

The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015, 7:00 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 March 2, 2015 and March 16, 2015 meetings and March 16, 2015 public hearing.

Receive the following Good News:

1. **Kevin Li**, a seventh grader at **Belmont Middle**, and **Nehemiah Stovall**, a fourth grader at **Pinewood Elementary**, qualified to compete in the North Carolina National Geographic Bee held at UNC-Charlotte.
2. The following schools earned top honors in the Battle of the Books competition. The East Division winners were **Costner Elementary**, first place; **Carr Elementary**, second place; **New Hope Elementary**, third place; and **W.A. Bess Elementary**, fourth place. The West Division winners were **W. Blaine Beam Intermediate**, first place; **Bessemer City Central Elementary**, second place; **McAdenville Elementary**, third place; and **Catawba Heights Elementary**, fourth place.
3. **East Gaston High School** senior **Tyler Rapp** is the recipient of two prestigious, full-tuition scholarships: the UNC-Charlotte Levine Scholarship and the Park Scholarship from North Carolina State University.
4. **East Gaston High** students and staff got an up-close look at a Cobra Annie military helicopter during a program sponsored by the U.S. Army. Guest speakers discussed the construction of the helicopter as it relates to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and described how the helicopter was used during the Vietnam War.
5. Students in the **East Gaston High** HOSA club received recognition at the State HOSA Leadership Conference. **Tyler Rapp** placed third in the medical math competition and qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. **Harley Bourgeois**, **Stephane Costner**, **Emily Davis** and **Amanda Angstadt** placed seventh in the public service announcement competition.
6. The **East Gaston High** concert choir was chosen to sing the

20. The **Costner Elementary** February Good Citizens were **Vidal Saldana, Nathan Pruitt, Ksea Graham, Sophie Dabrawaski, Austin Allen, Camden Kanupp, Leland Williams, Yaritza Villafuerte, Brittany Reid, Gracie Hullett, Noah Brown, Avery Cotton, Maddey Ammons, Garrett Richardson, Tristan Ryall, Jahaziah Barnette, Chloe Bell, Rachel Dellinger, Drake Lytton, Lauren Romines, Emma Dease, Emilie Welch, Dalton Taylor, Lauren Martin** and **Haleemah Zaghary**.
21. The **Costner Elementary** March Good Citizens were **Katelyn Dahir, Gunner Edwards, Nehemiah Whitworth, Logan McKnight, Daisy Dellinger, Aiden Griffen, Hayden Routhier,**

40. Several **South Point High** students received awards in the 51st annual Belmont Oratorical Contest. The first place “gold” winners were **Ben Miller** and **Rosie Tran** and the second place “silver” winners were **Franklin Bogle** and **Lauren Andrews**.
41. The **Highland School of Technology** math club placed first in the grades 9-10 and 11-12 divisions at the TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) competition at UNC-Charlotte. **Joe Yavelak** is the club adviser and members are **Tobi Adelekun, Jennifer Chan, George Dent, Baldev Desai, Bonham Ekleberry, Reilly Gallagher, Jesse Hambrick, Michael McMahon, Miriam Okonkwo, Christian Rodgers, Hayley Rose, Ryan Thurston, Ethan Wu** and **Evann Wu**.
42. The following **Highland** students attended Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) National Summit in Raleigh: **Haley Best, Dominique Bradley, Genesis Dingle, Savannah Duncan, David Hamilton, Laura Medina-Hernandez, Brandon Moore, Miriam Okonkwo, Cameron Prince** and **Sidney Roberts**. Student **Haley Abernathy** is serving as the president of the SAVE National Youth Advisory Board.
43. Fifteen **Highland** students volunteered at the **Sadler Elementary** Family Science Night. Each student assisted in operating a booth and demonstrated a science concept for the elementary students and their families.
44. **Highland** students **Baldev Desai, Miriam Okonkwo, Ethan Wu** and **Evann Wu** were accepted to the residential program at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics. Okonkwo was also accepted to the N.C. Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics program.
45. Several **Highland** students qualified to compete at the National TSA (Technology Student Association) Conference after winning first place at the state competition. The national qualifiers are **Taylor Hughes, Alex Matthew, Jacob Phil** and **Ethan Turner** in the animatronics category and **George Dent** in technical sketching. Other award winners at the state competition were **Jonathan Baysden, Brant Black, Corbin Bumeter, Annalee Decker, Emma Lineberger, Kathryn McIntosh, Jacob Phil, Jesse Hamrick, Nate Devenny, Evan Escobedo, Evann Wu, Mitchell Bowen, Luke Hastings** and **Savannah Lutz**.
46. The **Highland** HOSA chapter was honored for excellence at the annual North Carolina HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Leadership Conference. The chapter received special recognition for its charitable work and newsletter and was named the Outstanding HOSA Chapter. Highland is a N.C. HOSA Gold Chapter and the largest 1A chapter in the state. Ten students placed in the top three of their competitive events and qualified to attend the national conference: **Collin Hill, Gabrielle Whiteman, Noele Jones, Erin Farris, Ellen Terry, Savannah Lawing, Alexis Burton, Ginna Suarez, Haley Abernathy** and **Logan Runyan**. Other students placing in the top ten of their competitive events were **Austin Lowry, Sidney Roberts, Caroline Cole, Kensley Fisher, Victoria Coulter, Kelsey Best, Jenna Payne, Makayla Young, Madison Brooks, Corinthia Friday, Sarah Eagan, Miriam Okonkwo, Brian Koo, MacKenzie Foust, Metra Sheshbaradaran, Emily Aguilar, Amber Courtemanche** and **Maria Araujo**. Additionally, **Amber Courtemanche** received the HOSA District 6 Scholarship.
47. Four **Highland** students were selected to attend the prestigious Go

