



# HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Board of Education  
Monthly Meeting  
Highlights  
Vol. 1 - January 8, 2018

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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

## Happy New Year

The second Monday of January marked the first date of implementation of the new meeting structure of all board meetings in 2018. In December, the Board of Education approved the 2018 Board Meeting Calendar that includes the 4 p.m. Study Session scheduled on the same day as the 7p.m. Business Session.

Unless otherwise posted, all meetings of the Board will be held at:

Administrative Offices of Henry County Schools  
33 N. Zack Hinton Parkway  
McDonough, Georgia 30253

Henry County Board of Education 2018 Board Meeting Schedule		
Meeting Date	Study Session	Business Session
January 8	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
February 12	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
March 12	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
April 9	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
May 14	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
June 11	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
July 9	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
August 13	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
September 10	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
October 8	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
November 12	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
December 10	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

## Board Leadership Recognized

The start of the 4 p.m. Study Session allowed Superintendent Davis to thank Chair Dr. Pam Nutt and Vice Chair Annette Edwards for their leadership and service as the Board Officers for the Henry County BOE in 2017. The next order of business before the board was to elect leadership positions for 2018. Josh Hinton and Holly Cobb were nominated and elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Congratulations to them both on their new leadership roles.



## Same Boardroom, New Look

The boardroom at the Henry County Schools Central Office received a holiday makeover ahead of the first meeting of the new year. Included in the new look is a redesign of the desks by our Henry County Facilities & Maintenance Department and a re-wiring of the electronics and technology by our Technology Services Division.



The addition of video cameras to the boardroom was also a part of the overall transformation attendees will notice. The video cameras are strategically placed in the room to capture a full picture of interaction and operation of meetings, in addition to close-ups of Board Members and other HCS leaders as they speak. There are also cameras positioned to capture members of the public who wish to address the board and any students or school personnel present to receive awards and recognition. Those unable to attend meetings now have the option of viewing a recording the following day.



# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## Board Governance Model

One update that was provided by Superintendent Davis was the progress that she and the board have made toward defining a Board Governance Model as part of her entry activities into Henry County Schools. In November of 2017, upon first entering the role, Superintendent Davis had a work session with board members to begin defining how the Board-Superintendent team will function and to review what highly-effective boards do to lead their school districts forward. To demonstrate that this is a work in progress, but a priority as we start this new year, there are new mechanics associated with board meeting preparation, board meeting processes, and boardroom structures. Superintendent Davis pointed to the modification of the agenda structure that focuses the work of the board meeting on the primary role and function of a board as a policy-setting governance body. The objective is to ensure that each board meeting proceeds in a focused, efficient, and dignified manner that highlights the leadership of the board and the work of the Henry County Schools. Superintendent Davis indicated that she will continue to update the public on the progress under this objective in the coming months.

## Board Business

Board Business included the passing of completion facilities reports, execution of a power line easement, field trips, and fund raisers in a consent agenda item. One matter regarding a land donation was tabled for further discussion.

## Leadership Appointments

Name	New Position/Location	Former Position/Location
Lois Barney	<u>Principal</u> Austin Road Elementary 	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Austin Road Elementary
Dr. Micki Foster	<u>Principal</u> New Hope Elementary 	<u>Assistant Principal</u> New Hope Elementary
Fred Latschar	<u>Principal</u> Walnut Creek Elementary 	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Rock Spring Elementary

## Inspiration

The inspiration for the January Board Meeting was a poetry recitation by Autumn Blalock, a third grade student from East Lake Elementary.



# BOARD MEMBER REMARKS



## District 1 - Dr. Pam Nutt

- Dr. Nutt shared a recent interaction in which a former student thanked her for the tough decision the board members made years ago which resulted in the student attending the alternative school. The decision positively impacted this student and propelled her to be a better college student, eventually making the Dean's List.



## District 2 - Josh Hinton

- Mr. Hinton shared that Meet Patel, a student at Luella High School was the lone National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist from HCS.
- Attention was also brought to both the Luella and Dutchtown HS girls' basketball teams for being ranked in their respective classifications.



## District 3 - Holly Cobb

- Mrs. Cobb was unable to attend the Business Meeting



## District 4 - Dr. Donna McBride

- The Eagle's Landing Middle School Junior Beta Club was featured for their recent recognition as a National Junior Beta Club of Distinction.
- Dr. McBride also shared highlights of the Stockbridge High School FBLA's trip to assist the city of Houston, Texas, with hurricane relief efforts.



## District 5 - Annette Edwards

- Mrs. Edwards brought attention to Stockbridge High School's FBLA and their recent trip to Houston, Texas, to assist in relief efforts after the destruction from Hurricane Harvey in 2017.



## Superintendent - Davis

- Thanks were shared for the efforts of a select group of system employees responsible for the boardroom transformation.
- She welcomed the newly approved principals to their new roles.
- Her remarks wrapped up with highlights of the Hampton High School band's participation in the Peach Bowl, and Hickory Flat Charter and Flippen Elementary's personalized learning presentations.