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Our Mission

Ensuring Success for EACH Student

Our Vision

Building a Culture of Personalized Learning

Our Belief

All Learners will Excel in an Environment Centered on RIGOR, RELEVANCE and RELATIONSHIPS

HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Board of Education Monthly Meeting Highlights Vol. 1, No. 2 - February 12, 2018

In Memoriam

The board opened both the study session and business session with a moment of silence lasting 26 seconds for fallen Locust Grove Police Officer Chase Maddox. The 26-year-old law enforcement officer was a 2010 graduate of Ola High School. He gave so much to the community at such a young age by simply doing what he was called to do and loved doing. Our condolences go out to his family, friends, and fellow law enforcement professionals during this very difficult time.



Community Conversations

Members of the board of education welcomed more than 100 members of the community for the first ever Community Conversations event. This meeting, inserted between the study session and business session, was designed to allow citizens the opportunity to hear a budget presentation from Jeff Allie, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services, and then participate in group discussions to address two very important questions:

- 1. In what ways do you believe the district has used financial resources well?
- 2. As we look toward the next 3 5 years, what are some budgetary priorities that you believe would enhance the educational experience for students?

District leaders facilitated the discussions and captured great feedback from their respective group members. The feedback will be utilized in the coming weeks and months as FY19 budget development ensues. Video of the presentation given by Mr. Allie can be found at the following link http://bit.ly/2o86fEf and by selecting the "Additional Item" tab located under the meeting index.



Academy for Advanced Studies Charter Up for Another Five Years

The Academy for Advanced Studies was founded in 2013 to provide Henry County with a college and career academy aimed at offering students more options for career pathway and dual enrollment coursework. The Academy for Advanced Studies is nearing the end of its first five years as a charter program and wishes to extend its charter contract for another five years.



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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Board Business

Other actions taken by the board include unanimous approval of all field trips, fundraisers, community use of school facilities requests, and a resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Henry County Water Authority. There was also a unanimous vote to decline the acceptance of a donation of property.

There were three board policies also shared during the meeting. The following policies and their proposed revisions are now available for public review:

-BCBD, Board Meeting Agendas

-BCBF, Rules of Order

-EEE, Wellness Program

The policies can be found online at http://bit.ly/2Bt3kOH.

Turning Learning into Leading

Community members interested in the many actions taken by Superintendent Davis in her first few weeks on the job can now gain better insight into her four main areas of focus with her transition into Henry County Schools. The follow link (http://bit.ly/2F0g5jo) takes you to information detailing Superintendent Davis' entry activities and how they are grouped into the following categories:

- Governance Team
- Systems of Learning
- Community Engagement
- Organizational Operations

At the conclusion of her tour of all schools across the district, Superintendent Davis will utilize the many conversations, artifacts, data points, and interactions with administrators, teachers, students, support personnel, and community members to develop some immediate strategic priorities. Her focus will then shift to a long-range strategic plan being developed later this calendar year.



We're On Demand

You can now view all meetings on demand through our website. Follow the link to see the archive of meetings, both study sessions and business sessions. http://bit.ly/2EnkKPn.



Leadership on the Move

The following personnel were appointed to new leadership roles this month:

Name	New Position/Location	Former Position/Location
Jermaine Ausmore	Assistant Principal Unity Grove Elementary	Part-Time Assistant Principal Unity Grove Elementary
Amanda Cavin	Assistant Principal Austin Road Elementary	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Unity Grove Elementary
Leslie Cheatwood	Coordinator Student Services	<u>Coordinator</u> Discipline & Safety
Kendra Cook	Assistant Principal Rock Spring Elementary	Part-Time Assistant Principal Rock Spring Elementary
Elizabeth Sampson	Assistant Principal New Hope Elementary	Assistant Principal Red Oak & Oakland Elementary

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS



District 1 - Dr. Pam Nutt

- Dr. Nutt noted sports accomplishments of individuals and teams in the district, including a state wrestling champ at Luella High and the regional girls' basketball champs at Henry County High.
- She complimented Locust Grove Middle for their production of the play Mulan, while she
 also praised the school district for its continued focus on recruiting and hiring the best
 teachers to work in our schools.



District 2 - Josh Hinton

- Mr. Hinton congratulated the approximately 90 senior student athletes in the district who signed a national letter of intent to play a sport at the collegiate level.
- He highlighted Chris Kinney, Stockbridge High School Class of 2007, who is competing in the 4-man bobsled during the 2018 Winter Olympics.



District 3 - Holly Cobb

- Mrs. Cobb brought attention to the Eagle's Landing Middle School Reading Club and their recent competition, while also mentioning that the archery team from Hickory Flat Charter will be competing at the state level.
- Other accomplishments featured included the Union Grove and Ola high school wrestling teams finishing 2nd and 3rd, respectively, during the state championships. Justin Ruffin, a senior at Union Grove High School, earned his 4th state title, joining an elite group of athletes to accomplish such a feat. She rounded out her comments congratulating both the Henry County and Eagle's Landing high school girls' basketball teams on their region championships.



District 4 - Dr. Donna McBride

- Thanks was given to Sandra Rosier for her comments during the public participation portion of the meeting noting that Dr. McBride and Mrs. Edwards were the first female African American Henry County School Board Members.
- Special recognition was given to teacher Misty Leach from the Academy for Advanced Studies. Dr. McBride detailed how appreciative she was of Ms. Leach's teaching as it has excited and engaged her own daughter to the point that she comes home every day discussing all the great things Ms. Leach does in the classroom.



District 5 - Annette Edwards

- Thanks was given to Sandra Rosier for her comments during the public participation portion of the meeting noting that Dr. McBride and Mrs. Edwards were the first female African American Henry County School Board Members.
- Mrs. Edwards noted that all schools in her district are doing great things, but she gave special attention to two schools and their recent parent engagement events. Cotton Indian Elementary and Dutchtown Middle School both held events in which parents showed up in strong numbers to support students, faculty, and staff. She was blown away by the level of support and wanted to give them recognition.



Superintendent - Mary Elizabeth Davis

- Dr. Davis recalled the heroic service of Officer Chase Maddox. She also thanked Lt. Duke and the SROs of Henry County Schools for their commitment to serving the public and our students.
- Reminders and special attention were also given to monthly events including: Black History Month; National School Counseling Week, Dr. Chon Hester and all school counselors; CTAE Month, Sharon Bonner and CTAE instructors; STAR Student Breakfast; and the upcoming winter break.
- She closed her remarks by thanking the district's employees for their welcome and support of the hard work that has been underway to help her gain a full understanding of operations and instructional approaches throughout the county.