

The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m., at the Gaston County Schools Central Office, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia. At that time, the Board will . . .

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portunity for Public Expression. At each Board meeting, the public has an opportunity to address the Board.
the January 13-14, 2017 Board work session/retreat and the January 31, 2017 meeting with the
Gaston County Board of Commissioners.
for January/February 2017:

1. **Gardner Park Elementary** (partnered with Tindol Ford-

Woodhill Elementary earned second place and **Lowell Elementary** took third place. Sponsored by the Gaston County Edu is a popular annual event that pairs businesses and organizations with elementary schools in a fun game show format. Proceeds go toward the Ron L. Ensley grants for teachers to fund innovative classroom lessons and projects.

2. The five finalists for 2017-2018 Gaston County Teacher of the Year are **Amy Daniel, Holbrook Middle; Victoria Holeman, Lingerfeldt Elementary; Mindee Mammano, Stuart W. Cramer High School; Ashley Rimmer, Ashbrook High School; and Heather Scercy, W.C. Friday Middle School.**
3. The five finalists for 2017-2018 Gaston County Principal of the Year are **Chad Carper, Forestview High School; Amy Holbrook, York Chester Middle; Crystal Houser, W.C. Friday Middle; Denise McLean, Highland School of Technology; and Phyllis Whitworth, Belmon**

23. Students at the following elementary schools celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing as centenarians: **W.A. Bess, Cherryville, Gardner Park, Pleasant Ridge, Pinewood, Robinson,** and **Sherwood.**
24. Students at **Brookside Elementary** collected \$252 for Relay for Life. Principal **Logan McGuire** and assistant principal **Matt Rikard** fundraising celebration.
25. **York Chester Middle School** honored local veterans during a citizenship character education assembly. The **Ashbrook High School JROTC** presented the colors during the program.
26. Students in the LEAP (Leading, Educating, and Preparing) program at **Pleasant Ridge Elementary** presented a drum performance during halftime of a recent basketball game at **Hunter Huss High School.**
27. The **South Point High School** football team won the state 3-A championship with a 16-7 victory over Rocky Mount High School. The game was held on Saturday, December 17 at Wake Forest University.
28. Students in the National Honor Society at **South Point High School** collected more than \$2,400 for the Belmont Community Organization.
29. The **John Chavis Middle School** November Students of the Month were **Kelly Diaz, Ethan Honeyman, Landon Hahn, Kaitlyn Nolen, Jocelyn Queen, Mackenzie Aguilar, Kayley Sparrow, Asia Simmons** and **Seth Russell.** **Ashley Beam,** an November Teacher of the Month.
30. The Beta Club at **John Chavis Middle School** held its annual canned food drive in December. With the help of each Advisory class, the school collected 817 items for the Cherryville Area Ministries. The Advisory classes contributing the most items were **Lance Beam's** class, first place; **Robin Blackburn's** class, second place; and **Scott Pervine's** class, third place. Leading the community service project were Beta Club officers **Wyatt Wilson**