



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017, 5:30 p.m., in the Hunter Huss High School Media Center, 1518 Edgefield Avenue, 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 May 1, May 15, June 9, June 16, June 19 and July 3 meetings.
- Receive the following Good News for September 2017:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 10,500 school supplies were donated to Gaston County Schools through the annual “School Tools” collection drive. The “Stuff That Bus!” event in partnership with Office Depot and the U.S. Post Office’s school supplies collection anchored the campaign. Other partners were <i>The Gaston Gazette</i>, Showmar’s Restaurant, and Ashley Furniture, which served as drop-off sites. Volunteers from the United Way of Gaston County took on the task of sorting the donated items during their annual “Day of Caring.” In addition, many area businesses and churches partnered with their neighborhood schools to provide students with supplies to begin the new academic year. 2. Gaston County Schools received a pickup truck load of school supplies from Gastonia Nissan’s fourth annual “Fill the Frontier” collection drive. Social workers from seven schools visited the dealership to collect the supplies, which were distributed to their students. 3. To celebrate the start of a new school year, the staff at Sherwood Elementary boarded a bus and distributed new and used books to families living in neighborhoods near the school. 4. Belmont Middle School received \$6,600 from Duke Energy’s Allen Steam Plant to purchase 30 Chromebooks and a charging station. Employees also volunteered a day of work on the school campus, taking care of landscaping, power washing, and other beautification projects. 5. W.A. Bess Elementary teacher Tiffany Hobbs was named the 2017-2018 Educator of Excellence by the Gaston County Schools Department for Exceptional Children. 6. W.A. Bess Elementary fifth grader Wilken Gray, an accomplished figure skater, won first place in the N.C. Powerade State Games; first place in the Atlanta Open; first place in the Knoxville Invitational; first place in the Charlotte Open; and first place at the Carolina Classic. He also participated in two performances for Scott Hamilton’s “Sk8 for the Cure” fundraising program and attended the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Conference in Colorado. 7. Costner Elementary got help from students in Cub Scout Pack 28 as well as parents and school staff to spruce up the school grounds by planting flowers, cutting grass, trimming shrubs and spreading pine needles. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Teachers at Kiser Elementary participated in 497 hours of professional development this summer. 9. Gaston Early College High School sophomore Hannah Hawkins published a book titled <i>Phantom Act</i>. 10. Gaston Early College High School students Audrey Jones, Erin Dulin, Millicent Simmons, Mackenzie Wittmer, and teacher Laura Sexton traveled to Peru as part of the Gastonia Sister Cities program. 11. Stuart W. Cramer High School senior April Moore and North Gaston High School graduate Aubrey Bridges started a monthly community art program to connect young adults and young adults with disabilities in a fun, artistic environment. 12. Gardner Park Elementary received a donation of 100 book bags filled with school supplies from Parkdale Mills. 13. Ashlyn Parnell, an eighth grader at W.C. Friday Middle School, attended UCLA’s Ambassador Leadership Summit. Students chosen for the program are recognized by their teachers, parents, and peers for possessing leadership potential and caring about their community. 14. Stanley Middle School conducted a collection drive to help people in Texas who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. The students, staff, and parents collected 77 cases of water, 315 cans of food, 51 bottles of bleach, 21 bottles of Clorox wipes, 32 bags of dog and cat food, 14 boxes of diapers, 6,000 baby wipes, and five bins of paper towels, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, cleaning gloves, and cleaning sponges. 15. York Chester Middle School teacher Britnee Reid was named a finalist in the FSIoffice Teacher of the Week promotion. As a finalist, she received a large box of school supplies for her classroom and has an opportunity to receive \$5,000 worth of office supplies for her school if she is chosen the FSIoffice Teacher of the Year. 16. The Highland School of Technology book club installed a little free library full of books to share with neighbors in the Highland community. |
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17. **Pleasant Ridge Elementary** school counselor **James Giambusso** attended the Happy Teachers Change the World workshop sponsored by the Wake Up Schools organization.

18. Students at **Chapel Grove Elementary, Mount Holly Middle** and **York Chester Middle** received school supplies from the Gaston County Jeep Club.

- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report.
- Operations Committee Report.
- Consider Authorize Sale of Surplus Property.
- Receive information regarding the READY Accountability Results.
- Receive information regarding CIPA Compliance and Digital Citizenship.
- Consider Golden LEAF Advanced Manufacturing Equipment Purchase.
- Receive information regarding Eligibility for Transfer Athletes Policy 4316.
- 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 and Repair Change Orders.
 - Contracts:
 - Paradigm 360
 - Custodial Supplies District Wide
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Consultation with Attorney, Property, and Personnel.

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