



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017, 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.
- Receive the following Good News for August 2017:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bobbie Cavnar, an English teacher at South Point High School and the 2016-2017 North Carolina Teacher of the Year, is among 38 educators from across the United States who were chosen to receive the prestigious Award for Teaching Excellence presented by the California Casualty insurance company. 2. Seniors in the Gaston County Schools Class of 2017 were offered more than \$45 million in scholarships to attend the most prestigious colleges and universities across the state and nation. The scholarships included awards for academics, athletics, military, and the fine arts. 3. Gaston Early College High School student Rachel Dewey earned a perfect score of 800 on the reading/writing section of the SAT. 4. Gaston County Schools conducted its annual “Stuff That Bus!” school supplies collection on August 10 at Office Depot in Gastonia. Hundreds of items were donated during the three-hour event, which featured performances by high school cheerleaders from Ashbrook, Stuart W. Cramer, and East Gaston, middle school cheerleaders from Belmont, Holbrook, and Stanley, and the Ashbrook drum line. Local “celebrities” attended the collection effort, including Sheriff Alan Cloninger, representatives from the Gastonia police and fire departments, Superintendent of Schools W. Jeffrey Booker, Principal of the Year Phyllis Whitworth of Belmont Central Elementary School, Teacher of the Year Mindee Mammano of Stuart W. Cramer High School, and the Miss Gastonia, Miss Gaston County, and Miss Mount Holly pageant queens. 5. More than 1,000 teachers and school administrators attended the Gaston County Schools Teaching and Learning Conference on August 7-8 at Gaston College. The conference featured keynote speakers, professional development seminars, and other activities designed to prepare teachers and others for the upcoming school year. 6. Michelle Ellis, a science teacher at Hunter Huss High School, was featured in an article by EducationNC. Ellis shared about her struggles as a child, what inspired her to become a teacher, what she hopes to accomplish as a teacher, and what she is doing to be the best she can be for her students. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. A group of middle school and high school teachers and counselors participated in the “Educators in the Workplace” summer program, which is a partnership between Gaston County Schools and the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce. Participants were given an opportunity to learn more about the local business community through visits to 15 companies/organizations: American & Efird, PSNC Energy, GSM Services, Beverly Knits, Lanxess, Beam Construction, Firestone, The Gaston Gazette, Gaston County Government, Pinnix, Gastonia Plumbing and Heating, Tindol Ford-Subaru, Pharr Yarns, PNC Bank, and CaroMont Health. 8. Gaston County Schools held two summer camps to provide academic enrichment opportunities for students: a science and language arts camp at Belmont Middle School and a robotics camp at Cramerton Middle School. These camps were in addition to the “Camp Achieve” summer reading program that was conducted at seven school locations. 9. South Point High School had 17 of its 20 varsity athletic teams designated as 2016-2017 Scholar-Athlete Teams by the N.C. High School Athletic Association. The distinction recognizes teams that achieve academic excellence with a combined 3.1 or higher grade point average. 10. Harrison Walker, a 2017 graduate of Cherryville High School, was honored during a Charlotte Knights baseball game as one of three students to receive the Charlotte Knights Healthcare Scholarship valued at \$1,000. He plans to attend Appalachian State University to major in exercise science and pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon. 11. Highland School of Technology and Bessemer City High School were recognized at the Career and Technical Education summer conference for having a high number of students to earn Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certifications. Highland was first and Bessemer City was fourth among the 1-A size schools. The significant achievement shows the emphasis on preparing students for college and careers through the Career and Technical Education program. 12. Emily Miller, a student at Highland School of Technology, was crowned Miss Gastonia’s Outstanding Teen 2018 and will compete in the Miss North Carolina’s Outstanding Teen Pageant next summer. |
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13. The **Stuart W. Cramer High School** varsity cheerleading squad attended the UCA Cheer Camp at Appalachian State University and earned superior ratings in the extreme routine, cheer stunt, and sideline categories. The squad also took first place in the game day competition. Seniors **Maleah Crocker, Desera Rhames, Jessica Smith, and**

Maddy Wilson were named All-American cheerleaders, and Rhames also received a pin from UCA's "Pin It Forward" program for exhibiting leadership and a positive attitude.

- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report.
- Operations Committee Report.
- Receive information regarding the Back-To-School Report.
- Receive information regarding the New Schools Construction Update.
- Consider the Adoption of 2017-2018 Gaston County Schools Budget Resolution.
- 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 and Repair Change Orders.
 - Contracts:
 - Edgenuity for Gaston County Virtual Academy.
 - Edgenuity for High School Credit Recovery.
 - Gaston County Schools Local Assessment Schedule 2017-2018.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Consultation with Attorney, Property, and Personnel.

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