



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016, 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 regular meeting, an opportunity will be provided for the public to address the Board.
 - Consider approval of minutes of the May 2 and May 16, 2016 meetings and the May 10, 2016 meeting with the county commission.
 - Receive the following Good News for June 2016:
1. Fifteen students from **Gaston County Schools** were selected for the prestigious North Carolina Governor’s School. They are **Aaron Froehlich** of **Ashbrook High School**; **Abigail Carroll** of **Bessemer City High School**; **Kendall Garrison**, **Bradley Parrish** and **Holly Shropshire** of **Stuart W. Cramer High School**; **Deja Duff** and **Caroline Eisenhuth** of **Forestview High School**; **Sarah Eagan**, **Jesse Hambrick**, **Stephen Sherman** and **Ryan Thurston** of **Highland School of Technology**; and **Eveland Davis**, **Victoria McAlister**, **Hunter Smith** and **Jacob Boyd** of **South Point High School**.
 2. The Gaston County Association of Educational Office Professionals presented the 2016 Administrator of the Year award to **Bill Kessler**, principal of **Robinson Elementary**, and the Office Professional of the Year award to **Doris Rogers**, the data manager and financial secretary at **Gardner Park Elementary**.
 3. The **Ashbrook High School** Air Force JROTC was named a Distinguished Unit with Merit for the 2015-2016 school year. The award places the school in the top five percent of all units worldwide. Cadets performed more than 3,000 hours of community service this year. Major **David Rogers** and Senior Master Sergeant **Mark Johnson** lead the unit.
 4. **Ashbrook** senior **Tyson Fortenberry** won the discus throw competition at the state 3-A track and field championship.
 5. **Bernadette D’Amato** of **Carr Elementary** was named the Linda Rader New Teacher of the Year for **Gaston County Schools**, and **Jane Bumgarner** of **Springfield Elementary** was chosen the Teacher Assistant of the Year for 2016.
 6. **Gaston County Schools** had seven students in the Class of 2016 to achieve 13 years of perfect attendance: **Emily Caroline Bowyer** and **Matthew Scott Prevette**, **Ashbrook**; **Christian Durrell Jones**, **Cherryville**; **Casey Leigh Riddle**, **East Gaston**; **Joshua Lewis Feemster** and **Grant Connor Glaza**, **Highland**; and **Nathan Sean Pruitt**, **North Gaston**.
 7. The **Cherryville High School** baseball team won the state 1-A championship. **Noah Eaker** was named the state championship series MVP.
 8. **Cherryville High School** students presented their annual Yearbook Appreciation Award to **Jim Shaw** of the Gaston County Police Department, who is the school resource officer. The Yearbook Appreciation Award is given to a staff member who shows outstanding effort and commitment to the school and its students.
 9. The **Cherryville High School** baseball team visited **W.B. Beam Intermediate**, **Cherryville Elementary** and **Tryon Elementary** to greet the students and wish them good luck on their end-of-grade tests. They were invited by teacher **Jennifer Wall**. Coaches **Scott Heavner**, **Seth Freeman** and **Brian Kiser** helped to coordinate the event.
 10. Students and staff at **Stuart W. Cramer High School** packaged 56,592 meals for hungry children in Nicaragua during an event sponsored by the school’s Interact Club. Interact Club members and students in the Spanish, culinary arts, and AP Environmental Science classes spent the day packaging dehydrated meals with the help of Servants With a Heart, a Charlotte-based nonprofit organization. **Vanessa Griffith**, school library media coordinator, organized the project.
 11. **Bessemer City High School** students **Brienne Davis**, **Summer Meeks**, **Shamila Roberts** and **Diamond Williams** won the 4x200-meter relay at the state 1-A track and field championship.
 12. Gaston County Police Department’s **Ron Robinson**, the school resource officer at **Stuart W. Cramer High School**, conducted the Fatal Consequences program for **Phoebe Lawing’s** Honors Forensics class. Fatal Consequences is designed to teach students about the dangers of drinking and driving through changing attitudes and increasing awareness.
 13. **Cramerton Middle School** eighth grader **Brooklyn Pierce** set a new school and county record in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32. She also set a school record in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:43.1 at the county championship track meet.
 14. **East Gaston High School** and its Project Unify Club sponsored the first-ever Unified Prom, which included students with special needs from **East Gaston** and **Stuart W. Cramer High School**. Project Unify members from both schools participated in the event, which was coordinated by club advisors **Beth Taylor** (**Stuart W. Cramer**) and **Angela Goins** (**East Gaston**) along with co-presidents **Ashley Spencer** and **Savannah Benfield**.
 15. **East Gaston High School** hosted its first annual Charity Run/Walk, which was organized by the student council with help from the faculty. Students of all grade levels participated and recruited sponsors. The senior class raised \$955 for Least of These Carolinas, which supports children in foster care. Juniors raised \$100 for Holy Angels, sophomores raised \$300 for The Shelter of Gaston County, and freshmen raised \$110 for Cancer Services of Gaston County.
 16. Five students from **East Gaston High School** were selected to contribute work to the Senior Student Exhibit hosted by the Gaston County Art Guild. **Rachel McFarland**, **Isaac Black**, **Angel Bowers**, **Spencer Hall** and **K.J. Walton** each had two pieces of artwork on display.
 17. **Forest Heights Elementary**, **Pleasant Ridge Elementary** and **Woodhill Elementary** invited Carolina Panthers mascot “Sir Purr” to perform his “Sack the EOGs” program to help inspire students to succeed on their end-of-grade tests.
 18. **Forestview High School** and **Highland School of Technology** were part of the winning West team in the first-ever Tarheel Cup, a golf tournament sponsored by the N.C. Golf Coaches Association. The event featured the top 24 senior boys and girls in high school golf. The boys’ team included **Drew Jurs** from **Forestview** and **Noah Goble** from **Highland**. The girls’ team was coached by **Marty Hutchins** from **Highland**.
 19. The Girls on the Run team at **Gardner Park Elementary** organized a school-wide collection of dog and cat food for Tricare Animal Rescue. Students contributed more than 600 items.
 20. **Madison Knowles**, a senior at **Gaston Early College High School**, was elected as the president of Student Government for Gaston College. **Riley Kiefer**, a sophomore, was elected as a senator for the student government body at the college.
 21. **Jasmine Hunter’s** class at **Grier Middle School** received a certificate of achievement from IXL Math for completing 100,000 problems on the online math program.

