

Communiqué

A summary of the March 16, 2015 Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each Board Meeting are posted on line. For details and attachments from the March 16th Board Meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight: New Manchester Elementary and Burnett Elementary Schools were recognized based on the recommendation of their principals. Board of Education Members were also recognized for School Board Appreciation Week.

New Manchester Elementary School:

Cameron Bell, 5th grader, was recognized as New Manchester Elementary School's Student Forum Representative.

Members of the Eagle Patrol were recognized. They are:

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| Kelly Ohaya | Sharif Oseitutu | Jewell Mance |
| Rachel Celestin | Selah Adams | |

The Jr. Beta Club officers and sponsors were honored. They are:

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| Ella Buscema, President | Selah Adams, Secretary |
| LaVaughn Davis, Vice-President | Dr. Windalyn Hawkins, Sponsor |
| Malachi Gramme, Sargent at Arms | Shana Williams, Sponsor |
| Jackson McGhee, Treasurer | |

Sarah Dowell, NMES Teacher of the Year (TOTY) and Douglas County TOTY Semi-finalist, was recognized.

Burnett Elementary School:

Sania Asghar, 4th grader, was recognized as Burnett Elementary School's Spelling Bee Winner.

Azaria Bonner was honored for reading the Character Word of the Week at the County Commission Meeting.

Student Council Members were recognized. They are:

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| Travis McMahan, President | Skylar Young, Public Relations |
| Vanna Kennedy, Vice-President | Taniyha Baker, Secretary |

Burnett Elementary School's PTA was recognized. They are:

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| Margo Powell, President | Linda Rogers, Treasurer |
| Stacey Ratcliff, Secretary | Tenia Boone, Teacher Liaison |

Burnett Elementary recognized the following staff members for their hard work:

Jennifer Kendrick, Burnett Elementary School TOTY
Jennifer Baker, Media Specialist

Reverend Heather Jallad, First United Methodist Church, was recognized as being one of Burnett

Elementary School's loyal Partners in Education.

National School Board Week Recognition:

The Douglas County Board of Education Members were recognized for School Board Appreciation Week:

D.T. Jackson, Chair, District II
Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair, District IV
Carol Lindstrom, District I
Tracy Rookard, District III
Jeff Morris, District V

New Business: GSBA Legislative Positions document was presented for review.

Consent Agenda: Approved items were: Certified and Classified Personnel, Douglas County College and Career Institute Letter of Intent to Renew Charter, Laptops for the College and Career Institute, Board Policy IBB: Charter Schools, and Surplus of Furniture, Books, Printers, Mobile Classrooms and Other Items.

Discussion Agenda: Information on the following items were presented for discussion: **Student Achievement and Leadership:** High School Math Course Options; **Operations:** 1) Annual Renewal of Microsoft Premier Support Agreement; 2) Annual Renewal of Cisco Smartnet Support Contract; 3) Annual Renewal of Microsoft School Licensing Agreement; 4) Purchase of Network Equipment; and 5) Naming of Douglas County High School Building.

Action Agenda: **Student Services:** CVS Health Marketing Rights Agreement Through Education Funding Partners was approved. **Operations:** Window Replacement – Chapel Hill High School motion did not carry due to lack of majority vote.

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

Upcoming Events: Teacher 4 A Day – March 31, 2015

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Michelle Simmons, District IV, Vice-Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I; and Tracy Rookard, District III. 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:

Board Planning Session on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.