



# GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

# Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at Forestview High School, 5545 Union Road, 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 for the February 17, 2015 and April 20, 2015 meetings.
  - Receive the following Good News:
1. **South Point High School** students **Jordan Franco** and **Lexi McAlister** won the North Carolina Moot Court championship. The **Highland School of Technology** moot court team of **Kayla Viana** and **Katie Purrello** took second place in the state competition.
  2. The **South Point High School** chorus competed against 25 schools from around the country in the WorldStrides Heritage Competition in New York City. The concert choir won first place and the chamber choir, men's choir and women's choir earned second-place awards. All four groups received a gold rating. The concert choir and chamber choir also received trophies for earning scores of 95 or higher from the contest judges.
  3. **Cherryville High** student **Jalie Creech** and **Forestview High** student **Jeffrey Friday** were the winners of the "Best and Brightest" scholarships presented by *The Gaston Gazette*. Other high school students honored as part of the "Best and Brightest" program were **Seth Costner, Gaston Early College; Emily Davis, East Gaston; ShaDala Fair, Bessemer City; Shannon Elise Layne, Webb Street; Yelisa Leiva, Hunter Huss; Morgan Mahaffey, South Point; Caroline Lee Medlock, North Gaston; Tamika Smith, Ashbrook;** and **GINNA SUAREZ, Highland.**
  4. **Ashbrook High School** student **Dalton Hoskins** received the "People Helping People" Scholarship valued at \$10,000 from the State Employees' Credit Union. **Chase Payton** won the Gaston Scholars Award, which is a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Gaston College, and **Tamika Smith** was awarded the Las Amigas Scholarship valued at \$500.
  5. **Ashbrook High School** sophomores **Aaron Froehlich** and **Elizabeth Hendrix** were recognized at the second annual Regional STEM Awards hosted by WTVI in Charlotte. They received the People's Choice Award for their project titled "Miracle Paste." The awards program honors students for outstanding achievements in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).
  6. **Ashbrook** students **Patrick Rosemond** and **Lewis Licon** were chosen to attend the Tar Heel Boys State summer enrichment program sponsored by the American Legion.
  7. **Woodhill Elementary** participated in the "Pasta for Pennies" campaign and collected \$1,221.24 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
  8. **W.A. Bess Elementary** held its annual fundraiser to purchase books for the school's media center. This year, enough money was raised to purchase 216 books. Since the fundraiser began 21 years ago, the school has added 4,489 books to its library collection. **Julie Shatterly** is the school's media specialist.
  9. The March winners in the "Do the Right Thing" awards program sponsored by *The Gaston Gazette* were **Braxton Braswell, Sherwood Elementary; Lane Harrill and Mallory England, John Chavis Middle; and Zoe Dyson, Stuart W. Cramer High.** The April winners were **Devin Ghatt, Costner Elementary; and Yaloni Flowers and Mary Renner, Webb Street.**
  10. Students in the **Stuart W. Cramer High School** welding program were commissioned to create a hawk's nest sculpture that is now on display at **Mount Holly Middle School.** The school's Academic Booster Club funded the project and student **Aaron Johnson** designed the sculpture.
  11. The **Stuart W. Cramer High School** production of *Tarzan* received four Blumey Award nominations: Best Set Construction, Best Costume Creation, Best Supporting Actor (**Carter Frady** as Kerchak) and Best Supporting Actress (**Ava Smith** as Kala). The awards program recognizes the best in high school musical theater in the Charlotte region.
  12. Four high school seniors received the prestigious Girl Scouts Gold Award for excellence in community service and leadership: **Amy Camille Young, Ashbrook; Anna Ellington, Forestview; Vica Billings, Highland; and Sarah Katherine Paschall, South Point.**
  13. Several **East Gaston High School** students earned awards at the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference. The silver award winners were **Hannah Henry, Hannah Mullins and Chrissy Teague.** The bronze award winners were **Savannah Deese, Kristin Hook and Julia Radford.**
  14. The **East Gaston** Interact Club sponsored the Shamrock Drive fundraiser and collected more than \$3,100 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
  15. **Southwest Middle School's Bill Busshart** received the Distinguished Service Award and was recognized as an outstanding teacher by the Gaston County Jaycees.

16. **Sherwood Elementary** teachers **Leigh Davis** and **Amber Tuttle** were named Discovery Education Network STAR Teachers. The program recognizes teachers for their effective use of digital media to transform the way students learn.
17. The **Chavis Middle School** Beta Club sponsored a “Pasta for Pennies” fundraiser and collected \$338.24 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Jennie Peeler’s** homeroom class raised the most money with \$96.62 and were treated to lunch from Olive Garden.
18. The **Chavis Middle** March Students of the Month were **Emily Devine, Megan Smith, Brooke Henley, Lindsey Lingerfelt, Karina Quintanilla, Parker Beam, Josh Lubert, Natalie Carter** and **Madison Philbeck**. Art teacher **Callie Hahn** was named the March Teacher of the Month. The April Students of the Month were **Reese Hoyle, Hannah Williams, Dalton Pence, Abby Shook, Pamela Walker, Kirsten Goodman, Sydney Reynolds, Taryn Jenkins** and **Hannai Jordan**. Exceptional children teacher **Ilene Dellinger** was the April Teacher of the Month.
19. The **Chavis Middle** chorus and seventh and eighth grade bands participated in the Carowinds Music Festival and achieved superior ratings. **Elisha Mitschke-Lamanna** is the chorus director and **Vickie Whitfield** is the band director.
20. **Chavis Middle** librarian **Teresa Hoyle** received funding for the “Fun Fridays” program through the DonorsChoose website thanks to contributions from individuals and Dress Barn. Now, the library has an art center, a video production room and games for students to enjoy.
21. Three **Chavis Middle** students were winners in the “Through An Artist’s Eye” art competition held at the Gaston County Museum. Eighth grader **Emily Torres** won first place in printmaking and second place in sculpture. Seventh grader **Hallie Holt** earned first place in photography, and seventh grader **Jade Harris** captured an honorable mention award in ceramics and crafts.
22. **Chavis Middle** sixth grader **Sam Kostiuk** was selected as a Student Library Ambassador by the North Carolina Library Association. He was one of only nine students in the state to have an opportunity to visit with North Carolina’s congressional representatives in Washington, D.C. and discuss the importance of school libraries.
23. The **Highland School of Technology** was named a “Mix It Up Model School” thanks to the efforts of students in the Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and Interact clubs. The honor recognizes the students for promoting respect, kindness and inclusiveness.
24. **Highland** student **Austin Lowry** was selected to attend the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics program at N.C. Central University and **Miriam Okonkwo** was selected for the Summer Ventures program at East Carolina University.
25. **Highland** students **Jacob Phil** and **Heaven Gullate**, who are juniors in the school’s engineering and manufacturing academy, were chosen for the Apprenticeship 2000 summer career program.
26. **Highland** student **Amber Courtemanche** received the Albert G. Myers Scholarship and **Andrew Dixon** received the Bill Beck Scholarship from the Greater Charlotte Automobile Dealers.
27. **Highland** won the Gaston County Quiz Bowl competition for the seventh time in the past eight years. The school team includes students **Andrew Dixon, Matthew Noles, Baldev Desai, Max Jones** and adviser **Bobby Padgett**.
28. **Highland** student **Max Miranda** was accepted to attend the Martha Guy Summer Institute at Appalachian State University. The program teaches students about business and professional skills and includes educational trips to Washington, D.C. and New York City.
29. The following **Highland** students received college scholarships: **Kasey Auten**, Gardner-Webb University, High Point University and Wingate University; **Kenric Barnes**, University of Tennessee and Mercer University; **Miki Salamon**, High Point University, Furman University, and Elon University; **Kelsey Tanner**, Gardner-Webb University and Savannah College of Art and Design; **Jennifer Chan**, Loyola Marymount University; **Reilly Gallagher**, Ohio State University; **Mara Hayes**, Georgia Tech and the University of Miami; **Cheyenne Hunt**, UNC-Pembroke; **Lea McAteer**, Lees McRae College, Barton College and Mount Olive College; **Tobi Adelekun**, Morehouse College and Gardner-Webb University; **Malik Currence**, Morehouse College; **Victoria Rule**, Wingate University; and **Ashlyn Sawyer**, High Point University and Elon University.
30. Students at **Hunter Huss High School** became teachers for a day during the school’s first-ever Fifth Grade Science Celebration. The high school students researched topics, created hands-on activities and presented science projects for more than 750 students from eight elementary schools: **Bessemer City Central, Brookside, Carr, Costner, Gardner Park, Lingerfeldt, Pleasant Ridge** and **Rhyne**.
31. **Rankin Elementary** received the Volunteer Group of the Year Award from Holy Angels. The honor recognizes the school for its successful “Hands Around Our School” community service program and for giving the most donations to Holy Angels of any school for the past two years.
32. Students from **Forest Heights Elementary** had an opportunity to see a Charlotte Knights baseball game thanks to the WIX Winning Ways program, which focuses on character education for students in grades 3-5.
33. **Forest Heights Elementary** students, families and staff enjoyed a Family Fun Night at Kate’s Skating Rink. More than 170 students and their families attended the event.
34. **Tryon Elementary’s** “Tryon Tigers” team participated in Relay for Life and raised \$2,253.41 for the American Cancer Society. Students and staff have have participated in activities this year to support the team and Concord United Methodist Church contributed \$485 to Tryon’s team.
35. The **Tryon Elementary** Girls on the Run team participated in the Community Foundation’s “Run for the Money” race held on April 18 in downtown Gastonia.
36. The faculty and staff at **Gardner Park Elementary** organized a Relay for Life team and raised more than \$800 for the American Cancer Society.
37. The **Cramerton Middle School** Students of the Month were **Ethan Simmons, Jacob Evans, Summer Bahr, Aliyah Smith, Macy Long, Kyle Willman, Anna Bess, Ayesha Kamdar, Shane Fogarty** and **Savannah Bell**.

