Across the Board

April 15, 2013

The Williamson County Schools 2012-13 calendar for students will end two days early. The Commissioner of Education has granted approval to the request after the Williamson County Board of Education approved the calendar change at its regular monthly meeting April 15. The school district learned of the option from the State Department of Education last week when the department told school districts that unused stockpiled inclement weather days could be used for professional development.

The school year for students will end with a full day on Tuesday, May 21. The final day for teachers will remain the same, Friday, May 24, but teachers will spend Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24 in professional development. Classified employees, who are not 11 or 12 month employees, will be given the option to work or begin summer break early. SACC and YMCA Fun Company will provide child care. More information will be available in Thursday’s edition of IN FOCUS, and the after school programs will communicate information through their schools.

A number of students were honored for recent successes during the meeting. Four students were honored for earning perfect scores on the ACT during the March test. Brentwood High’s Ruth Dunn and Joyce Kang and Ravenwood High’s Timothy Jiang and Niman Mann were honored with Student Spotlights.

From Page High, James O’Quinn, Waylen Herdman, Josh Reddish and George Owen won the International Economic Trade Summit for High Income Country while Emily Custer, Alicia Johnson, Madison Hilliard and Tyler Whittin won for Economic Proposal Debate. Their teacher is Judy Davis.

Summit High’s Olivia Chastain, Caroline Montgomery and Alma Garcia won First Place at the State Culinary Arts Competition. Their teacher is Marsha Johnson.

Ravenwood’s Brent Hojer won First Place on the State DECA Business Finance Test and Bayan Kharamzmi won First Place in Hotel and Lodging Management. Their teacher is Donna Smith.

From Page High, Molly Hinesley and Abbey Hill won First Place in Entrepreneurship in the State FCCLA competition. Their teacher is Amy Hart.

Several students won first place in the State TSA competition. Fairview Middle’s Blake McKinney won in Multimedia Production, and Holly Fahy and Angela Solano won in Techno Talk. Their teacher is Sara Reynolds. Page High’s Chase Moon and Jacob Albert won in Technology Problem Solving; Caroline Hill, Juhi Pathak and Grant Santilli won in Biotechnology Design; Caroline Hill and Jonathan Brannon won in Structural Engineering; Wilson Cochrane and Ben Brannum won in Transportation Modeling; and Chase Moon, Carson Stafford, Wilson Cochran, Ben Brannum and Grant Santilli won in Manufacturing Prototype. Their teachers are Jimmy Baker and Beth Foreman.

In the Tennessee Junior Classical League Competition, Ravenwood’s Alison Gibson won in Female Mythological Costume, 9th grade Poetry and Graphic Arts-Acrylics and Oils; and
Rohan Tummala won in Derivatives Level 1 and Principal Parts Bee. Their teacher is Jason Nabors.

Brentwood Middle won several awards from the Tennessee Association of Student Councils. Annie Paris won in Essay Category; Madison Young was named Above and Beyond Member; Zane Coggin was named Member of the Year; and Brentwood Middle School received the 4 STAR Council Award. Their sponsor is Kristi Coble.

Two students were honored with National Gold Key Awards. Grassland Middle’s Lydia Suttle won for Personal Essay Writing in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. Her teacher is Cindy Pons. Middle College High’s Elizabeth Rains won for Journalism in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. Her teacher is Thomas Broderick.

From Brentwood High, Carolina Cerrato placed First in the Best Short Story in the Tennessee High School Press Association competition. Her teacher is Athena Phillips.

Three groups performed at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana, including Franklin High’s Percussion Ensemble under the direction of Michael Holland and Franklin’s Wind Ensemble under the direction of David Aydelott. Ravenwood’s Wind Ensemble also performed. The director is Mark Kinzer.

Two teachers have been named Tennessee Educator of the Week including Sunset Middle’s Trish Potts and Summit High’s Dee Dee Montgomery.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Mike Looney told the Board that the group’s High Performing School Flexibility Act had passed both the House and Senate and was awaiting the signature of the Governor.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, Pat Anderson praised the district’s art teachers and students for their display at the Frist.

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved two policies on first reading including Graduation Requirements and Non-Tenure and Tenure.
- Approved three budget amendments to the 2012-13 General Purpose School Fund including a resolution of $240,000 for additional special education expenses; a resolution for $456,985 to cover the salaries of current regular teachers’ contracts and to hire two additional elementary teachers for the remainder of the year and; and a resolution for $242,000 for video camera on buses.
- Approved a budget amendment of $115,000 to the 2012-13 Extended School Program Budget to cover additional expenses through the end of the year.
- Approved an intra-category transfer for $92,550 to pay for an additional bus and river for Hillsboro School for the 2013-14 school year. Hillsboro will be operating on one school schedule next year instead of operating an elementary and a middle school schedule.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved one policy on second reading, Enrollment of Foreign Student
- Approved the Outside Contractor Child Care Contract.
- Approved Use of Facilities Fee Review.
- Approved playground enhancements at Hillsboro School.
- Approved construction of a storage building at Spring Station Middle School.

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

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, May 20, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.