

Communiqué

A summary of the October 17, 2016, 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 October 17 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

Superintendent's Spotlight

Beulah Elementary

Four student artists in 3rd grade were recognized for their artistic talent: **Malakye Gunn, Keira Lashley, Raquel Silva Matias, and Rae-Van Hall**. Art teacher **Kelly Fulton** was also recognized.

Juan Bell, Instructional Lead Teacher and Parent Outreach Facilitator, was recognized for his positive influence on teachers, students, and parents.

Sherika Robinson, Cafeteria Manager, was recognized for ensuring proper nutrition for Beulah students and for her friendly outreach to students, parents, and staff.

Dr. Pritz recognized parent **Dr. Heather Scott**, PTO president, for her many contributions to the school and community.

P.E. teacher **Tyler Hubbard** was recognized as Teacher of the Year for Beulah.

Lithia Springs Elementary

First grader **Berlin Garcia** was recognized for her participation in the summer reading program.

Dr. Pritz recognized the following students for scoring at the Distinguished Learner level on the 2016 Georgia Milestones Assessment: **Elmer Cruz**, grade 4; **Avery Butler**, grade 4; **Hayden Layton**, grade 5; and **John Matlock**, grade 4.

Fourth grade teacher **Anay Barajas** was recognized as Teacher of the Year for Lithia Springs Elementary.

Dr. Pritz recognized parent **Pamela Collins** for her work with the PTA over the last 10 years.

Turner Middle School

Band director **Mr. Christopher Willis** was recognized as Teacher of the Year for Turner Middle.

Dr. Pritz recognized 8th grader **Jade Cervantes** for being named a 2016-2017 REACH Scholar.

Turner Middle was recognized for having 18 7th graders selected for the Duke TIP program. They are: **Adrian Martinez, Angenie GeDeon, Avia Soloman, Binita Timsina, Bryan Reyes, Carmen Aguilar-**

Antonio, Carolina Peralta, Caven Cooks, Christopher Johnson, Christopher Walker, Dean Munford, Hector Sanchez, Isaac Dia, Juan Garia Reyes, Magali Rivera, Michaela Moore, Nathan Bentley, and Peyton Boleman. Dean Munford and Peyton Boleman represented this group and were honored at the meeting.

Aniya Moore, 6th grade, and **Eden Fleming**, 8th grade, were honored for their inclusion on the Douglas County All-County Softball Team. The softball coach is **Coach Kendra Pleasant**.

Teacher **Carol Rozier** was recognized for her leadership in the annual program commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Turner soccer team was honored for winning the 2015-2016 Douglas County Middle School Soccer Championship and having an undefeated season. **Coach Desieu Tabue** leads the team.

Dr. Pritz recognized parents **LeToya Barnum** and **Stephanie Maston**, Co-Presidents of Turner's PTSA, for their leadership at the school.

Lithia Springs High School

The following 10 students were recognized for their excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, and sports: **David Welch**, 11th grade; **Amanda Ziegler**, 12th grade; **Maria Del Angel**, 12th grade; **Shana Blair**, 12th grade; **Davyon Dukes**, 10th grade; **Ayodele Babalola**, 12th grade; **Jaden Lamar**, 11th grade; **Diana Calixto**, 12th grade; **Hana Zanlerigu**, 12th grade; and **Brandon Lindstrom**, 12th grade.

Dr. Pritz thanked the following JROTC students who presented colors at the beginning of the meeting: **Cadet Sergeant Jason Blow**, 10th grade; **Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Lauren Jordan**, 11th grade; **Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Bradley Watson**, 12th grade; and **Cadet Sergeant Jesus Calvo**, 11th grade. The JROTC program at Lithia is led by **Senior Marine Instructor Paul Robinson** and **Marine Instructor Kenneth Jones**.

New Business

Board will finalize 2017 Legislative Priorities in November. Board will meet with our legislative delegation in December.

Consent Agenda

Board approved the Consent Agenda including:

- Minutes from the October 3, 2016, Whole Board Governance Training
- Minutes from the October 3, 2016, Executive Session
- Minutes from the October 3, 2016, Regular Board Meeting
- Certified and Classified Personnel
- Purchase of a 48 passenger Thomas School Bus with a wheelchair lift
- Purchase of the AngelTrax digital recording system for the 34 buses that currently use VCRs so that all buses use the same system

Discussion Agenda

Student Achievement & Leadership

Dr. Tara Campbell, ELA School Improvement Specialist, provided a presentation on English Language Arts in Douglas County.

Recommendation was made to approve at the November 7, 2016, board meeting the International Baccalaureate exam fees as presented.

Operations

Recommendation was made to approve at the November 7, 2016, board meeting the purchase of four engines from Rush Bus Center to replace engines that no longer run in buses that have a good chassis.

Action Agenda

Student Achievement & Leadership

Board upheld the decision of the Student Tribunal Panel (SY 17-01) as reviewed in Executive Session.

Board upheld the decision of the Student Tribunal Panel (SY 17-02) as reviewed in Executive Session.

Finance

Board approved the following salary adjustments:

- The addition of a step 24 to the current pay scale
- A 2% across the board pay adjustment to be paid in December in a one-time check with 1% continuing into the 2017-2018 school year

(**Note:** Employees will receive a separate memo from the superintendent on October 21 explaining the salary adjustments in full.)

Information Only

After school camps and overnight out of state field trips were presented for review.

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I, Vice Chair; Tracy Rookard, District III; Michelle Simmons, District IV; 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; Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Policy Dr. Michelle Ruble; Assistant Superintendent of Student Services E. Renee Davis; Community Relations Director Karen Stroud; Community Relations Specialist Nell Boggs; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m.