



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019, 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 5, 2019 and August 19, 2019 meetings.
 - Receive the following Good News for September 2019:
1. **Gaston County Schools’** annual “Stuff That Bus!” school supplies collection netted 4,685 items, including 113 prepackaged school supplies bags from Office Depot, which hosted the event for the fourth consecutive year.
 2. **Gaston County Schools** received two pickup truck loads of school supplies from Gastonia Nissan’s sixth annual “Fill the Frontier” collection drive. School social workers visited the dealership to collect the supplies, which were distributed to students.
 3. Employees from six schools in the Dallas area – **North Gaston, W.C. Friday, Carr, Costner, Highland, and Woodhill** – were treated to a back-to-school breakfast on August 23 at Rankin Lake Baptist Church. Now in its 15th year, the breakfast serves as the church’s “thank you” to teachers and other school employees for their hard work and commitment to ensuring student success.
 4. **Gardner Park Elementary** received a \$10,000 donation from Burlington Stores, Inc. through a partnership with AdoptAClassroom.org. The funds will be used to purchase new supplies for each teacher’s classroom.
 5. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** student **Mary Elizabeth Martin** was selected as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She is one of approximately 16,000 students from across the country chosen for this recognition, and she will continue in the competition for a prestigious National Merit Scholarship.
 6. **Highland School of Technology** teacher **Marty Hutchins** was named the North Carolina Golf Coaches Association’s 2019 Coach of the Year.
 7. **Cramerton Middle School** had three projects to win state-level awards in the North Carolina Division of Air Quality AQ-IQ contest held at the N.C. Transportation Museum this summer. **Abigail Armstrong** received fourth place in the game category for “Pollution Disaster,” **Ellie Shine, Bri McGinnis, Erin Bradshaw** and **Eliana Phadke** received fifth place in the video category for “Air Quality-Forest Fires,” and **Katherine White** received second place in the video category for “Transportation Stop Motion.”
 8. **Belmont Middle School** received a \$1,000 check from the Gaston County Jaycees for having the most school participation in the Jaycees Labor Day 5K race. **Belmont Central Elementary** received a \$500 check for second place and **Cramerton Middle School** received a \$250 check for third place.
 9. **Gaston County Schools** partnered with local law enforcement agencies to coordinate the “Operation BOLO” traffic safety campaign. The back-to-school program was an effort to remind citizens to use caution when they see school buses and “be on the lookout for children” in school zones.
 10. To celebrate Kindness Day, a group of community volunteers read to children at **Bessemer City Primary** and talked about the importance of kindness. The volunteers also donated school supplies, books, and a \$750 check to the school in memory of former teacher **Kay Huff Scarce**, who worked as a first grade teacher for 31 years.
 11. **Bessemer City Central Elementary** received a \$4,800 donation from Carolina Communications to begin a new music program. Students will learn to play string instruments, percussion, and handbells.
 12. **Bessemer City Primary, Bessemer City Central Elementary, Bessemer City Middle School, and Bessemer City High School** received 400 backpacks as well as other school supplies from Dole Foods. Additionally, each school received a check in the amount of \$375 to be used for other education purposes.
 13. The **John Chavis Middle School** eighth grade band performed during a recent **Cherryville High School** football game.
 14. **Chapel Grove Elementary** received a donation of books from Books-A-Million. The school also received book bags and school supplies from the Alliance for Children and Youth and Communities in Schools.
 15. As part of the “Leader in Me” curriculum, **Costner Elementary** held a pep rally for students to celebrate the seven habits of becoming an effective leader. The school is home to **Gaston County Schools’** Leadership Academy for elementary students.
 16. **East Gaston High School** senior **Savannah Soles** received an offer to play volleyball at Catawba Valley Community College.
 17. **Holbrook Middle School** eighth grader **Camryn Massey**, who is a member of the Gastonia Jaguars track club, competed last month in the AAU Junior Olympics and placed first in the discus and shot put track and field events.
 18. **Lingerfeldt Elementary** received book bags and school supplies from Yorkwood Church of God, the Gaston County Department of Social Services, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.
 19. During the first week of school, students and staff at **Lingerfeldt Elementary** were welcomed back to class by members of Tabernacle Baptist Church.
 20. **McAdenville Elementary** received the “Pennies for Patients” Rising Star Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of North Carolina. Last year, the school collected more than \$1,900 for the organization. School counselor **Eric Otis** and exceptional children teacher **Audra Cooper** coordinated the fundraiser.
 21. **North Belmont Elementary** received ten boxes of assorted school supplies estimated at weighing 50 pounds per box from Vallen USA. Additionally, the school’s PTO purchased “Mabel the Elephant,” “Rasheed the Lion,” and “Gus the Dragon” stuffed animals for the kindergarten, first grade, and second grade classes. The toys are for the school’s readers workshop.
 22. **North Gaston High School** Spanish teacher **Milton Villarroel** was chosen to present the “Achieving Sustainable Development One Student at a Time” workshop at the International Conference on Sustainable Development in New York.
 23. **Pinewood Elementary** literacy teacher **Staci Nezezon** won a James Patterson and Scholastic Books grant, which provided \$250 worth of books for her classroom.
 24. **Pinewood Elementary** installed a sensory path that students are enjoying throughout the school day. Students can jump, hop, tiptoe, and hopscotch as they complete the path. Also, the PTO purchased a Gaga ball pit, which is a sport played inside an octagon. Physical education teacher **Stephanie Blackwell** taught the children how to play.
 25. **Rankin Elementary** fifth grader **Emma Lineberger** raised more than \$4,000 to fill book bags with school supplies for classmates in need. The school hosted 62 kindergarten families at the annual “Boo-Hoo/Woo-Hoo” breakfast and school tour.

