

Communiqué

Budget Planning Session, April 10, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

- The School Leadership Team and Board Members continued planning for the budget for FY18.
- Board discussed using software that helps identify and implement changes that result in increased QBE funding.

A summary of the April 10, 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 April 10 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Proclamations

- **Month of the Military Child** proclamation summary was presented by Paisley Corry and Laurali Arch from Mason Creek Elementary and Phylicia Corry from Mason Creek Middle School.
- **Administrative Professionals Week** proclamation summary was presented by Dr. Pritz.

Superintendent's Spotlight

2016-2017 Emma Legare Jordan Counselors of the Year – Cedric Slay, Sweetwater Elementary; Jaslyn Dukes, Turner Middle School; and Pamela Cummings, New Manchester High School

2017 Library Media Specialist of the Year – Kristy Herlihy, Douglas County High School

Mason Creek Elementary

- Student Leaders, 5th Grade – Darasimi Bankole, Isabella Torres, Caroline Depriest, Rajah Broaddus
- Faculty and Staff -- Danielle Jiles, Teacher of the Year; Sarah Anthony, STEM Specialist; Christy McKoy, Hospitality Coordinator and Recycling Chair; Cortavios Byrd, Paraprofessional at Haven Academy
- Parents and Grandparents – Tiffany Esch, PTSO President; Cindy Welch, Volunteer

Sweetwater Elementary

- Georgia Gravity Games Participants – Rodney Buckles, 1st grade; Skylor Freeman, 4th grade; Zion Bracy, 4th grade; Matthias Miller, 2nd grade; Rachel Miller, 3rd grade
- Math Competition Winners – Nneka Onwumelu, 3rd grade; Brooklyn Duclair, 4th grade
- Faculty – Pam Bryant, Teacher of the Year; Tameka Scott, Life Changer Nominee

Chestnut Log Middle School

- Kelli Rowsey, Teacher of the Year and Junior Beta Club Sponsor
- Tome Society Competition Winners, 8th grade – Roxanne Jean-Baptiste, Isatou Njie, Neah Danku, Matthew Kirkham
- Georgia Gravity Games – Logahn Abley, Oyin Oduba, Brooke Robinson, Quincey Swann, Dustin Tolbert

- Google Coding Project Leadership – Angeli Khor

Mason Creek Middle School

- Alana Dove, 8th grade, Superintendent’s Student Forum
- Jacquelyn Jones, 8th grade, Honor Band
- Edgar Maldonado, 8th grade, Coach’s Award for football
- Zanelle Zabala, 6th grade, Youth Georgia Authors grade level winner
- Elizabeth Jones, PTSA President
- Shemika Vinson, Office Manager

College and Career Institute (CCI)

Leadership Team – Geri Armstrong, Assistant Principal; Julian Carter, CEO; Nancy Schrier, CCI Coordinator; Blayne West, Counselor; Lisa Doney, Executive Director of West GA Technical College; Rebekah Conner, Teacher and Academy Team Leader; Wendy Grey, Teacher and WGTC Team Leader; Carmen Long, Office Manager

School Board

The Board submitted no recommendations on the 2017 GSBA Legislative Positions. Devettrion Caldwell was appointed delegate for the GSBA Conference and Delegate Assembly. Tracy Rookard was appointed alternate.

Personnel

Certified and classified personnel were approved, including:

- Appointment of Jaslyn Dukes as Assistant Principal at Turner Middle School effective July 17, 2017
- Transfer of Dr. Paul Collins, Assistant Principal, to Beulah Elementary, and Marketa George, Assistant Principal, to Burnett Elementary effective July 17, 2017
- Dr. Teresa Martin will be Principal on Special Assignment effective July 17, 2017, until her retirement November 1, 2017.

Operations

Board approved:

- Placing mulch on playgrounds of all elementary schools
- Relocation of 10 classroom modular buildings from Mirror Lake Elementary to the CCI
- Painting of Factory Shoals Middle School and Mt. Carmel Elementary
- Surplus of furniture, books, electronics, and various other items as presented
- Surplus of obsolete technology equipment
- Renovation of the Lithia Springs High School old gym by RA-LIN Construction and the addition of 13 classrooms at Lithia Springs Elementary by Parrish Construction

Recommendation was made to approve at the May 1, 2017 meeting:

- Renewal of Let’s Talk! communication platform

- Purchase of student furniture for the modular classrooms which will be relocated from Mirror Lake Elementary to the CCI

Student Achievement and Leadership

- James Strong and Sgt. Jeff Taylor presented a video and summary of the collaboration between local law enforcement agencies and the school system to educate students about the law.
- Recommendation was made to approve a one year renewal fee for K-12 Solutions/Infinite Campus student information system to include the addition of the online registration module.
- Pam Nail presented information about the charter school petition from Bettye Cardwell School of International Studies. The school system will study it further and present a recommendation to the Board at the May 1, 2017, meeting.

Finance

- Board discussed implementing software that will help maximize FTE funding and will vote on this at a future meeting.
- January, 2017, and February, 2017, financial reports were approved.

Information Only

After school camps 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

May 1, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Budget Planning Session

May 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

May 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting