



GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, September 15, 2014, 7:00 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 August 4, 2014 and August 18, 2014 meetings.
- Receive the following Good News:
 1. The **Gaston County Schools** graduation rate increased for the fifth consecutive year. The graduation rate for the Class of 2014 is 83.5 percent, which is the highest rate ever for the school district. Since the state first calculated the graduation rate in 2006, the GCS rate has jumped 15.4 points from 68.1 to 83.5 percent.
 2. **Gaston County Schools** has more students achieving proficiency and more schools making academic growth, according to the READY state testing and accountability program. For the 2013-2014 school year, GCS had 78 percent of schools (39 of 50) to meet or exceed academic growth. The district had 63 percent of schools to achieve growth the previous year.
 3. **Forestview High School** student **Abigail Cross** was named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program.
 4. **Grier Middle School** is participating in the EarlyAct FirstKnight character education program. The program uses a Renaissance-era jousting theme to teach students about justice, courage, honor, tolerance and kindness. Grier is the first middle school in the state to participate in the program, which is sponsored by the Gastonia Rotary Club.
 5. The **Gaston Early College High School** won the 2014 Jostens National Yearbook of Excellence Award. The Early College is one of only 19 schools in the state to earn the national recognition. **Russ Paul** is the school's yearbook adviser.
 6. **W.A. Bess Elementary** received 45 gift packages filled with school supplies from Elevation Church in Gastonia. Church pastor Ken Hester presented the supplies to the school.
 7. **Lowell Elementary** sponsored a school beautification project to prepare for the new school year. A team of school volunteers and members of Epic Church spent time planting flowers and spreading mulch to beautify the school grounds.
 8. **Highland School of Technology** senior **Morgan Young** received a scholarship from the pre-pharmacy program at Wingate University. Senior **Victoria Rule** earned a merit scholarship from Mars Hill College.
 9. **Highland** student **Jennifer Chan** is a semi-finalist in the Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship Contest. Chan, who is a student in the school's graphic design program, created a greeting card for the online competition. The winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.
- Receive information regarding the Facilities Committee Report.
- Receive information regarding READY Accountability Results.
- Receive information regarding Rachel's Challenge.
- Consider adopting the 2014-2015 Budget Resolution.
- Consider the Cherryville Elementary School Roof Replacement, Areas A1-3, B and C1.
- Consider the Chavis Middle School Roof Replacement, Areas A-L.
- Consider the Carr Elementary School Roof Replacement, Areas A1-2, D, E and F1-4.
- Consider the Chapel Grove School Roof Replacement, Areas B1-4 and E.
- 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.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Personnel.

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