22. **Laura Long**, media specialist at **Highland School of Technology**, hosted a video chat for the HST Book Club with bestselling author Julia Claiborne Johnson. The students recently read her bestseller, “Be Frank With Me.”
23. Student teams from **Highland School of Technology** earned first, second and third place in the year-long Stock Market Game hosted by the North Carolina Council for Economic Education. The first place winners were **Matt Noles** and **Alex Matthew. David Styers** came in second place, and the team of **Donnie Bowman** and **Timmy Robinette, Jr.** took third. All are members of the first-year, student-led Highland Investment Club.
24. The following **Highland** students earned college scholarships: **George Dent** (UNC-Greensboro), **Kelsey Best** (N.C. Association of Rescue and EMS), **Luke Hastings** (Johnson and Wales University), **Manali Dhanak** (National Technical Honor Society), **Em’pris Orr** (Gaston College), and **Cameron Nanagas** (Bridgestone Americas, Inc.).
25. **Sadler Elementary School** received a donation of 1,500 books from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and The Open Book Foundation. The Omegas also provided five summer leadership camp scholarships to fifth grade students.
26. The staff of **Warlick Academy** voted to present the Patriot Award to the school’s resource officer, **Joe Pendergrass** of the Gaston County Police Department. The Patriot Award is a monthly award for a staff member who has made an outstanding contribution to the school through interaction with students and other staff members.
27. **Robinson Elementary School** PTO members and curriculum facilitator **Shannon Hullett** led a Summer Reading Camp information and registration session at the Hoffman Homes office. The group offered information packets to parents with suggestions for summer reading strategies and gave away popsicles and a bicycle and helmet donated by the PTO.

- Receive information regarding Mental Health Services in Gaston County Schools.
- Consider the Educator’s Handbook.
- Receive information regarding School Nutrition Annual Report.
- Consider the School Nutrition School Year 2016-2017 Procurement Plan.
- Consider the School Nutrition School Year 2016-2017 Bids.
- Receive information regarding the 2016-2017 Budget Update.
- Consider the Interim Budget for 2016-2017.
- 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 Budget Transfers
- Superintendent’s Comments.
- Closed Session – Consultation with Board Attorney and Personnel.

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