38. The **Bessemer City High School** boys' track and field team won the Southern Piedmont 1A Conference championship. The team captured all of the top conference awards. Coach **Chris Lance** was named the Coach of the Year, **Isaiah Cole** was voted most valuable overall athlete, **Taquez Lane** was voted most valuable field athlete, and **De'Aje Crawford** was voted most valuable track athlete. The team also had several 1A regional champions: **Isaiah Cole** in the high jump and 200 meters, **Diamond Williams** in the 100 meters, and **Isaiah Cole, De'Aje Crawford, Shun Allison** and **Joseph Rich** in the 4x200 relay team.
39. The **Costner Elementary** April Citizens of the Month were **Micah Gordon, Abel Sumner, Isabella Navas, Bethany Long, Peyton Austin, Khloye Jones, Shakira Mungro, Haiven Falls, Keilyn Vargas, Ava Huffstickler, Alejandro Arzat, Meredith Crisp, Morgan Leigh, Andrew Dunbar, Alaina Warskow, Leslie Rosas, Kristyn Carroll, Hunter Broome, Russell Putnam, John Herman, Ja'Kaleb Love, Raven Burnett, Emilie Welch, Jacey Warning, Nia Webber** and **Hannah Isenhour**.
40. **Kristy Summey's** fourth grade class at **Kiser Elementary** published a class book through the Student Treasure Publishing Company. Each child was responsible for writing and illustrating a page for the book, which was titled "North Carolina: A to Z."
41. **Kiser Elementary** students and staff held a shoe collection drive and were able to donate 110 pairs of shoes to the Soles4Souls organization. The **North Belmont Elementary** student council also held a shoe drive and collected almost 1,500 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls.
42. **Lingerfeldt Elementary** sponsored a "Pasta for Pennies" fundraiser and collected \$3,253.53 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Brittany Tibbs'** and **Cheryl Ashe's** kindergarten class collected the most money with \$759.54 and enjoyed a lunch from Olive Garden.
43. The **Springfield Elementary** April Students of the Month were **Andre Sharpe, R.J. Rowe, Bernard Pacella, Annie Dellinger, Cadance Beam, Trevin Teems, Trace Thomas, Lani Lunsford, Malachi Bradshaw, JoJo Tranquillino, Nathan Watts, Tommy Brady, Garrett Thao, Alaina Owens, Dakota Dellinger, Mason Walters, Kaden Shepker, Alyssa Curtis, Jimmy Andronis, Carley Howard, Daniella Chacon, Landon Hambleton, Nathan Stroupe, Breanna Gensmer, Jayden Aleman, Abby Brown, Abby Stevens, Jessie Demin, Natalia Ugolik, Olivia Dockery, Shane Mercer, Michael Hambright, Joshua Whittemore, Thomas Dillow, Jayden McCorkle, Averi Norris, Thomas Henson, Kahla Jefferies, Lillie Miller, Kenzye Carter, Diego Escorcia Puentne, Anna Payne, Alexis Usher, Kaylum Lopez, Wyatt Gliss, Izabella Hord, Cooper Bailey, Lucas Michael, Matthew Davis** and **Victoria Davis**.
44. **Springfield Elementary** sponsored two school beautification projects. Students from the **East Gaston High School** Interact Club worked with second graders to plant flowers around the school and also spent time reading to the students. Additionally, Alexis Baptist Church partnered with the school's PTO to conduct a school campus clean-up day.
45. The **Gaston Early College High School** sophomore class was honored at the Keep Gastonia Beautiful Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Mayor's Recognition. The students conducted beautification projects at four area parks and totaled 340 volunteer hours.
46. **Gail Maples**, the nurse at **Stanley Middle, Kiser Elementary** and **Springfield Elementary**, was named the **Gaston County Schools** Nurse of the Year.
