

Communiqué

A summary of the May 18, 2015 Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each Board Meeting are posted on line. For details and attachments from the May 18th Board Meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight

Lithia Springs Elementary School:

Shriji Patel was recognized as the overall district fourth grade winner in the individual competition for the Douglas County Math Competition.

Victoria Apac was recognized as the spelling bee winner for Lithia Springs Elementary School and represented the school in the district competition.

Bella Barnes was recognized as the winner of the district 4H Essay Contest.

Dylan Robinson was recognized for selling lemonade outside of the Bagelmeister in Douglasville to raise money to buy blankets for the homeless.

The School News Crew was recognized. They are:

Carmen Aguilar	Alex Hobson
Tavin Bennett-Brown	Israel LaFleur
Cavon Cooks	Simeon Phillips

Mr. Eugene Glover, Fifth Grade Teacher, was recognized as the schools' 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year.

The PTA was recognized. They are:

Melissa LaFleur, President	Pam Barnes, Secretary
Cheri Robinson, Vice-President	Pam Collins, Treasurer

Turner Middle School:

The 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Team was recognized for becoming the 2014-2015 District Champions for the first time in 40 years. They are:

Athena Amos	Emmanuela Nti	Bailey Sharpe
Kayliegh Fernandez	Ituaje Okojie	Tekiya Walls
Kaysi Fernandez	Haley Overton	Tiersly Wanka
Kaalyah Franklin	Amari Robinson	Krista Camp,
	Sheryl Sarpong	Coach

Bailey Sharpe was recognized for winning the Douglas County Science Fair and is the first student from Turner Middle School to represent the county at the regional finals.

Ms. Chelsea Sell, STEM Teacher, was recognized for receiving a Public Education Trust

Classroom Initiative Mini-Grant for use in the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Reuben Pitts, Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher and the Social Studies Department Chair, was recognized as the 2014-2015 Middle School Teacher of the Year for Douglas County.

The following staff members were recognized for filling the duties of an absent administrator:

Ms. Stacey Mathess, 8th Grade ELA Teacher and Department Chair
Mr. Darron Franklin, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Mr. Mark Merchant, Athletic Director

Staff members were recognized for their assistance in removal from the Georgia Department of Education Focus Schools list. They are:

Ms. Alicia Boyard, Counselor, Team Leader
Dr. Sean Green, Education Evaluator
Dr. Carol Lobban, Instructional Lead Teacher
Ms. Tenea London, 7th Grade Science Teacher and Science Department Chair
Mr. Reuben Pitts, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher and Social Studies Department Chair

State Winners:

The Douglas County High School HighQ Bowl Team was recognized for their first place win in the State of Georgia. Recognized were:

Josiah Takang	Christopher Stephens
Parth Patel	Ms. Vicki Burnett, Sponsor
Ethan Offenbacher	

Georgia Scholars were recognized. They are:

Elijah Boykins, Chapel Hill High School
Doria Hudson, Lithia Springs High School
Daryl Mitchell, Chapel Hill High School

Harrison Lucas, Stewart Middle School 6th grader, was recognized for earning the 2015 Carson Scholarship.

The following students were recognized for their success in the UGA State Science and Engineering Fair:

Alexander Nichols, Lithia Springs High School, First Honors and multiple special awards
Ally Carpenter, Chapel Hill High School, Second Honors and multiple special awards
Devika Dutt, Douglas County High School, Third Honors and a special award
Kayla Evans, Third Honors
Victoria Nail, Chapel Hill Middle School, Second Honors
Joey Steele, Chapel Hill Middle School, Third Honors
Georgia Stinchcomb, Chapel Hill Middle School, Third Honors

Students were recognized for being state and/or regional winners in the Communities in Schools Contest. They are:

Alexis Wolfe, Performance Learning Center, Regional and State Winner
Shacquan Collins, Annette Winn Elementary School, Regional Winner
Kaniya Way, Annette Winn Elementary School, Regional Winner
Jessica Termidor, Performance Learning Center Regional Winner

All-State Chorus participants were recognized. They are:

Tyler Lewis
Trejohn Skinner
Ms. Elizabeth Hill, teacher and coach

Presley Webb, 7th grader from Mason Creek Middle School, was recognized for laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Jake Mims, sophomore at Alexander High School, was recognized for being one of two anglers chosen from the state of Georgia for the Bassmaster High School All-State Fishing Team.

