

GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS



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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019, 5:30 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 May 20, 2019 meeting.
- Receive the following Good News for June 2019:

1. **Gaston County Schools** had 22 students in the Class of 2019 to earn valedictorian or salutatorian honors. The students were recognized during high school graduation for their commitment to academic excellence.
2. Two students in the Class of 2019 achieved 12 or 13 years of perfect attendance: **Katherine Bowyer, Ashbrook, and Connor Glaza, Forestview**. The students received a plaque from the Board of Education during their high school graduation ceremony.
3. **Gaston County Schools** concluded its “Big 50 Anniversary” celebration with the “Big 50” Reception on May 29 at the Gastonia Conference Center. The program included the recognition of school mentors, business and community partners, and the “Big 50 Anniversary” Presenting Sponsors, and a special performance by the **Hunter Huss High School** chorus.
4. The following students received the Paul F. Fuller Scholarship, which is presented each year to students who have been a part of the **Gaston County Schools** mentoring program: **Caleb Moore, Hunter Huss High School; Jacob Hunt, Forestview High School; and Anthony Perez, Hunter Huss High School**.
5. **Amanda Matz** of **North Belmont Elementary** was named the 2019 Linda Rader New Teacher of the Year, and **Stephania Meeks** of **Webb Street School** was chosen as the Teacher Assistant of the Year.
6. **Todd Hagans**, chief communications officer for **Gaston County Schools**, was re-elected to serve as president of the N.C. School Public Relations Association.
7. The following high school students received the Albert G. Myers Scholarship: **James Abee, Gaston Early College; John Bedford, East Gaston; LaDameion Butler, Bessemer City; Daphne Martinez-Cruz, North Gaston; Marcus Mauney, Hunter Huss; Kyra Rhyne, Gaston Early College; and Gracie Smith, South Point**.
8. The following **Cramerton Middle School** students are winners in the 2019 North Carolina AQ-IQ Awards program, which teaches seventh graders about air quality: **Abigail Armstrong**, pollution disaster category; **Bri McGinnis, Eliana Phadke, Ellie Shine, and Erin Bradshaw**, air quality - forest fires category; and **Katherine White**, transportation stop motion category. **Britnee Reid** is their science teacher.
9. **Gaston County Schools** had 21 students to receive Golden Opportunity Character and Goal-Setting Awards for showing strong growth in character and achieving the goals they set for the 2018-2019 school year. Each student received a \$50 gift card from Dick’s Sporting Goods. The awards program is part of “STAND UP Gaston,” which is the school district’s character education and anti-bullying program. Shaun Golden, who operates the Golden Opportunity organization, works with “STAND UP Gaston” to provide character building and goal setting activities for middle and high school students.
10. **Highland School of Technology** senior **Lauren Snyder** received a National Merit Scholarship to attend the University of Kentucky.
11. **South Point High School** student **Justin Crawford** and **Highland School of Technology** student **Reilly Phillips** were among the teen court attorney volunteers who received the 2019 Volunteer Gaston Award and the 2019 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award. The awards were presented by the United Way of Gaston County during a ceremony on May 1.
12. **Page Primary** kindergarten teacher **Kristin Riggs** was recognized as the #FeatureTeacherFriday Teacher of the Week on Instagram. “Frozen” actress Kristen Bell featured Riggs on her Instagram page, and Bell’s fans donated supplies for Riggs to use in her classroom.
13. Students on the yearbook staff at **North Gaston High School** received the 2019 National Yearbook Program of Excellence distinction, which is an award given by Jostens to recognize the best yearbook publications in the United States.
14. To honor the late Edward D. Sadler, Jr., Superintendent of Schools **W. Jeffrey Booker** delivered the farewell address during the fifth grade graduation ceremony at **Sadler Elementary**. Board of Education members **Brent Moore, Dot Cherry, and Dot Guthrie** attended the program. Brenda Friday, Dr. Sadler’s sister, accepted a copy of the school’s yearbook, which was dedicated in memory of Dr. Sadler.
15. **Springfield Elementary** received a donation of \$6,225 from Christ Lutheran Church to purchase new furniture for the school library.
16. **Stanley Middle School** sixth grader **Marbin Garcia** competed in the Barca Academy World Cup Soccer Tournament in Barcelona, Spain.

- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report.
- Consider the Gaston College Board of Trustees Appointment.
- Consider the Gaston Early College High School Calendar Revision.
- Consider the Approval of the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan.
- Consider the Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Plan.
- Consider the School Safety Policy Updates.
- Receive information regarding the Annual Surplus Report.
- Consider the 2019-2020 Interim Budget.
- Consider the 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.
 - Construction/Repair Change Orders.
 - Health Curriculum Resources.
 - Hunter Huss Concrete and Canopy Replacement.
 - Sole Source Provider Request for Ronco Specialized Systems.
 - Summer Construction/Renovation Projects.
 - Contracts: Managed Print Services; Blackboard Renewal; 21st Century Literacy Rooms for H.H. Beam and Pleasant Ridge Elementary.
 - Budget Amendments and Budget Transfers.
 - Board Policy Updates.
 - Grier Paving Improvement Project.
 - Cramerton Middle School Chiller.
 - Sole Source Provider Request for Musco Lighting.
 - School Nutrition 2019-2020 Procurement Plan.
- Superintendent’s Comments.
- Closed Session – Personnel and Consultation with Attorney.

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