



Board Briefs

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The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015, 5:30 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 May 4, 2015 and May 18, 2015 meetings.
 - Receive the following Good News:
1. The **Belmont Middle School** Battle of the Books team placed fifth at the state competition. The students earned a spot in the state finals after winning the county and regional titles.
 2. **Gaston County Schools** instructional technology facilitators **Teresa Thomassen** and **Lisa Montgomery** and **Sadler Elementary** teacher **Isha Hardin** were selected to attend the Discovery Educator Network (DEN) Summer Institute at American University in Washington, D.C. They are among only 120 educators chosen for the professional development and networking event, which highlights innovative ways to make technology a focus in the classroom.
 3. **Warlick Academy** senior **Angelique Henderson** received the Paul Fuller Mentor Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an outstanding high school senior who has been a part of the **Gaston County Schools** mentoring program. She plans to attend UNC-Pembroke this fall.
 4. **Cramerton Middle School** sixth grader **Joshua Hipps** qualified for the National Junior Disability Games. Hipps set the 2015 national records for his age group in discus and javelin at the annual Dixie Games, a regional wheelchair sports competition. He also qualified for the national meet in archery, shot put, 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash.
 5. **Cherryville High School** juniors **Samantha Levine** and **Mariah Bush** were named to the all-state cheerleading team by the N.C. Cheerleading Coaches Association. They are two of 35 cheerleaders selected from across the state and will perform at the East-West all-star games in July. **Wendy Holt** is the school’s cheerleading coach.
 6. **Michael Benner** of **East Gaston High School** and **Michael Marlowe** of **Bessemer City High School** were the recipients of the Maude Carter Teaching Scholarships presented by the Gaston County Unit of North Carolina Retired School Personnel. Benner will attend Mars Hill University and Marlowe will attend Western Carolina University.
 7. **Mike Grimmer**, principal of **Hawks Nest Intermediate**, completed the year-long Distinguished Leadership in Practice program sponsored by the N.C. Principals and Assistant Principals Association, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and UNC-LearnNC. The professional development program is for school administrators seeking to enhance their leadership skills.
 8. **Bailey Thomasson**, a senior at **South Point High School**, received the Wayne F. Shovelin Scholarship from the CaroMont Health Foundation. The prestigious four-year scholarship is valued at \$80,000.
 9. Teachers in **Gaston County Schools** earned more than \$50,000 in grants from the Gaston County Education Foundation. The 47 Ron L. Ensley grants will fund creative lessons, programs and materials for students at schools across the district during the 2015-2016 year.
 10. **East Gaston High School** senior **Tyler Rapp** was one of 10 students in the Charlotte region to be named “Seniors of the Year” by *The Charlotte Observer*. **Forestview High School** senior **Abigail Cross** was among the 30 finalists for the recognition. More than 140 students in the Class of 2015 applied for the newspaper’s All-Star Scholars program.
 11. **Bessemer City Primary** participated in the “Give Five, Read Five” program sponsored by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. More than 2,700 books were collected for the school. Students, parents and teachers supported the book collection effort along with **Bessemer City High School** and Hunter Douglas Window Designs.
 12. Keep Gastonia Beautiful recognized a group of **Gaston County Schools** custodians for their outstanding work and service to our schools. The ‘School Custodian of the Year’ first place awards went to **Glenn Willis, W.B. Beam Intermediate**; **Mike Moss, Grier Middle School**; and **LeeRoy Montgomery, Cherryville High School**. Second place awards were presented to **Gary Clark, Hawks Nest Intermediate**, and **Kelly Pilkington, Highland School of Technology**. The honorable mention award winners were **Gary Brooks, Sadler Elementary**; **Clenzo Brown, Robinson Elementary**; and **Don Grigg, Bessemer City Primary**.
 13. The following students were named Junior Marshals at the **Highland School of Technology**: **Matthew Noles** (Chief Marshal), **Bonham Ekleberry, Abigayle Fogarty, Luke Hastings, Abril Jauri, Alexander Matthew, Maxwell Miranda, Jacob Phil, Elise Sweezy** and **Kayla Viana**.
 14. **Highland** student **Madison Armstrong** received the N.C. Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Scholarship.

