

## Communique'

A summary of the September 8, 2015 Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each Board Meeting are posted online. For details and attachments from the September 8th Board Meeting, please click [here](#).

### Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight

#### Eastside Elementary School:

Summer reading participants were recognized. They are:

Elijah Valery, 2nd Grade

Jabari Crosby, 5th Grade

Jessika Crosby, 4th Grade

The following members of the STEM Committee were recognized:

Mrs. Kathleen Albertson

Mrs. Sally Reese

Mrs. Latita Bell

Ms. Tijuana Toure

Mrs. Toni Franklin

Ms. Dorothy Yarmoluk

Mrs. Nicole Hall

Mrs. Jennifer Waits

Eastside's Outstanding Partner in Education, First Presbyterian Church, was recognized.

#### Douglas County High School:

The 2014-2015 Mock Trial Team members who are currently at Douglas County High School, along with their coaches, were recognized. They are:

Liana Ha, Senior

Cheryl Turner, Coach

Jacqueline Patterson, Senior

Katie Wilson, Coach

Sabrina Finch, Junior

Christian Bonet, Attorney Coach

Arzhane Howard, Junior

Rachel Holmes, Attorney Coach

Ashley Whitley, Junior

Shawn Hoover, Attorney Coach

Christiana Pittman, Sophomore

Erin Lanning, Attorney Coach

Victoria Pommells, Sophomore

The following members and coach of the HOSA Bowl Team were recognized:

Ahmad Al-Husseini, Senior

Farhan Lakhani, Senior

Andy Austin, Senior

Muhammad Numan, Junior

Spencer Caro, Senior

Ms. Rebecca Lee, Coach

**Unfinished Business:** Governance Team Self-Assessment; FY2016 Local Board Training Plan; and Quality Board Recognition.

**New Business:** The 2016 Legislative Priorities and Legislative Liaison Selection and Board Policy BCBD – Board Meeting Agendas was discussed.

**Consent Agenda:** Approved were: Certified and Classified personnel; STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Consultant Agreement; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Premium Maintenance and Support Services Renewal 2015-2016; K-Signs, Inc. Sign Language Consultant

Agreement; Grease Trap Cleaning and Maintenance; Reciprocal Agreement for Use of Facilities With Douglas County Park and Receptions; Consultant Agreement for School of Americas, Dr. Barry Bogan; Consultant Agreement for Dr. Jill Drake; Consultant Agreement for Dr. Rozlyn Linder; Consultant Agreement for Dr. Maurice Wilson; Consultant Agreement for Dr. Jim Wright; Surplus Mobile Classrooms; and School Food Service Surplus.

**Discussion Agenda:** The following was presented for discussion: **Student Achievement & Leadership:** Student Support Presentation – 2014-2015 Data; **Operations:** Televising Board of Education Meetings and Carpet Purchase for Inventory; **Student Services:** EPIC After School Program and Summer Camp; and **Personnel:** Employee Voluntary Benefits.

**Approved Action Agenda Items:** **Student Achievement and Leadership:** The Board approved for the Superintendent to request of the Brighten Academy Board an extension of 30 days to consider approval of Brighten Academy’s Charter Renewal by the Douglas County Board of Education.

**Information Only:** The following items were presented for information only: Over Night Out of State Field Trips and JD-R (2) and (3) Student Discipline.

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 Meeting of the Douglas County Board of Education:**  
Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.