – 23, 2015. Alexandra' Bell-Thomas, Driver Association President, read the proclamation.

National School Lunch Week Proclamation:

National School Lunch Week is celebrated during the week of October 12 – 16, 2015. Ella Hall, President of the Douglas County School Nutrition Association and Cafeteria Manager at Stewart Middle School, read the proclamation.

Red Ribbon Week Proclamation:

The Douglas County School System celebrates Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 26 – 30, 2015. Zach Spencer, Coordinator of Safety and Emergency Preparedness, read the proclamation.

Unfinished Business: 2016 Legislative Priorities and Legislative Liaison Selection. Carol Lindstrom was selected as the Legislative Liaison.

Consent Agenda: Approved were: Certified and Classified personnel; Alexander High School Magnet Proposal; McGraw Hill – Instructional Materials for Special Education Students; D & H Distributing Company – Graphic Calculators; and FY 2017 Capital Outlay Program Application.

Discussion Agenda: The following was presented for discussion: **Operations:** Gym Floor Refinishing and ESPLOST 2016; and **Student Services:** 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant External Evaluation.

Action Agenda: The Brighten Academy Charter was extended for one year of the five year charter.

Information Only: The following item was presented for information only: Over Night Out of State Field Trips.

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; 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; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming Meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education:
Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.