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| <p>26. Sadler Elementary observed the late Dr. Edward D. Sadler's birthday with a school-wide reading night for students and their families. Dressed in pajamas, students read their favorite books and ate birthday cake.</p> <p>27. Sadler Elementary received school supplies from Christ Worship Center for each classroom as well as lunch and desserts for staff on the first day of school. In addition, Mann+Hummel donated more than 50 book bags filled with supplies for students. The school's PTO collected \$270 during the school's orientation night.</p> <p>28. To celebrate the start of a new year, the staff at Sherwood Elementary boarded a bus and distributed new and used books to families living in neighborhoods near the school.</p> | <p>29. Webb Street School received a \$2,450 check from Social Vineyard in Gastonia to support the school's inaugural "Gaston Sings 2019" competition.</p> <p>30. Ashbrook High School received a donation of 84 cases of water from Bi-Lo for the school's athletics department.</p> <p>31. The York Chester Middle School Students of the Month for demonstrating the character trait of respect are Taylon Wells, Paolo Moreno Castaneda, Sara Casco Amador, Charles Graves, Janiya Taylor, and Kamarria Grigsby.</p> <p>32. York Chester Middle School received a donation of school supplies and a luncheon for teachers and staff from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, First ARP Church, South Point Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Salvation Church, and Southwood Realty.</p> |
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- Classroom Moment.
- Operations Committee Report.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report.
- Receive information regarding the Gaston County Schools Business Advisory Council.
- Receive information regarding STAND UP Gaston.
- Consider the 2020-2021 School Calendar.
- Receive information regarding the Beginning Teacher Support Program (BTSP) Plan.
- Receive information regarding the Local Assessment Schedule 2019-2020.
- Receive information regarding the N.C. Accountability Model Results.
- Consider the 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.
 - Construction/Repair Change Orders.
 - Contracts:
 - North Gaston High School Auditorium Stage Renovation.
 - Chromebook RFP Award.
 - YMCA Afterschool Care Program.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session – Personnel and Consultation with Attorney.

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