



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 17, 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 August 20, 2018 meeting.
 - Receive the following Good News for September 2018:
1. **Gaston County Schools** received a pickup truck load of school supplies from Gastonia Nissan’s fifth annual “Fill the Frontier” collection drive. School social workers visited the dealership to collect the supplies, which were distributed to their students.
 2. Employees from six Dallas area schools – **North Gaston, W.C. Friday, Carr, Costner, Highland, and Woodhill** – were treated to a back-to-school breakfast on August 24 at Rankin Lake Baptist Church. Now in its 14th year, the breakfast serves as the church’s “thank you” to teachers and other school employees for their hard work and commitment to ensuring the success of students.
 3. **Sherwood Elementary** was recognized by the N.C. Department of Instruction as a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Green Ribbon School.
 4. **Sherwood Elementary** received donations of school supplies from Myers Memorial United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia.
 5. **Forestview High School** teacher **Sabine Schmid-Rankin** received the Goethe-Institut/AATG Certificate of Merit from the American Association of Teachers of German for her efforts to advance the teaching of the German language in the United States. She will be honored later this year during the annual conference of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
 6. **W.C. Friday Middle School** dedicated its softball field in honor of former principal **Crystal Houser**, who is now the principal at **Forestview High School**. Houser was instrumental in kicking off a fundraising campaign to build the new softball field in 2013.
 7. **Bessemer City Primary** teacher **Ellen Deese** received the Educator of Excellence Award and will be recognized later this year by the N.C. Department of Instruction at the Exceptional Children Division’s 68th Conference on Exceptional Children.
 8. **Bessemer City Primary** received book bags, school supplies, and funds donated by the following organizations: Lutheran Chapel Church, HOPE Project, First United Methodist Church of Bessemer City, Verizon Wireless of Denver, Bethany Baptist Church, Bessemer City Fire Department, Bright Blessings of Matthews, and UAW Local 5286.
 9. **Highland School of Technology** seniors **Daniel Friday, Priyanj Patel, Vaishvi Patel, and Lauren Snyder** were named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.
 10. **Forestview High School** senior **Colton McElveen** organized a school supply collection drive for students at the Boys and Girls Club of Gastonia.
 11. **York Chester Middle School** received a donation of school supplies and a luncheon for employees from the following community partners: Salvation Church, First ARP Church, Morningside of Gastonia. In addition, First ARP Church hosted a ministry fair to recruit mentors and volunteers for the school, and Ally Bank surprised first-year teacher **Ronald Neumann** with a gift of school supplies.
 12. **York Chester Middle School** teacher **Regina Taylor** received a da Vinci Mini Wireless 3D Printer through the Verizon Wireless Matching Gifts Program and DonorsChoose. An anonymous donor made a contribution in memory of former superintendent Ed Sadler, which helped to pay for the printer.
 13. Many families and community organizations donated school supplies and funds to **North Belmont Elementary**. In addition, Hickory Grove Baptist Church provided a back-to-school breakfast for the school staff.
 14. **North Gaston High School** students are creating and designing the North Gaston Area CROP Hunger Walk t-shirts. One student’s artwork will be selected to be the official design that is printed on T-shirts for those who participate in the walk.
 15. **Chapel Grove Elementary** media specialist **Lynn Mooney** partnered with Books-A-Million and received a donation of more than 300 new books for the school’s library.
 16. **Cherryville Elementary** created an outdoor pavilion area with picnic tables thanks to contributions from Eaker Enterprises, Fleetnet America, Beam Construction, and the school’s PTO.
 17. The **Pinewood Elementary** PTO received funds from National Gypsum to purchase a book for each classroom. The PTO selected “A Porcupine Named Fluffy” and distributed a copy of the book to the classes on National Read A Book Day.

18. **Tryon Elementary** received school supplies and backpacks from the following individuals/churches: Breann Bridges, Ellen Howell, Stacy Hoover, Erika Nixon, FSM Heating & Air, Elaine Robinson, Jewell Vinson, Arrowood Baptist Church, Concord United Methodist Church, Maranatha Baptist Church, Sunnyside Baptist Church, and Webb's Chapel Baptist Church.
19. **Tryon Elementary** has a fresh, "new" library complete with a bright paint scheme and LED lighting, new shelving, and a green screen wall for digital projects. The school also implemented the "Tryon Tiger Tuesdays" program that recognizes an outstanding student in each grade level every week.
20. **Springfield Elementary** received a pair of "buddy benches" from Lane Construction.
21. **Holbrook Middle School** held a beautification day before the start of school to spruce up the campus. Board of Education members **Dot Cherry** and **Lee Dedmon** supported the project.
22. **Holbrook Middle School** eighth graders are the first students in the school district to learn to use two Google Chrome applications for stop motion animation. Instructional technology facilitators **Jason Mammano** and **Lisa Montgomery** helped the students with the activity.
23. **Page Primary** conducted a school beautification program. Volunteers planted flowers and cleaned up the school grounds. Also, the school had 79 students to attend a summertime reading and ice cream party.
24. **Lowell Elementary** held its annual beautification day before the start of school that involved many volunteers and two Boy Scout troops. The PTO received donations from Ford's Nursery, Food Lion, and Home Depot for the campus cleanup project.
25. **Robinson Elementary** students **Caroline Suber, Max Willis, Jane Willis, Ella Queen, Mattie Queen** and **Kate Queen** sold lemonade in their neighborhood and raised more than \$500 to purchase school supplies for students.
26. **Woodhill Elementary** principal **Loretta Reed** was presented an American flag in recognition of the school hosting the annual Gaston Family Health Services Back-to-School Bash. In addition, the school received a donation of supplies from Daimler Corporation.
27. **Belmont Central Elementary** received a \$4,000 grant from Times Oil Company for the purchase of a mascot costume and padded wall panels in the gymnasium.

- Classroom Moment.
- Consider the Read to Achieve Chromebooks.
- Consider the Chromebook Replacement Program.
- Receive information regarding the Alternative Accountability Model.
- Receive information regarding the Local Assessment Schedule 2018-2019.
- Receive information regarding the N.C. Accountability Model Results.
- Receive information regarding STAND UP Gaston.
- Grant Update.
- 50th Anniversary Celebration Update.
- 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: None
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Consultation with Attorney and Personnel.

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