

Communiqué

A summary of the March 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Douglas County Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the March 6 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Proclamations

Exceptional Children's Month – Presented in American Sign Language by Ms. Kim Graham's class at Holly Springs Elementary: Michael Rentz, 5th grade; Jordan Matthews and Brilliant Forbes, 4th grade; Adrian Galeno, 2nd grade; Johnny Blow, Christopher Avila, and Jaleah Jackson, 1st grade; Harmony McLean, Breanna Roberts, and Douglas Garland, kindergarten; and Marrajose Martinez, Olanie Charles, Hosea Barnett, Noah Kaiser, and Luis Rayon-Ciprez, LEAP preschool program. Kristi Vacca is the sign language interpreter. Brenda Henry and Anna Peters are the class para-professionals.

Music in Our Schools Month – Presented by Elizabeth Redding, 5th grade student at South Douglas Elementary. Music teacher is Tiffany Griffin.

Theatre in Our Schools Month – Presented by Alexandria Edwards, 12th grade student at Lithia Springs High School. Drama teacher is Cassandra Edwards.

Youth Art Month – Presented by Dante Christian, 8th grade student at Chapel Hill Middle School. Art teacher is Melody Chambers.

School Board Appreciation Week, March 13-17, was acknowledged by Dr. Pritz. Board members are Tracy Rookard, Chair; Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair; Devetrion Caldwell; D.T. Jackson; and Jeff Morris.

Superintendent's Spotlight

Youth Leadership Douglas – The following 11th grade students were recognized for completing the Fall 2016 Youth Leadership Douglas program through the Chamber of Commerce: Alexander High School Hunter Alcares, Elizabeth Blevins, Ashlyn Daniel, Madison Golden, Miranda McTyre, Lexie Walker; Chapel Hill High School Tyler Kelly, Alaina Patel, McKenna Rigdon, Jackson Rigdon; Douglas County High School Devon Boatright, Christian Jett, MaryJo Pidgeon, Daniella Puche, J.C. Smith, Taessa Stringer; and New Manchester High School Kiirsten Allen. Coordinators are Sara Ray, Douglas County Chamber of Commerce, and Whitney Lester, New Manchester High School.

School Board

GSBA Legislative Positions must be adopted and a delegate and alternate assigned by April 10, 2017, for the GSBA Conference and Delegate Assembly.

Personnel

John Rowe, assistant principal at Turner Middle School, will retire effective June 8, 2017.

Operations

- Board approved purchase of dish machine, data cooling system, technology refresh, Cisco Smartnet support renewal, Blackboard ParentLink annual renewal, and surplus of school nutrition equipment.

- Board discussed purchase of HVAC through Daikin Applied covered by the Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract #150505 at Bright Star Elementary for approval at March 20, 2017 meeting.

Student Achievement and Leadership

- Board approved grant funds to purchase equipment and services for a Yeager Mustang News Network.
- 2018-2019 calendar, tentative teacher allotments for FY 2018, and a contract for speech language pathology services for special education students by Good Life Care LLC were presented for approval at March 20, 2017, meeting.

Student Services

Board approved EPIC after school program and summer camps.

Policies

Changes to Board Policy GBA: Professional Personnel Compensation Guides and Contracts were presented for approval at the March 20, 2017, meeting.

Information Only

The 2017-2018 calendar, overnight and out of state field trips, after school camp, and an update to JBCA-E(3) School Admissions-Resident Students were presented for review.

Present were Board Members Tracy Rookard, District III, Chair; Michelle Simmons, District IV, Vice Chair; Devetrion Caldwell, District I; D.T. Jackson, District II; 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 Renee Davis; Director of Community Relations Karen Stroud; Community Relations Specialist Nell Boggs; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

March 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m. Special Called Board Meeting

March 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

April 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting