



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 19, 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 June 2017:

1. Sixty-two students from **Gaston County Schools** were chosen to attend the James S. Forrester Commissioners’ School of Excellence. Commissioners’ School is a two-week summer enrichment program held at Belmont Abbey College that teaches rising tenth graders about Gaston County and prepares them for leadership roles at school and in the community.
2. **Gaston County Schools** had 24 students in the Class of 2017 to earn valedictorian or salutatorian honors. The students were recognized during high school graduation for their commitment to academic excellence.
3. Three students in the Class of 2017 achieved perfect attendance for 13 years of school: **Alease Foust, Ashbrook; Courtney Withers, Bessemer City; and Breona Tuft, Cherryville**. The students received a plaque from the Board of Education during their high school graduation ceremony.
4. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** won two Blumey Awards – one for Best Musical and one for Best Set Construction – for the school’s spring production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. The Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte presents the Blumey Awards each year, which recognize outstanding achievement in high school theater arts.
5. **South Point High School** student **Madeline Bame** won the Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship and was recognized during the Blumey Awards ceremony. She also received the Cindy Mackie Foundation Music Scholarship.
6. **Bessemer City High School** students **Kaitlyn Bassett, Ben Herman, Josh Morgan, Jennifer Norris, Jordyn Robinson, and Carmen Satler** had artwork chosen for display at the new Centennial Park in downtown Bessemer City. Art teacher **Pam Underwood** coordinated the effort.
7. **Bessemer City High School** student **Cameron Hall** signed a letter of intent to play golf at Pfeiffer University.
8. **Bessemer City High School** students **Brianne Davis, Summer Meeks, Ja’Ciya Guthrie-Barber, and Kiazya Degree** won the 4x200-meter relay at the 1-A state track and field championship. It is the school’s second consecutive state title in the 4x200-meter relay.
9. **East Gaston High School** student **Ne’ja Ervin** won the 3-A state championship in the discus competition.
10. **Forestview High School** won the 2017 Wells Fargo Cup for the Big South 2-A/3-A Conference. The award recognizes the school’s outstanding performance in conference athletics.
11. The following high school students were chosen to attend the prestigious North Carolina Governor’s School: **Lathan Birmingham and Paige Valego, Stuart W. Cramer; Madison Davis, Kristen Fletcher, Jessica Helton and Sofia Saiz, South Point; Jonathan Hollenback, East Gaston; Julia Murrow and Grace Dent, Highland School of Technology; Andrew Hughlett, Forestview; Alanie Odell, Gaston Early College; and Josseline Vega, Hunter Huss**.
12. **Dru Lockridge** of **Stanley Middle School** was named the Linda Rader New Teacher of the Year and **Joseph Rothwell** of **W.C. Friday Middle School** was chosen as the Teacher Assistant of the Year for 2017.
13. **Ashbrook High School** student **Lito Mantecon** was a finalist for the Senior of the Year recognition presented by *The Charlotte Observer*.
14. **Ashbrook High School** senior **Delante Sykes** earned a full scholarship from the University of North Dakota to participate in track and field.
15. **British Brooks** of **Ashbrook High School** was named one of the Charlotte area’s top preseason football players in the WSOC-TV High School Football Extra’s Big 22.
16. The **East Gaston High School** student council organized the school’s second annual charity run and walk. The senior class raised \$225 for the Greg Olsen Foundation, the junior class collected \$680 for the Destiny Lives On Foundation, the sophomore class gave \$100 to Habitat for Humanity, and the freshman class contributed \$420 for the Alzheimer’s Association.
17. **Hunter Huss** senior **Demarquis Logan** received the Paul Fuller Mentor Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an outstanding high school senior who has been a part of the **Gaston County Schools** mentoring program. He plans to attend Gaston College this fall.
18. **South Point High School** seniors **Jerme Leeper** and **Maya Sadler** received the James S. Miller Scholarship, which is named for the late Gaston County principal, teacher, and pastor.

19. **Highland School of Technology** students involved in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) earned 39 medals at the state conference and five students qualified to compete at the national level. The school also won the FBLA Gold Seal Chapter of Merit distinction for the fifth consecutive year.
20. **Stanley Middle School** participated in the “Pasta for Pennies” campaign and collected \$8,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Cramerton Middle School** also participated in the fundraiser and collected \$6,774.49.
21. **Carlton Jackson** of **Cherryville High School** (baseball) and **Logan Hamby** of **Bessemer City High School** (softball) earned Player of the Year honors for the Southern Piedmont 1-A Conference.
22. **Ethan Shell** of **South Point High School** (baseball), **Chloe Hamilton** of **North Gaston High School** (softball), and **Reagan Sandford** of **Forestview High School** (soccer) earned Player of the Year awards for the Big South 2-A/3-A Conference.
23. **Dalton Williams** of **North Gaston High School** and **Scottie Lee** of **South Point High School** were chosen to participate in the Powerade North Carolina State Games. **Phillip Russ** of **Bessemer City High School** was selected as one of the team’s baseball coaches.
24. Teachers in **Gaston County Schools** received more than \$50,000 in grants through the Ron L. Ensley grant program sponsored by the Gaston County Education Foundation. The 42 grants support creative classroom lessons and programs at schools across the county.
25. The Gaston County Association of Educational Office Professionals (GCAEOP) presented its 2017 Administrator of the Year honor to **Gina Waters** and its Office Professional of the Year honor to **Debbie Putnam**. Additionally, **Bessemer City High School** senior **Kelsey Griffin** received the GCAEOP scholarship.

- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report.
- Operations Committee Report.
- Consider the Student Recognition for Latin Honors.
- Consider the Athletic Transfers.
- Receive information regarding the School Nutrition Annual Report.
- Receive information regarding the 2017-2018 Budget Update.
- Consider the 2017-2018 Interim Budget.
- Consider Out-of-County Tuition.
- Receive information regarding the Gaston College Board of Trustees Appointment.
- Consider the Summer Renovation Projects.
- 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.
 - Contracts:
 - Holy Angels
 - Public Consulting Group
 - SpeechCenter
 - Support Incorporated
 - Cellular Telephone
 - McAdenville Elementary School Upfit
 - Exceptional Children Pre-K Accommodations
 - Title II Plan 2017-2018.
 - Title III Plan 2017-2018.
 - Career and Technical Education Local Planning System Grant.
 - Construction and Repair Change Orders.
 - School Nutrition 2017-2018 Procurement Plan.
 - School Nutrition 2017-2018 Bids.
 - Sole Source Provider:
 - Royalwood Associates, Inc. (North Gaston High School)
- Superintendent’s Comments.
- Closed Session – Consultation with Attorney, Property, and Personnel.

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