

The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 18, 2019, 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 Board meeting, the public has an opportunity to address the Board.

Consider approval of minutes of the January 7, 2019 and January 18, 2019 meetings.

Receive the following Good News for January/February 2019:

1. The **Gaston County Schools** "Nickels 4 Neighbors" fundraising campaign to help schools in eastern North Carolina that were

22. **Bessemer City Middle School** participated in the Great Kindness Challenge the week of January 28. The challenge is conducted worldwide and many schools in Gaston County said “yes” to the challenge. Classrooms participated by planning and implementing kindness activities throughout the week. Activities included putting sticky notes on lockers with encouraging messages, picking up trash around our campus, providing treats and goodies to classmates and staff members, and writing thank you notes to staff members. Students also were encouraged to complete a checklist of 50 kindness challenges on their own.
23. **Brookside Elementary** held a “Whoville” door decorating contest. Board member **Dot Cherry** served as a guest judge. The winning classrooms were **Rebecca Abernathy**, **Telicia Helms**, and **Michelle Leagan**. In addition, the **Holbrook Middle School** chorus presented a wonderful concert.
24. Students in the **Forestview High School** Core and Sustainable Construction class built shipping crates for Fireman’s Faith Ministry to send donated fire equipment to Nicaragua.
25. **Carr Elementary** held a community open house on January 27. More than 400 people attended the family reunion-style event for students, parents, teachers, former students, former employees, and others to come together for a time of fellowship and reminiscing.
26. **East Gaston High School** JROTC teacher **Master Sgt. Samuel Taylor** made a surprise visit to Iron Station Elementary in Lincolnton after receiving several letters from students, thanking him for his military service.
27. **East Gaston High School** held a Christmas tree decorating contest. Following the contest, the trees were delivered to Stanley Total Living Center. In addition, the Beta Club collected stuffed animals, children books, and art supplies for Levine Children’s Hospital.
28. **Gaston Early College High School** held a celebration to bring attention to the school earning an A performance grade for the past four years on the state accountability program. A highlight was the presentation of “Four-Peat” T-shirts to all students.