

Communiqué

A summary of the December 7, 2015, Douglas County Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each Board Meeting are posted online. For details and attachments from the December 7 Board Meeting, please click [here](#).

Superintendent's Announcements/Spotlight

AP District Honor Roll

Dr. Pritz, Mrs. Pam Nail, along with Ms. Kendall Hawkins, Associate Director of the K-12 program at the College Board – Southern Regional Office, recognized our high school administrators and AP teachers. Douglas County School District is one of 425 school districts in the U.S. and Canada (1 of 6 in Ga) being honored by the College Board with placement on the 6th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. This achievement was awarded to our district for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Reaching these goals indicates that a district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the opportunity of AP.

Inclusion on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2013 to 2015, looking across 34 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used:

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2015 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2013 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

Douglas County College and Career Institute

The following administrators from CCI were recognized:

Mandy Johnson, Director of College and Career Programs

Julian Carter, CEO

Lisa Doney, West Georgia Technical College Director of Campus Operations

Geri Armstrong, Assistant Principal

Nancy Schrier, CCI Coordinator

The following students who serve as 2015-2016 CCI Ambassadors were recognized:

Ailia Tomlinson- 9th

Perjah Roberts- 11th

Iona Smith- 12th

Arian Tomlinson- 9th

Quintez Blalock – 11th

Rodrick Jordan- 12th

James Holt- 9th

Jesse Montemayor - 12th

Leilani Roman- 12th

Olivia Woodard- 9th

Miranda Campbell- 12th

Kenyen Brown- 9th

Teona Tomlinson- 12th

Valarie Golden, Patient Care Assisting Instructor for West Georgia Technical College at CCI, was recognized for working to raise the pass rate on the Certified Nursing Assisting Exam to over 90%.

Symetra Hero in the Classroom

Steve Robinson, social studies teacher at New Manchester High School, was recognized for being one of sixteen K-12 teachers in the state of Georgia named a “Symetra Hero in the Classroom.”

Action Agenda

Finance – The Board voted to approve a compensation adjustment. Due to higher than projected tax revenue collections in this year’s budget in addition to the system ending the fiscal year slightly under budget, the Board approved for this 2015-2016 school year, a one-time additional salary compensation. This compensation for the balance of the year will be equal to 2% of the annual base salary for all permanent certified and classified employees, excluding the Superintendent, and will be paid in a one-time lump sum payment with the December payroll.

Operations – The Board of Education 2016 meeting dates were approved.

The GPS proposal for buses and maintenance vehicles was approved.

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items of certified and classified personnel were approved. Ms. Connie Craft, Principal of New Manchester High School, will retire effective June 30, 2016. Mr. Jamar Graham, current Chapel Hill Middle School teacher, was named Assistant Principal at Chapel Hill Middle School, effective date TBD.

Discussion Agenda

Student Achievement and Leadership – Committee members for the Strategic Plan 2016-2019 along with representatives from Education Planners LLC presented a draft of the Plan and recommended it for approval.

Recommendation was made to approve the Abstinence Education and Youth Development Grant.

Information Only

The Douglas County Board of Education was honored at the December 4 Georgia School Boards Association Conference as a 2015 Quality Board. Our school board is one of 32 boards in Georgia to receive this prestigious recognition. There are currently 181 school districts in Georgia.

Overnight out of state field trips

Dr. Ruble provided Board members with samples of policy for LEBA: Parental Involvement in Education from other school districts.

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 Dr. Gordon Pritz, Superintendent; Mrs. Pam Nail, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Greg Denney, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Michelle Ruble, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Policy; Dr. Tim Scott, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations; Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Mrs. Karen Stroud, Director of Community Relations; Nell Boggs, Community Relations Specialist; and Mrs. Melanie Nicholson, Secretary to the Superintendent.

Upcoming Meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.