

Communiqué

A summary of the March 2, 2015 Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each Board Meeting are posted on line. For details and attachments from the March 2nd Board Meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight: During the month of March, the Douglas County School System celebrates Exceptional Children, Art, Drama and Music in our Schools and Social Workers. March 2 - 6 is designated as National School Breakfast Week.

Exceptional Children's Month:

Students Jenny Borges, Quentrevious Fields, Kebrina Johnson and Breezy White read the proclamation.

Youth Art Month:

The proclamation was read by Michael Miley, 5th grader at Arbor Station Elementary School and Zaria White, Chapel Hill Middle School 8th grader.

Music in Our Schools Month:

Ashley Eigel, Mason Creek Middle School 8th grader, read the proclamation.

Theater in Our Schools Month:

Korey Brown, Douglas County High School Senior, read the proclamation.

National School Breakfast Week:

The proclamation was read by Charlie Mathis, Cafeteria Manager at Sweetwater Elementary School and Douglas County Nutrition Association President.

School Social Workers Month:

The following School Social Workers were recognized:

Dr. Terry Brown	Rebecca Mathis	Amber Walker
Phyllis Combs	Kitina McCants	Fhara Walker
Martha Dodd	Lee Stanley	
Dannielle Gardner	Delmar Terry	

Dr. Terry Brown read the proclamation.

National School Board Week Recognition:

The contributions and dedication of our School Board Members were recognized. They will be further honored on March 16, 2015 at the next Board Meeting. The Douglas County Board of Education Members that were recognized were:

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

New Business: A Douglas County Board of Education Public Forum was approved for March

14, 2015 at 9 a.m. at Douglas County High School. GSBA Legislative Positions were presented for review. Board of Education Member Tracy Rookard was appointed delegate and Board of Education Vice-Chair Michelle Simmons was appointed Alternate to the GSBA Conference and Delegate Assembly in June.

Consent Agenda: Approved items were: Certified and Classified Personnel, Brighten Academy Letter of Intent to Renew Charter and Board Policy GAN: Employee Tobacco Use.

Discussion Agenda: Information on the following items were presented for discussion: **Student Achievement and Leadership:** Paths to Graduation – Options for All Students Presentation was made by Mandy Johnson, Director for College and Career Programs; Dr. Donita Cullen, Principal of the Douglas County Performance Learning Center; and Dr. Hope Sloan, Douglas County Virtual Academy Coordinator. Also discussed was: Douglas County College and Career Institute Letter of Intent to Renew Charter; and Laptops for the College and Career Institute; **Finance:** Review of HB 170 Transportation and SPLOST; **Operations:** Window Replacement – Chapel Hill High School; and **Policies – First Reading:** Board Policy IBB: Charter Schools.

Action Agenda: **Finance:** January 2015 Financial Report was approved.

Information Only: Overnight Out of State Field Trips was 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; Community Relations Director Karen Stroud; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming 2015 Meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education:

Public Education Forum on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Douglas County High School
Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Board Planning Session on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.