47. Students and staff at **Belmont Central Elementary** raised \$9,002.91 for Holy Angels. **Sarah Pleasants'** third grade class collected the most money with \$977. The top female student was **Lauren Arthurs** with \$670 and the top male student was **Fletcher Hays** with \$517.
48. **Forestview High School** senior **Felicia Berry** received the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Performance of the Week Award for her outstanding efforts at the 3-A western regional track and field championship. She led the Forestview team to regional titles in the 200 meters race, 4 x 100 relay and 4 x 200 relay.
49. **Tyson Fortenberry** of **Ashbrook High School** and **Corey Thompson** of **East Gaston High School** each won two state 3-A titles in track and field. Fortenberry won the shot put and discus championships and Thompson captured the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles championships.
50. **Cherryville High School's** **Leeroy Montgomery** and **Grier Middle School's** **Mike Moss** earned Custodian of the Year honors from Keep Gastonia Beautiful.
51. The **Sherwood Elementary** April Citizens of the Month were **Colten Hall, Luis Tario, Alyssa Dorsey, Jayden Reed, Josue Maravilla, Ray Tribble, Amazin Chambers, Jaelynn Nickson, Landon Phoummalayvane, Julibeth Richardo Vera, Claire Sheehan, Daisy Chartier, Maddox Winchester, Ian Megill, Brandon Nixon, Mackenzie Stowe, Cyriana Hager, Emma Walker, Steven Jimenez-Gonzalez, Ja'Leah Thomas, Tyler St. John, David Morales, Natasha Sacramento-Castro, Gabriel June, Sarah Lemmer, Jackson Sheehan, Jonathan Fulford, Kevin Rios, Jonathan Lhrezzioui** and **Tre'quan Dunlap**.
52. **Robinson Elementary** received several honors at the Keep Gastonia Beautiful awards program. Second grade teacher **Tammy Holland** was named the Keep Gastonia Beautiful Teacher of the Year, **Clenzo Brown** received an honorable mention for Custodian of the Year, and the school's student representative was the runner-up in the Student of the Year category.
53. The **Gardner Park Elementary** March Terrific Kids were **Ima Silvers, Sara Castro Uribe, Cody Alexander, Quaylen Sanders, De'Andre Lipscomb, Corrigan Justice, Megan Adams, Charlotte Hearne, Keylynn Cornwell, Odarius Williams, Lizbeth Castro, Jakori Taylor, Damaris Duran Pimental, Carolina Guerrero Lopez, Skylour Henry, Jamarion Patton, Alyssa Cuce, Miguel Vital Zamora, Breanna Godoy-Rivas, Sanaaya Hall, Alayshia Etheredge, Alan Archer, Alex Conner, Piper Woods, Emma Poteat, Baqir Ali, Shania Byrd, Daneallion Clinton** and **Jalil Ward**.

## Agenda

- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report.
- Operations Committee Report.
- Receive information regarding the North Carolina Digital Learning Progress Rubric.
- Receive information regarding the AdvancED System-wide Accreditation Progress Report.
- Receive information regarding Community Use.
- Consider the Cherryville High School Roof Replacement.
- Consider the New Hope Elementary School Roof Replacement.
- Consider the Intercom Replacement Project at Sherwood Elementary School.
- Consider the Intercom Replacement Project at Bessemer City Middle School.
- 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.
  - School Year 2015-2016 Student and Adult Lunch Meal Price.
  - Capital Budget Amendment.
  - Board Policy Updates.
  - Annual Title I Grant.
  - Annual Title II Grant.
  - Annual Title III Grant.
  - Career and Technical Education Local Planning System 2015-2016.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Personnel, Awards, and Consultation with Attorney.

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