15. **John Chavis Middle School** held its annual talent show at Starnes Auditorium. Chorus director **Elisha Mitschke-Lamanna** and band director **Vickie Whitfield** coordinated the show and students **Carter Smith, Madelyn Daggerhart, Emma White, Reese Hoyle, Riley Huffman, Blaise Shiver, Jeremy Varela** and **Alyssa Johnson** helped to organize the program.
16. The **John Chavis Middle** bands participated in the Solo and Ensemble district festival sponsored by the North Carolina Bandmasters Association. The following students earned a superior rating for their performances: **Blaise Shiver, Maxwell Francesco, Amber Roach, Maddie Daggerhart, Victoria Pruett, Alyric Neal, Madison Hedgpeth, Tamara Varela, Cheyenne Congleton, Carlie Grace Jackson, Madison Philbeck, Izzy Wilson, Lizzie Brannan, Raven Hampton, Wyatt Wilson, Abby Shultz, Preston Hay, Allie Demonfonte, Ryan Riffle, Sam Kostiuik, Hunter Grier, Faith Anthony, Austin Lackey, Hannah Carroll, Jeremy Varela, Logan Ford** and **Maddie Hampton**.
17. The **John Chavis Middle** student council sponsored a contest to collect aluminum can tabs for the Shriners. A total of 34 gallon jugs of can tabs were collected. The eighth grade collected nine gallons, the seventh grade had 17 gallons, and the sixth grade contributed eight gallons.
18. The **John Chavis Middle** May Students of the Month were **Cheyenne Congleton, Gracie Holland, Faith Anthony, Emma Rayfield, Trey Brafford, Madison Hedgpeth, Aniaya Gidney, David Perez** and **Cayson Sellers**. Seventh grade language arts teacher **Lynn Crain** was named the May Staff Member of the Month.
19. **Rankin Elementary** fifth grader **Gwen Campau** won the City of Mount Holly recycling contest. More than 1,500 drawings were submitted from **Rankin Elementary, Catawba Heights Elementary** and **Pinewood Elementary**. Students were challenged to illustrate what recycling means to them. Campau's winning design will be displayed on the city's new recycling truck.
20. The **Rankin Elementary** April Students of the Month were **Rhys Todd, June Beasley, Abby Houser, Joseph Richardson, Aaden Kheang, Logan Laslo, Owen Burr, Makayla Turner, Ella Hope, Gavin Carpenter, Sabrina Pressley, Gwentyth Everhart, Drew Patterson, Taelan Whitley, Alex Blackmon, Grayson Stewart, Samora Patterson, Kiya Henley, Jesse Capps, Jacob Browning, Chandler Calhoun, Eva McIntire, Nick Willer, Myles Perry, Trinity Gordon** and **Ashley Mack**. The Principal's Pride winners were **Jocelyn Sexton, Vivan Mach, Addison Kirby, Crescence Deese, Trey Church, Emme Hodgeman, Calvin Winchester, Demarcus Watlington, Ethan Bates, Jackson Plummer, James Combs, Kendra Hawley, Macy Miller, Mallory Carlson, Caleb Mabe, Kenyara Brooks, Mackenzie Chapman, JoNathan Floyd, Payton Parker, Alan Whitley, Morgan Scales, Emma Smith, Brooke Hayes, Jaden Pritchard, Justin Davis, Alex Brindle, Makayla Gee** and **Maggie Pressley**. The school's "Do The Right Thing" honoree was **Alivia Foster**.
21. **South Point High School** student **Stephanie Ewing** was selected to attend the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics program at East Carolina University.
22. **W.B. Beam Intermediate** students and staff raised \$1,439.28 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the "Pasta for Pennies" campaign sponsored by Olive Garden. **Lynn Costner's** fourth grade class collected the most money, \$428.81.
23. The **Gardner Park Elementary** Terrific Kids for May were **Xyngea Davis, Michael Rivera-Cruz, Ximena Flores-Sanchez, Marilyn Vera-Cole, Giana Phillips, Malachia Brown, Kelly Belen Flores, Sergio Cruz Montes, Delainah Springs, Maddison Laxton, Stephanie Lopez Cruz, Pabella Cano-Vargas, Manuella Kennedy, Ryan Sereno, Jazlyn Hernandez, Mikiaiah Love, Smit Rabara, Gisel McClain, Macey Stubbs, Talan Martin, Amari McRae, Sarah Patel, Marcus Overcash, Ofelia Rios Albarran, Emily Robbins, Audrey Spencer, Paige Thomas, Briana Martinez** and **Shaniya Jiles**.

- Classroom Moment.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report.
- Operations Committee Report.
- Consider the Gaston College Board of Trustees Appointment.
- Consider the Interim Budget for 2015-2016.
- Consider the Alternative Accountability Model.
- 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.
 - Approval to Issue 2015-2016 Purchase Orders.
 - 10-Point Grading Scale for Grades 3-8.
 - Student Records Fees.
 - Driver Education Fees.
 - Contract Renewal for Eligible Employees.
- Superintendent's Comments.
- Closed Session - Personnel.

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