



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018, 4:00 p.m., at the Gaston County Schools Central Office, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia. At that time, the Board will . . .

- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Consider formal adoption of the Board Agenda as required by Robert’s Rules of Order (revised edition).
 - Recognize Students and Employees.
 - Provide an opportunity for Public Expression. At each Board meeting, the public has an opportunity to address the Board.
 - Consider approval of minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting.
 - Receive the following Good News for December 2018:
1. **Cherryville High School** and **South Point High School** won awards at the N.C. High School Athletic Association’s invitational cheerleading championship. Cherryville earned first place in the Division II Small Junior Varsity and Small Varsity categories. South Point took second place in the Division II Medium Varsity category.
 2. **Bessemer City Primary** students **Brody Bane, Mason Wilder, Ethan Gray, Isabella McIntosh, Kim’lyah Barnette, Espn Carpenter, Blake Sears, Lilianna Johnson, Maddox Monaco, Samuel Ghannt, Christian Linares,** and **Madison Taylor** were recognized as academic all-stars during halftime of a UNC-Charlotte football game.
 3. **Bessemer City Primary** students collected \$409.57 during the United Way campaign. **Kerri Troutman’s** first grade class had the highest fundraising total of \$97.58.
 4. **Bessemer City Middle School** received plants and trees from three Lowe’s Home Improvement stores to beautify the school’s courtyard area.
 5. Students at **Bessemer City Middle School** enjoyed a program by guest speaker Thomas Melton of the North Gaston Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. He shared about why he is a volunteer firefighter and showed the students how to perform CPR. In addition, Kellie Melton of the Dallas Rescue Squad gave students a tour of one of the department’s newer vehicles and demonstrated how to use the EMT equipment.
 6. **Chapel Grove Elementary, Sherwood Elementary,** and **East Gaston High School** received school supplies from members of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa.
 7. **East Gaston High School** students **Levi Summey** and **Hannah Murrow** were selected for the prestigious North Carolina High School Honors Chorus.
 8. **East Gaston High School’s** Fellowship of Christian Athletes club raised more than \$700 to help a family at Christmas.
 9. **East Gaston High School, Cramerton Middle,** and **Rankin Elementary** students won best lantern awards during the first-ever Mount Holly Lantern Parade. In addition, **East Gaston High School** participated in the Keep Gastonia Beautiful recycled art show and received two honorable mention awards.
 10. **Arianna Stephenson,** a member of the **East Gaston High School** marching band, received the Grand Champion award at the Fred T. Foard High School band competition.
 11. **Cherryville High School** received a donation of cherry trees from Upchurch Garden Center and alumnus Bob Barker.
 12. **W.C. Friday Middle School** collected 4,559 canned goods for the Dallas food pantry.
 13. The following students won awards in the Keep Gastonia Beautiful recycled art contest: **Dana Catalan, Bessemer City Primary; Maxine Bradshaw, Haylie Perkins, and Lydia Tench, Rankin Elementary; Olivia Locklear, Pinewood Elementary; Mattie Queen, Robinson Elementary; Ellana Simmons and Breanna Mexico, Belmont Middle; Numarious Good, Krista Davis, and Kamarion Bolin, Chavis Middle; Jose Perez Nicolas and Gavin Waxler, Grier Middle; Andrew Lowry, Hailie Brianna Neal, and Katie David, Forestview; Aaron Valentin, South Point; Rebecca Watts and Maddie Allran, East Gaston; and Ambar Ugalde, Kayla Mason, Megan Addington, Caroline Clemmer, and Karson Dean, North Gaston.**
 14. **Carr Elementary** collected 365 jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Guardian Ad Litem program. **Melissa Hawkins’** class helped to organize the school-wide collection.
 15. WBTV meteorologist Lyndsay Tapases visited students at **Chapel Grove Elementary, New Hope Elementary,** and **Sadler Elementary.** She shared information about the weather and how weather data is collected and analyzed by meteorologists.
 16. **Gardner Park Elementary** raised \$3,286 for the United Way of Gaston County. The school exceeded its goal by more than \$800 from the previous year.
 17. **Gaston Early College High School** senior **Kimberly Queen** presented undergraduate research at the prestigious Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative (CCURI) in Glendale, Arizona.
 18. **Highland School of Technology** teacher **Jamee Webb** attended a seminar at the N.C. Center for the Advancement in Teaching. The professional development program was titled “Moving from Consumers to Creators: Empowering the Digital Generation.”

