Dozens of Williamson County students were honored April 18 with Student Spotlights during the Williamson County Board of Education meeting.

Six Williamson County teams won first place in the State Destination Imagination competition. From Brentwood High School, Julia Jordan-Lake, Zoe Schlacter, Celeste Foust, Walter Everton and Ingrid Everton won first place in the Triple Take Road Show challenge. Robin Schlacter is the team manager. From Chapman's Retreat Elementary School, Sean Smith, Emily Hudelson, Joe Nichols, Alyvia Booth, Laurel Barrentine, Jared Schmidt and Ivey Tubbs won first place in the Verses! Foiled Again! challenge. Sean Smith and Andy Hudelson are the team managers. From Crockett Elementary School, Nabia Siddiqui, Cameron Hawkins, Reeya Chenanda, Ben Huggett, Peyton Jeter, and Arsal Siddiqui won first place in the Mythology Mission challenge. Susan Gorey is their coach. From Franklin High School, Grayson Huber, David Doochin, Ty Bender, Sam Albert, Jake Helton and Ben Bergman won first place in the Mythology Mission challenge. Carol Huber is the team manager and Leigh Alyson Justus is the coach. From Grassland Middle School, Taylor Ayers, Noah Feld, Matt Godwin, Lauren Patterson, Alex Pogue and Bryce Smyth won first place in the Triple Take Road Show challenge. Leigh Feld and Holly Patterson are the team managers. From Hunters Bend Elementary School, Gibbs Bedenbaugh, Jax Li, Amelia Mitchell, Erin Moss, Siena Rozzelle, Austin Sparks and Katie Thornton won the Triple Take Road Show challenge. Julie Pogue is the team manager and Thom Thornton is the coach.

Several Williamson County students won awards at this year’s State Technology Student Association Competition. Fairview Middle School’s Caleb Hibbs won first place in Multimedia Production. His teacher is Sara Reynolds. Caroly Rocco and Lindsey Greathouse – also from Fairview Middle – won first place in the Techno Talk competition. Their teacher is Sara Reynolds. From Fairview High School, Will Hyatt, Jody Baltz, Jay Crist and Blake Fahy won first place in the On Demand Video competition. Their teacher is Kevin Sizemore. Page High School’s Nate Jarrard and Zach Albert won first place in the Structural Engineering competition. Their teacher is Jimmy Baker.

Two Page High School students were recently honored by FFA. Alexa Kavanaugh won first place in the State FFA Job Interview competition and Gina Locke was named the 2011-2012 State FFA Sentinel. Their teacher is Jessica Hartle.

In the State’s Future Business Leaders of America competition, Kevin Parent from Franklin High School won first place in Hospitality Management. Maria Shepherd is his teacher. Bria Kierl from Ravenwood High School won first place in the Business Law competition. Her teacher is Amanda Muniz.

Two Brentwood High School students – Amanda High and Becca Hill - tied for first place in the Best Illustration Art competition at the Tennessee High School Press Association Awards. Their teacher is Jan Little. Also from Brentwood High School, Natalie Bennie was named the State Champion of the National Forensic League Debate House II. Her teacher is Harriet Medlin. Brentwood High’s Luke Donahue was awarded the 2011 American Association of Teachers of German/German Pedagogical Exchange Service. His teacher is Emily Sherman.

Fairview High School’s Celina Ferrell was selected to be part of the FBI’s National Youth Leadership Academy. Her teacher is Christy Brumit. Ravenwood High School’s Mitch Davis won first place in Male Mythological Costume at the Junior Classical League competition. His teacher is Jason Nabors.
Several teachers were honored with Staff Spotlights during the Board meeting. Franklin High School’s David Aydelot was chosen by School Band and Orchestra magazine to represent Tennessee as one of the 50 directors who are “Making a Difference” in America. Kelly Scheetz, also from Franklin High School, was honored with the Mario Fierros Award of Excellence Chapter Sponsor of the Year from Sociedad Honoraria. Ravenwood High School’s Terry King was awarded the 2011 Tennessee Outstanding Physics Teacher by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Woodland Middle School Music Teacher Margie Wineman-Chaney was honored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers as the local winner of the First Annual My Favorite Teacher Contest.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Mike Looney updated the School Board on the budget process.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, Pat Anderson reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Let’s Talk School meetings. The first meeting will be held tonight, April 19 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Franklin High School auditorium. Additional meetings will be held April 28 at Fairview High, May 4 at Independence High and May 5 at Ravenwood High. These meetings are designed for parents and community members to meet with the superintendent, ask questions and learn more about the operations of the school district.

In New Business, the Board:
- Approved two Board policy revisions on first reading in regards to testing programs and military leave.
- Approved five 2010-2011 budget amendments which include a resolution for $20,000 to fund fingerprint/background checks for school volunteers; one resolution for appropriating $20,000 in state funds for the Coordinated School Health program; a resolution for appropriating $218,772 in the 2010-11 extended school care program fund for additional expenses as it relates to the Westwood Elementary operation of the SACC program; a resolution amending the 2010-2011 General Purpose School Fund Operating Budget to include an additional $150,000 for the cost of rising gasoline prices; and a resolution appropriating $200,000 in the General Purpose School Fund Budget from current revenues for related trustee commission.
- Approved a use of facilities revision schedule.
- Approved recommendations for tenure.

In other action, the Board:
- Approved Board Policy Revisions on second reading regarding enrollment in college level courses, grading systems and report cards, and graduation with honors.
- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved an Eagle Scout Project at Kenrose Elementary School.
- Approved a right-of-way electrical easement at Clovercroft Elementary School.
- Approved an energy efficient schools initiative at Summit High School.
- Approved high school course special courses.

Each school principal has a copy of the Board packet information.

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, May 16, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.