



# GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

# Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, August 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m., at the Gaston County Schools Central Administrative 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, an opportunity will be provided for the public to address the Board regarding an agenda item. If you would like to speak to the Board, please contact the Superintendent's Office.
- Consider approval of minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting.
- Receive the following Good News:
  1. **Gaston County Schools** partnered with *The Gaston Gazette* and the U.S. Postal Service for the annual "School Tools" campaign. School supplies were collected during the "Stuff the Bus" event and letter carriers picked up supplies left at mailboxes. Supplies also were collected at Ashley Furniture and Showmars Restaurant.
  2. **Gaston County Schools** received a \$7,500 contribution from WIX Filters in celebration of the company's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The check presentation coincided with the kickoff of the annual "School Tools" campaign.
  3. **Warlick Academy** received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from CaroMont Health and the Gaston County Medical Society Alliance.
  4. More than 1,000 teachers attended the annual **Gaston County Schools** Teaching and Learning Conference held at Gaston College. Education experts offered more than 100 sessions on topics such as innovative curriculum strategies and techniques, technology use in the classroom, effective communication with parents, and classroom management.
  5. **Forest Heights Elementary** had 31 students enrolled in the Y Readers summer literacy program sponsored by the Gaston County YMCA. More than 100 people attended an open house to celebrate the Y Readers program.
  6. **Forest Heights Elementary** is participating in a Back-To-School Jamboree at the Phillips Recreation Center in Gastonia. The event includes fun activities for children and youth and a school supplies collection drive.
  7. **Gaston County Schools** has 21 schools participating in the Community Eligibility Provision program, which is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and sponsored by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. All children at the schools will receive free breakfast and lunch meals. The schools qualify for the program based on the number of students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals.
  8. Gaston County Schools has 26 teachers who were chosen to serve as Pinnacle leaders: **Teri Beltakis, Karrie Brand, Patti Brooks, Kimberly Dalton, Tracy Davis, Jessica Ellison, Shelly Gibson, Ashley Harkey, Elisabeth Haywood, Katherine Leatherman, Laura Long, Rebecca O'Bryon, Becky Perkins, Amber Polk Manoff, Angela Rimmer, Audra Robertson, Amy Schwartz, Laura Sexton, Carla Smith, Shelley Smith, Carolyn Spencer, Noelle Van Der Meid, Beth Wilkinson, Heather Wilson, Brett Wilson** and **Kyle Wood**. The Pinnacle program trains teachers to integrate technology into the classroom and serve as technology leaders in their schools.
- Consider Board Appointments to the Gaston County Planning Board and Transportation Advisory Board.
- Consider the Increase in Local Teacher Salary Supplement.
- Consider the Solid Waste Removal.
- Receive information regarding the Annual Surplus Report.
- Receive information regarding the Employee Assistance Program.
- Receive information regarding Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations.
- 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.
  - Official Depository Designation.
  - Appointment of Treasurer/Financial Secretary for Each School for 2014-2015.
  - YMCA Afterschool Programs.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Personnel.

**For more information, please contact the Communications/Public Information Department, Todd Hagans, 704-866-6118.**