19. **Highland School of Technology** media specialist **Laura Long** was elected president of the North Carolina School Library Media Association during the organization's annual conference in Winston-Salem.
20. Students in **Holbrook Middle School's** Special Adaptive Curriculum program had the opportunity to visit Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. The students and their teachers created themed ornaments related to places to visit in North Carolina.
21. **Holbrook Middle School** students in **Tina Walters'** class learned about different types of soil and took turns digging to see if the soil is made of layers or horizons. Erin Hines, a staff member from Gaston County Soil Conservation, coordinated the lesson.
22. **Springfield Elementary** collected \$2,131.10 during the United Way campaign. The school hosted fun fundraising activities such as crazy hat day, pajama day, and a teddy bear picnic.
23. **Holbrook Middle School** students are volunteering their time to clean up garbage and report downed trees along a two-mile loop of the lake at George Poston Park. Teacher **Diana Baxter** is overseeing the project.
24. A group of **Hunter Huss High School** students participated in a Manufacturing Day program at Lanxess. The programs gave students an opportunity to learn about jobs available in Gaston County and what skills are needed to have a successful career in advanced manufacturing.
25. The following **Hunter Huss High School** students won awards at the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) regional competition: **Katie Hunter, Symanthia Bryson, Aliyah Wilson, Prince Behma, Dondra Burris, Carson Jenkins, Cole Jenkins, Elijah Mason, Donovan Moonie, Jaylan Silvers, Jaheim Topping, and Darius Williams**. The students captured top honors in the Quick Serve Restaurant, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Apparel and Accessories Marketing categories.
26. **Hunter Huss High School** teacher **Michelle Ellis** received the 2018 Turnaround Management Association's Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Award.
27. Students at **Lingerfeldt Elementary** participated in the Junior Achievement Day program and enjoyed lessons about business and personal finance. Volunteers from Firestone Fibers and Textiles, Gaston County Health and Human Services, and Tabernacle Baptist Church as well as Gastonia mayor Walker Reid and former Carolina Panthers player Nate Salley led activities and spent time with the students.
28. **Pinewood Elementary** received a donation of \$600 from the Mount Holly Rotary Club, Daimler Cares program, and Mount Holly Fire Department for the purchase of Chromebook computers. Additionally, the school received a donation of supplies from the Mount Holly Fire Department.
29. **Rankin Elementary** collected more than 2,000 pounds of canned goods for the Mount Holly Community Relief Organization.
30. The **Sadler Elementary** book fair raised more than \$4,000 for the school. The students and staff celebrated with various spirit days along with a special breakfast and lunch event for family and friends.
31. **Sadler Elementary** teacher **Karen Palomino** received a Rutherford Electric Bright Ideas Grant in the amount of \$700 for a video recording project that includes a large green screen, video camera, teleprompter, and lights.
32. **South Point High School** student **Isaac Fazenbaker** received the school's "Do the Right Thing" award for October. He was nominated by his teacher **Jeannette Magee**.
33. **South Point High School** students **Morgan Taylor, Sarah Neil, Garrett Fox, and William Raffone** were recognized by the American Legion Post 144 for their participation in the prestigious Tar Heel State program.

- Classroom Moment.
- Receive information regarding the "Nickels 4 Neighbors" Update.
- Receive information regarding the Calendar Update 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
- Consider the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
- Receive information regarding the Second Grade Aptitude Test.
- Consider Consent Agenda. The Board previously authorized the use of a Consent Agenda for routine items. The following items will be considered under the Consent Agenda:
 - Recommended Personnel.
 - Budget Amendments and Transfers.
 - Construction/Repair Change Orders.
 - Contracts:
 - Geotechnical and Constructional Material Testing for the new Belmont Middle School.
 - YMCA Afterschool Care Program.
 - Board Policy Updates.
 - Award RFP for Computers and Peripherals.
 - Lightspeed Web Filtering Software Renewal.
 - Replacement of Classroom Technology.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Personnel and School Safety Plans.

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