

The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 13, 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 (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 June 1, 2015 and June 15, 2015 meetings.

Receive the following Good News:

1. The Gaston County Association of Educational Office Professionals (GCAEOP) presented the Office Professional of the Year award to **Kristen Neal of Bessemer City Middle School**. **York Chester Middle School** principal **Amy Holbrook** was named the GCAEOP Administrator of the Year.
2. **Webb Street School** student **Tommy Heracklis** received the Student Achievement Award from the Gastonia City Council and mayor John Bridgeman.
3. **Forest Heights Elementary** partnered with Wells Fargo Bank to sponsor a school beautification day. The volunteers planted flowers and cleaned up the school grounds.
4. The **Belmont Middle School** "Beauty and the Bots" robotics team won the first place research project award at the RoboFest 2015 competition. The award recognized the students for their "iCan4iPads" fundraising project. During the school year, the team collected \$2,471.44 to purchase iPads for the residents of Holy Angels.
5. **Belmont Middle** presented the following student achievement awards: **Priyanj Patel** received the Gadd Award for top AR (Accelerated Reader) points in the eighth grade; **Katelynne Haynie** received the DAR Citizenship Award; **Devon King** received the Paul Christopher Wylie Award; **Haley Nixon** and **Adam Whiteman** received the Ann Helms Award; and **Ariana Perry** and **Jovan Sheshbaradaran** received the Barnett Award.
6. **Gaston County Schools** had a group of students to earn awards in the Special Olympics of North Carolina Summer Games. In the softball skills competition, **Summer Kirby** of **Webb Street School** earned a silver medal and **Mya Pope** of **Grier Middle** earned a bronze medal. The "Gaston All-Stars" unified volleyball team earned a silver medal. Team members were **Trey Gibson**, **Samantha Depeder**, **Drew Depeder** and **Haylee Haman** of **South Point High**; **Emily Mobley** of **Belmont Middle**; and **Garnett Hinson** of **Carr Elementary**. The "Gaston Dominators" modified volleyball team earned fourth place. Team members were **Shannon Layne** and **Micheal Davie** of **Webb Street School**;

11. Air Force JROTC was named the most physically fit unit and earned many awards during a week-long leadership course co-sponsored by the U.S. Air Force and Converse College. **Jeremy Caldwell** and **Taylor Crane** scored the highest of all cadets at the camp and were named “Iron Man” and “Iron Woman.” Camp honor graduates were **Hamil Vashi** and **Ian Hauxwell**. **Bethany Saunders** won the Top Flight Cadet honors and **Tristan Williamson** was the Top Group Cadet.
12. **Collin Hill** of **Highland School of Technology** placed top 10 in the nation in the physical therapy competition at the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) National Leadership Conference. **Erin Farris** and **Alexis Burton** in Dental Science, **Savannah Lawing** in Dental Terminology and **Logan Runyan** in Medical Assisting also participated in the competitive events. Highland also was recognized nationally as an Outstanding HOSA Chapter and for the school’s HOSA Happenings newsletter.
13. A team from **Highland School of Technology** earned fifth pla }