



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 13, 2015, 5:30 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 June 1, 2015 and June 15, 2015 meetings.
 - Receive the following Good News:
1. The Gaston County Association of Educational Office Professionals (GCAEOP) presented the Office Professional of the Year award to **Kristen Neal of Bessemer City Middle School**. **York Chester Middle School** principal **Amy Holbrook** was named the GCAEOP Administrator of the Year.
 2. **Webb Street School** student **Tommy Heracklis** received the Student Achievement Award from the Gastonia City Council and mayor John Bridgeman.
 3. **Forest Heights Elementary** partnered with Wells Fargo Bank to sponsor a school beautification day. The volunteers planted flowers and cleaned up the school grounds.
 4. The **Belmont Middle School** “Beauty and the Bots” robotics team won the first place research project award at the RoboFest 2015 competition. The award recognized the students for their “iCan4iPads” fundraising project. During the school year, the team collected \$2,471.44 to purchase iPads for the residents of Holy Angels.
 5. **Belmont Middle** presented the following student achievement awards: **Priyanj Patel** received the Gadd Award for top AR (Accelerated Reader) points in the eighth grade; **Katelynne Haynie** received the DAR Citizenship Award; **Devon King** received the Paul Christopher Wylie Award; **Haley Nixon** and **Adam Whiteman** received the Ann Helms Award; and **Ariana Perry** and **Jovan Sheshbaradaran** received the Barnett Award.
 6. **Gaston County Schools** had a group of students to earn awards in the Special Olympics of North Carolina Summer Games. In the softball skills competition, **Summer Kirby of Webb Street School** earned a silver medal and **Mya Pope of Grier Middle** earned a bronze medal. The “Gaston All-Stars” unified volleyball team earned a silver medal. Team members were **Trey Gibson, Samantha Depeder, Drew Depeder** and **Haylee Haman of South Point High**; **Emily Mobley of Belmont Middle**; and **Garnett Hinson of Carr Elementary**. The “Gaston Dominators” modified volleyball team earned fourth place. Team members were **Shannon Layne** and **Micheal Davie of Webb Street School**; **Timothy O’Shae of Mount Holly Middle**; and **Austin Shields of East Gaston**.
 7. Sixteen seniors from **Gaston County Schools** were chosen to attend the North Carolina Governor’s School: **Gretchen Purvis** and **Solomon Collins, Ashbrook**; **Chloe Kaylor** and **Lauren Rogers, Stuart W. Cramer**; **Brittany Ballard, East Gaston**; **George Dent, Matthew Noles, Elise Sweezy** and **Savannah Lutz, Highland School of Technology**; **Nathan Snyder, Hunter Huss**; **Wan Ching Chan** and **Andrew Tucker, North Gaston**; **Madeline Bame, Hannah Keel, Grace Russell** and **Rosie Tran, South Point**.
 8. The following **Gaston County Schools** teachers are currently involved in the Pinnacle technology leadership program: **Carmin Adams, Colton Ballard, Diana Baxter, Mallory Carroll, Rebecca Cissel, Karen Coffey, Edie Crook, Beth Crosby, Leigh Davis, Lisa Fain, Amanda Froehlich, Samantha Gibby, Reshawna Greene, Jessica Harris, Candace Hester, Sheri Lewis, Kenneth Loudon, Jenna Markwith, Beverly Mellette, Stacey Messer, Angie Molla, Lynne Myers, Dara Nicholson, Jennie Peeler, Anna Ralston-Asumendi, Cynthia Ramseur, Clarissa Sanders, Valerie Schoen, Amber Spargo, Allison Trudnak, Joshua White, Shay Whitlow** and **Rebecca Wray**.
 9. The following **Gaston County Schools** students were chosen by the N.C. Softball Coaches Association for the all-state softball team: **Logan Hamby** and **Anna Ramsey, Bessemer City**; **Caitlin Hay** and **Bayleigh Henley, Cherryville**; **Carley Byrum, Hunter Huss**; **Sarah Beth Gibson, Stuart W. Cramer**; **Marah Branham, Ashbrook**; **Marrah Troutman** and **Leah Smith, Forestview**; **Chloe Hamilton, North Gaston**; **Morgan Mahaffey, South Point**; and **Madison Armstrong, Highland**, who also was named the District 1A Player of the Year.
 10. **Gardner Park Elementary** honored retiring school counselor **Marilynn Denholm** by establishing a school character award in her honor. Denholm worked 26 of her 30 years with Gaston County Schools at Gardner Park. **Kayleen Echeverry** was the first student to receive the annual Marilyn Denholm Award, which honors a student who has shown outstanding character from kindergarten through fifth grade.

11. **Ashbrook High School's** Air Force JROTC was named the most physically fit unit and earned many awards during a week-long leadership course co-sponsored by the U.S. Air Force and Converse College. **Jeremy Caldwell** and **Taylor Crane** scored the highest of all cadets at the camp and were named "Iron Man" and "Iron Woman." Camp honor graduates were **Hamil Vashi** and **Ian Hauxwell**. **Bethany Saunders** won the Top Flight Cadet honors and **Tristan Williamson** was the Top Group Cadet.
12. **Collin Hill** of **Highland School of Technology** placed top 10 in the nation in the physical therapy competition at the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) National Leadership Conference. **Erin Farris** and **Alexis Burton** in Dental Science, **Savannah Lawing** in Dental Terminology and **Logan Runyan** in Medical Assisting also participated in the competitive events. Highland also was recognized nationally as an Outstanding HOSA Chapter and for the school's HOSA Happenings newsletter.
13. A team from **Highland School of Technology** earned fifth place in the nation in the "Capitol Hill Challenge" investment competition. Rising seniors **Noah Goble**, **Alex Matthew**, **Matt Noles**, **Ellie Sweezy** and **Michael Caulfield** competed against more than 15,000 students from 742 schools across the country in the financial literacy program organized by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA). Their top-10 finish earned them an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C.
14. **North Gaston High School** had all seven spring sports teams earn the N.C. High School Athletic Association's scholar-athlete team recognition, which honors teams with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.1 or higher. The school also had 51 individual athletes to earn the scholar-athlete award for having a 3.5 or higher GPA.

- Receive information regarding the 2015-2016 Budget Update.
- Consider the Food, Beverage and Supply Bids – School Nutrition.
- Consider the School Year 2015-2016 School Nutrition Procurement Plan.
- Consider the Rhyne Elementary School Closure Update.
- Consider the Warlick Academy Roof Replacement.
- Receive information regarding the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC).
- Consider the Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission.
- Consider the K-8 Instructional Resource.
- 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.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session - Personnel.

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