



# Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018, 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.
- Consider approval of minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting.
- Receive the following Good News for October 2018:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Gaston County Schools</b> celebrated its golden anniversary with the ‘Big 50 Parade’ on September 22. Nearly 90 school-related entries made their way through downtown Gastonia to celebrate the milestone. <b>Ashbrook High</b> teacher <b>Mamie Chisholm</b>, who began teaching in Gaston County in 1968, served as the honorary grand marshal.</li> <li>2. <b>Cherryville</b> and <b>South Point</b> were recognized by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association for being ejection-free during the 2017-2018 school year.</li> <li>3. <b>Rogan Smith</b> of <b>Forestview High School</b> was recognized as the first student in Gaston County to successfully complete state requirements for the North Carolina Pre-Apprentice for Masonry program.</li> <li>4. <b>Webb Street School</b> is providing mixed greens and lettuce for Webb Custom Kitchen in downtown Gastonia. The restaurant is purchasing the vegetables, which are grown by students using the school’s greenhouse aquaponics system.</li> <li>5. <b>Belmont Central Elementary</b> third grader <b>Anna Grace Dover</b> and her mother authored a children’s book titled “Moonlight and Allena: A Tale of Two Friends.” Last month, she read the book in front of an audience at the Belmont library.</li> <li>6. <b>Belmont Central Elementary</b> conducted a walking activity for International Walk to School Day. Parents and students met on the ball field and walked around the track.</li> <li>7. The <b>Belmont Middle</b> eighth grade cheerleaders and members of the football and softball teams read books to third and fourth grade classes at <b>Belmont Central Elementary</b>.</li> <li>8. <b>Bessemer City Primary</b> received a “spirit rock” from Martin Marietta Materials of Kings Mountain and J&amp;A Hauling of Bessemer City. The rock will give students, teachers, and others an opportunity to show their school pride and celebrate special events in a fun way.</li> <li>9. <b>Carr Elementary</b> received \$5,000 from the Town of Dallas for a new playground.</li> <li>10. The <b>Carr Elementary</b> cafeteria staff earned a 100 percent sanitation rating. In addition, Venture Church donated boxes of books to the school for classroom libraries.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <b>Cherryville Elementary</b> students enjoyed a visit from the Southland Dairy Farmers mobile classroom and had the opportunity to learn about the importance of dairy farms.</li> <li>12. The <b>Gardner Park Elementary</b> PTO provided each grade level with two full bags of sporting equipment.</li> <li>13. Students at <b>Chapel Grove Elementary</b> participated in a lesson on stranger danger and Internet safety. A Gaston County Police Department officer presented the program.</li> <li>14. <b>Gaston Early College High School</b> students conducted a Penny War Challenge and collected \$1,313.04 for students, families, and staff members at Craven Early College High School in New Bern. The fundraiser was an effort by the school to help people affected by Hurricane Florence.</li> <li>15. <b>Grier Middle</b> student <b>Shandreona Rainey</b> encouraged people to purchase tickets for barbecue plates with the idea of donating the food to people who are homeless. She sold 52 tickets and delivered the plates to provide meals for people in need.</li> <li>16. <b>Grier Middle School</b> was awarded a T.E.A.M. Foundation grant in the amount of \$2,500. Times Oil Company presented the grant to the school.</li> <li>17. <b>Gaston County Board of Education</b> member <b>Lee Dedmon</b> visited first-year teachers at <b>Grier Middle School</b> and offered words of support and encouragement. Additionally, Ally Bank of Charlotte recognized seventh grade math teacher <b>Michael Asamoah</b> by presenting him with school supplies for his classroom.</li> <li>18. <b>Hawks Nest STEAM Academy</b> students created more than 100 unique games as they participated in the Global Cardboard Challenge.</li> <li>19. <b>Troy Davis</b> of <b>Hunter Huss High School</b> was named one of the Charlotte area’s top preseason football players in the High School Football Extra’s Big 22 program.</li> <li>20. <b>Lingerfeldt Elementary</b> observed Hispanic Heritage Month with a program that had students and families to build projects with materials provided by Home Depot.</li> <li>21. <b>Springfield Elementary</b> received an American flag from Representative John Torbett.</li> </ol> |
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22. **Lowell Elementary** celebrated World School Milk Day. Teachers planned different activities and fun lessons so students could learn about how milk is produced and why it is beneficial. The Southeast Dairy Association sponsored the event.
23. Students in **Heather Wilson's** class at **Mount Holly Middle School** received supplies from Lowe's Home Improvement to participate in the "Build Your Own Boat" Challenge. After building a boat, the students tested its durability in a rafting contest at the U.S. National Whitewater Center.

24. **North Belmont Elementary** held its Title I annual meeting and reading night program. Parents/guardians were given tips about the importance of reading with their children, and all families received a free book. More than 360 students, parents, and community members attended the program. Additionally, the school had approximately 400 students, parents, and community members to attend its fall festival.

- Classroom Moment.
- Consider the National Principals Month Proclamation.
- Consider the School Improvement Plans (SIP).
- Receive information regarding the School Improvement Plans (SIP) for Low-Performing Schools.
- Consider the Beginning Teacher Support Program (BTSP) Plan.
- Receive information regarding Teacher Recruitment and Talent Development.
- Receive information regarding the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).
- Receive information regarding the School Safety Equipment Grant.
- Consider the Acceptance of Bid to Construct Belmont 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 Transfers.
  - Construction/Repair Change Orders.
  - Contracts:
    - Contract for Food Service.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Consultation with Attorney and Personnel.

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