

The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 22, 2016, 5:30 p.m., at the Gaston County Schools Central 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 regular monthly meeting, the public has an opportunity to address the Board.
 - Receive the following Good News for August 2016:
1. **Gaston County Schools** Superintendent **W. Jeffrey Booker** was named the Southwest Region Superintendent of the Year. Superintendents from school districts in the greater Charlotte area selected Booker for the honor. He will compete with other regional winners from across the state for the 2016-2017 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year recognition.
 2. **Gaston Early College High School** students **Logan Abee, Cynthia Garcia** and **Alanie O’Dell** were chosen to participate in the Junior Leadership Gaston Program sponsored by the Gaston Regional Chamber.
 3. **Laura Sexton**, a teacher at the **Gaston Early College High School**, was named the Spanish Teacher of the Year by the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina. She will be formally recognized during the Association’s conference in October.
 4. **Gaston County Schools** received \$4,000 from Junior Achievement of Central Carolinas to provide economics, personal finance and business entrepreneurship programs in 42 classrooms at elementary and middle schools.
 5. North Carolina Teacher of the Year **Bobbie Cavnar**, an English teacher at **South Point High School**, was a guest speaker at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching’s Teacher Leadership Institute in Ocracoke.
 6. Students in the **Gaston County Schools** Class of 2016 were offered more than \$53 million in scholarships (a record amount for a graduating class) from the most prestigious colleges and universities across the state and nation. The scholarships included awards for academics, athletics, military, and the fine arts.
 7. The Carrie E. and Lena V. Glenn Foundation contributed a \$15,000 grant to **Gaston County Schools** for resources in the STEAM lab at **Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**. The contribution ensures that students in the new magnet program have the necessary supplies for the STEAM curriculum.
 8. **Gaston County Schools** athletic director **Chad Duncan** was named the Region 6 Athletic Director of the Year. The recognition is presented by the N.C. Athletic Directors Association to a recipient in each of the state’s eight school regions. Region 6 includes schools in the greater Charlotte area.
 9. To mark the official beginning of construction, **Gaston County Schools** conducted groundbreaking ceremonies for two new schools – an elementary school in Gastonia and a middle school in Stanley. The ceremonies included comments from Board of Education chairman **Kenneth Lutz**, Superintendent of Schools **W. Jeffrey Booker**, and various other school and community leaders, who also participated in the official turning of the dirt. The new schools are expected to be ready for the 2017-2018 academic year.

10. The **Gaston County Schools** Communications Department received two awards from the National School Public Relations Association: the Golden Achievement Award in recognition of exemplary public relations for the “Nickels 4 Neighbors” fundraising campaign and a National Award of Merit for the “Gaston County Schools: Report to the Community” publication. The two national awards are in addition to the 11 state awards the department received in January from the N.C. School Public Relations Association. The state awards were for excellence in writing, photography, video production, digital media engagement, publications, and special events and programs.
 11. The **Bessemer City High School** girls softball team was designated a Scholar-Athlete Team by the N.C. High School Athletic Association for achieving a combined team grade point average of 3.29.
 12. Two seniors in the Class of 2016 received scholarships from the Gaston County Baptist Association: **Zachery Antrum, Hunter Huss High School**, who will attend Appalachian State University; and **Kendra Mark, Highland School of Technology**, who will attend Winston-Salem State University.
 13. The following students were selected as all-state baseball players: **Noah Eaker, Randall Long, Tyler Sanders** and **Austin Treadway** from **Cherryville High School**; and **McKinley Scott** from **North Gaston High School**.
 14. **North Gaston High School** had six teams to qualify as Scholar-Athlete Teams for the spring semester: boys golf, softball, baseball, girls soccer, girls track, and boys tennis. The recognition is presented by the N.C. High School Athletic Association to teams that achieve a combined team grade point average of 3.1 or higher. The school also had more than 60 students to earn the Scholar Athlete distinction for achieving an individual grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
 15. The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter at the **Highland School of Technology** received several awards at the National FBLA Leadership Conference in Atlanta. **Alexander Matthew** and **Matthew Noles** won first place in the nation in the Banking and Financial Systems category and **Elliott Stines** took second place in the Microsoft Office Specialist – Word Expert competition. Also, for the fourth consecutive year, Highland won the Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Chapter Award, which recognizes outstanding school FBLA chapters across the country.
 16. The **Highland School of Technology** HOSA (Future Health Professionals of America) chapter earned two awards at the 39th annual International Leadership Conference in Nashville. **Gabrielle Whiteman** placed fourth in the nation in the dental science competition, and the students were recognized for their outstanding chapter notebook.
- Classroom Moment.
 - Receive information regarding New and Beginning Teacher Support in Gaston County Schools.
 - Receive information regarding the Professional Development Update.
 - Receive information regarding Online Learning Opportunities.
 - Consider the Adoption of 2016-2017 Gaston County Schools Budget Resolution.
 - Receive information regarding the Back-To-School Report.
 - 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 ▪ Board Policy Updates ▪ Budget Amendments and Budget Transfers
 - Contracts (YMCA Contract Renewal; Apex Learning Contract Renewal; Brookside Elementary School Roof Replacement; Mount Holly Middle School Roof Replacement) ▪ Sole Source Providers (Pearson; Phonak, LLC) ▪ Beginning Teacher Support Program Plan
 - Superintendent’s Comments.
 - Closed Session – Personnel.