Bryce Holloman, senior at Alexander High School, was recognized as the Wrestling State Champion for 120 pounds.

Kayla Alexander, freshman at Chapel Hill High School, was recognized as the hurdling state champion.

Lasheon Strozier, senior at Lithia Springs High School, was recognized for becoming a two-time triple jump state champion.

The Alexander High School JROTC Platoon Drill Rifle Exhibition Team took home 1st place in the state competition. The Squad Exhibition Team took home 3rd out of 30 other schools around the State. They are:

Barrett Tallant, Captain, senior	Andrew Herring, sophomore
Alexei Antonovich, junior	Christopher McConnell, senior
Alante Bryan, senior	David Nelson, junior
Jonathan Champagne, freshman	Nathaniel Sears, sophomore
Samuel Congie, sophomore	Dillon Shearer, freshman
Givante' Delaney, sophomore	Jeffrey Thompson, sophomore
Alex Evans, sophomore	LTC Sharon Franklin, Coach
Austin Gariepy, junior	

Youth Leadership Douglas participants were recognized. They are:

Roderick Ademu-John, NMHS	Jasmine Hurst, NMHS
Nya Cephus, CHHS	Madison Langley, AHS
Cody Cochran, AHS	Jackson Lankford, AHS
Maya Elder, DCHS	James Stanley, AHS
Morgan Ferguson, DCHS	Dionne Wareham, DCHS
Gareth Gibbs, DCHS	

Jessica Ainsworth, Assistant Principal of Lithia Springs High School, was recognized as National Assistant Principal of the Year.

Consent Agenda: Approved items were: Certified and Classified Personnel, Comprehensive Therapy Consultants Agreement for 2015-2016 for Special Education Students; License Agreement and Supportive Training for PD360 Online Professional Learning Program; Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Stormwater Education Program; Uniforms and Shoes for School Food Service; Gym Floor Replacement for South Douglas Elementary School; and Chapel Hill High School and Burnett Elementary School Roof Replacement.

The following Assistant Principal administrative appointments were approved effective July 15, 2015: Thomas Bruno, Assistant Principal, Arbor Station Elementary School; Leigh Ann Sheffield, Assistant Principal, Eastside Elementary School; Andral Hills, Assistant Principal, New Manchester Elementary School; Kerri Lynn Rucker, Assistant Principal, New Manchester Elementary School; Kristen Martin, Assistant Principal, South Douglas Elementary School; Meredith McTyre, Assistant Principal, Winston Elementary School; Raymond Leonard, Assistant Principal, Chapel Hill High School; Albert Lindsey, Assistant Principal, Douglas County High School; Catherine Westbrook, Assistant Principal, New Manchester High School.

Discussion Agenda: Information on the following items were presented for discussion: **Student Achievement and Leadership:** 1) Genesis Collaboration Learning Clip Math K-5; 2) AdvancED Accreditation Fees – 2015-2016; **Finance:** 1) 2nd Public Hearing on the 2015/16 Budget; **Operations:** 1) Services and Maintenance on Douglas County School System Staefa/iNTERO Energy Management Systems; 2) Renewal of Solid Waste Contract; 3) Renewal of Pest Control Contract; and 4) Purchase of Serving Lines.

Action Agenda: Approved items were: **Student Achievement and Leadership:** Approval of 2015-2016 Calendar (see attached); **Operations:** Chestnut Log Middle School Renovation – Resolution for Reimbursement.

Information Only: The following information was presented for information only: 1) Summer Camps; 2) DCSS Summer Professional Learning Opportunities; 3) Technology Update; 4) Over Night, Out of State Field Trips; 5) IHE-E(2) – Retention/Placement/Promotion Recommendation Form Elementary/Middle Schools; and 6) IHE-E(6) - Retention/Placement/Promotion Plan

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 Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting and Budget Public Hearing on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.