

Communiqué

A summary of the February 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each Board Meeting are posted on line. For details and attachments from the February 9th Board Meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight: Students, volunteers and staff were recognized based on the recommendation of their principals.

Bill Arp Elementary School (BAES):

The following students and staff were recognized for their outstanding work in the 3rd Annual Douglas County Chess Championship. They are:

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| Isiah Cornelious | Levi Galm | Cynthia Ramirez |
| Liam Demkowski | Ty Griffin | Jessica Ramero |
| Logan Duce | D.J. Knuth | Rena Vickery |
| Alexander Evans | Emilio Lopez | Gavin Worthington |

Andy Meyers is the Chess Club Founder and Amy Dobbs, 2014-2015 BAES Teacher of the Year and Douglas County Elementary Teacher of the Year, is the Chess Club Sponsor.

The Reading Bowl Team and Coaches were recognized for placing first in the Kathy Brock Reading Bowl in January. They are:

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| Jaxon Ballauf | Sydney Lowe | Rebecca |
| Jordan Bowman | Luke Price | Schillinger |
| Jade Lewis | Lindsey Robles | Jacob Tucker |

Media Specialist Cassia Milhollin, is the Reading Bowl Coach. Teacher Patty Broome and Media Center Clerk Darlene Oliver are the Reading Bowl Assistant Coaches.

Mara Saunders, 4th grader, was recognized as the School-Wide Spelling Bee Winner.

Cafeteria Manager Denise Caldwell was spotlighted for her help during difficult situations.

Counselor Kelly Fain was recognized for her outstanding service to BAES.

Dorsett Shoals Elementary School (DSES):

The Future Leaders were recognized for being outstanding role models for their peers. They are:

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| Ethan Cook | Joyce King | Jaci Rainwater |
| Angel Cruz | Elayna Lincoln | Lucero Ramirez |
| Mekhi Jakes | Madeline Polanco | Kallie Sullivan |

Dr. Lelia Weathers is the Future Leaders Sponsor.

Edwin Trejo, 4th grader, was recognized as the School-Wide Spelling Bee Winner and Fifth Grader Tyler Sills was recognized as the alternate.

The DSES PTA officers were spotlighted. They are:

Sharon Vargas, President
Tricia Braggs, Co Vice-President
Tiffeny Sharpton, Co Vice-President

Candice Eckleberry, Treasurer
Ashleigh Brown, Secretary

Mrs. Jill Buchanan was recognized as the 2014-2015 DSES Teacher of the Year.

Tracy Scaglione, Media Specialist, was spotlighted for her outstanding work writing grants for the school.

Consent Agenda: Approved items were: Purchase of Audio Enhancement SAFE System and Certified and Classified Personnel. The retirement of Assistant Director of Human Resources Diane Matthews was accepted effective March 31, 2015.

Discussion Agenda: Information on the following items were presented for discussion: **Student Achievement and Leadership:** Brighten Academy Letter of Intent to Renew Charter; and **Policies – First Reading:** Board Policy GAN: Employee Tobacco Use.

Action Agenda: Operations: The Board rescinded their February 2, 2015 action to approve High School Track Renovations.

Information Only: Overnight Out of State Field Trips was presented for Information Only.

Board Member Comments and Announcements: 1) School Holidays – February 12 – 16, 2015; and 2) Next Board Meeting Date – March 2, 2015.

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Michelle Simmons, District IV, Vice Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I; 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 Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.