Across the Board

April 16, 2012

Brentwood High’s Si-Qi Fan earned a perfect score on the ACT and was honored with a Student Spotlight during the regular meeting of the Williamson County Board of Education April 16. Page High’s Jared Schaumann earned a perfect score in the American Mathematics Contest, only 17 perfect scores in the world and three in the United States. His teacher is Peter Wade.

Ravenwood High’s Celina Stewart won the 2011-12 National Discus Award for achievements in government, arts and community service. Her teacher is Troy Aldridge. Also from Ravenwood, Eden Holmes won the 2012 State Mock Trial Best Defense Award. Her teacher Daniel Hollandsworth.

Several Independence High students earned first place honors in the State DECA competition. Jordan Bradley won in Business Services; Patrick Whalen and Forrest Billington won in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team; and Samuel Howard was elected the 2012 Tennessee DECA Vice-President. Their teacher is Wren Anderson.

Ravenwood’s first place DECA winners include Riley Hadden and Ali Meshkat in Financial Services and Natalie Castro in Apparel and Accessories. Their teachers are Amanda Muniz and Donna Smith.

In the State Technology Student Association competition, Fairview High’s Jody Baltz, Jay Crist, Blake Fahy and Will Hyatt placed first in On Demand Video. Their teacher is Kevin Sizemore. Page High’s Carson Stafford, Zach Albert, Wilson Cochrane, Grant Santilli, Jacob Albert and Brock Bolton won first in Manufacturing Prototype; Caroline Hill won first in Transportation Modeling; Chase Moon won first in Flight Endurance; Austin Kiger won first in Dragster Design; and Alec Persch won first in CAD 2D Architecture. Their teacher is Jimmy Baker.

In the area of the arts, Ravenwood’s Travis Fields won the National Scholastic Art and Writing Award. His teacher is Chaley Ayers.

In Staff Spotlights, Fairview Middle teacher Sara Reynolds was honored with the Tennessee Technology Student Association Honorary Lifetime Member Award, the highest award a person can receive from TSA.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Mike Looney introduced Juli Oyer as the Fairview High principal for 2012-13. He also shared the Let’s Talk School video. There are two more meetings scheduled: Tuesday night at Fairview Middle and Thursday night at Brentwood High. Both meetings begin at 6 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. Select this link to view the video. http://www.wcs.edu/InFocus/InFocus1112/Issue_17/letstalk.htm

In her report, Board Chairman Pat Anderson thanked Todd Pewitt and the communications department for creating the Let’s Talk School video. She also congratulated the Hillsboro Tomorrow group for reaching its goal of raising $300,000 for Hillsboro School. In addition, she reminded the Board of the upcoming budget meetings with the County Commission. A
joint meeting of the budget and education committees is scheduled for Monday, April 23 at 5:30. Earlier in the meeting, Anderson thanked the Heritage Middle School select choir, VOX AUREA, which performed for the Board prior to the meeting. Lisa Benton is the choir director.

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved a budget amendment of $550,000 to cover increased fuel costs.
- Approved an intra-category transfer of $260,000 to purchase eight new maintenance vehicles.
- Approved three budget amendments including a resolution for $100,000 to be paid for the trustee commission; a resolution for $231,000 in the cafeteria budget to cover federal indirect costs; and a resolution for $49,053 for the extended school program.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved two policies on second reading, Policy Development and Bullying.
- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved school fees for the 2012-13 school year. The supply fee at the elementary level will be $25 along with a $5 recorder fee. The basic fee for middle school increased to $100 from $90. Participation fees at the middle school level remained the same for chorus, major sports, minor sports, strings, golf, dance and cheerleading but were added for forensics, $325; drama, $150; science club, $150; and other clubs such as Model UN, Student Council, Destination Imagination, Art Club, etc., $75. At the high school level, fees vary by course and activity. Some new fees that were added include winter drum line and winter guard, $200 each and Student Council, $20.
- Approved the construction of soccer/football goal posts at Grassland Middle.
- Approved the construction of a storage building at Sunset Middle for athletic equipment.
- Approved the construction of batting cages at Summit High.
- Approved no increase in the use of facility fees due to increases in utilities and maintenance costs.

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

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, May 21, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.