April 22, 2014
The Williamson County Board of Education celebrated students and staff at its regular meeting Monday, April 21, 2014. Five students were honored for earning a perfect score on the ACT. Brentwood’s Christopher Cortez, Pawel Durakiewicz and Waqqas Fazili were recognized along with Page’s Michael Lee and Ravenwood’s Gene Li.

Several students won first place at the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences competition. From Brentwood, Andrew Hughes, Conner Holmes and Apakorn Burapharat tied in the category of Music Video; Ben Sherrill, Sami Edgerton and Apakorn Burapharat won for their Public Service Announcement; Timmy Derryberry, Caleb Howard, Andrew Hughes, Apakorn Burapharat, Ben Sherrill, Noah Osuna, Andy McDonald, DJ Moulton, Cassie Chidester and Julianne Martin won in Non-Fiction/Short Form; and Hannah Thomas, Sierra Phillips and Hannah Feldhacker won in Non-Fiction/Long Form. Their teacher is Ronnie Adcock. From Centennial, Josh Katina, Noah Shirley, Caleb Simons and Patrick Mills tied in the category of Music Video, and Josh Katina won for Audio Sound. Their teacher is Dawn Marek. Franklin students Jake Helton, Luke Dyra and Dalton Smith won in Newscast, and Jake Helton tied for Best Editor. Their teacher is Patrick Nichols. From Independence, Raquel Kimball and Max Hanson won for Fiction/Short Form, and Mac Maguire won for Best Talent. Their teacher is Matt Balzer. Page students Zach Boisjoly and Sam Brancheau won in Sports Broadcast, and Sam Brancheau won two first place awards for Best Director and Best Photographer. Their teacher is Terry Flowers. Ravenwood’s Skylar Rabon won for Animation/Graphics and Special Effects. Her teacher is Laura Faber. Summit’s Morgan Haymer tied for Best Editor. His teacher is Kris Smith.

Ravenwood students Gene Li and AJ Wei were honored for their first place in Material Science at the Tennessee State Science Olympiad. Their teacher is Avril Buerstetta.

Two Brentwood students won the Tennessee State Championship at the National Forensic League. Rebekah Ninan won for Congressional Debate House 1, and Soroosh MacLean won for Congressional Debate Senate. Their teacher is Harriet Medlin.

Two Ravenwood students won first place at the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League competition. Josh Mucci won in After Dinner Speaking, and Meredith Mullen won for Poetry. Their teacher is Kelly Duyn.

Several Summit High students earned honors at the Youth in Government competition. Eliot Geary and Billy Baumgart won the Outstanding Statesmen in Red House; Rielly Bethmann and Caitlyn Mutchel won the Outstanding Red House Bill; and Jess Newman won the Outstanding Statesmen in Red Senate. Jess Newman was also elected the 2015 Red Senate Clerk. Matt Hoek is their teacher.

Three Franklin High students won first place at the Tennessee State Mock Trial. Maddie Bouton won Defense Witness; Carson Cook won Best Trial Defense Attorney; and Jimmy Wester was awarded the Overall Most Valuable Participant. Ray Scheetz is their teacher.

Several students from across the district won first place at the Tennessee State HOSA competition. Fairview High student Savannah Hester won in the category of Medical Terminology. Her teacher is Stephanie Keen. Page High students Gabby Dees, Katie Easterling, Brooke Hosfield and Peyton Clark won in the category of Public Health. Donna Guarnieri is their teacher. Summit’s Kinsley Johnson won in
the category of Job Seeking Skills, and Hayden Hughes was elected the Tennessee HOSA Vice President. Their teachers are Christina Isong and Denise Asbury.

In athletics, Ravenwood’s Rex Shotts was named an All-American Wrestler by the National High School Coaches Association. His coach is Josh Peck.

Four staff members were honored at the meeting. Summit High teacher Christina Isong was named the Tennessee State HOSA Advisor of the Year; Franklin Band Instructor David Aydelott has received the John Philip Sousa Foundation Laureate of the Bandworld Legion of Honor; Brentwood High’s Bette Lordeman was presented with the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League State Educator of the Year Krider Award; and Hillsboro’s Band Instructor Cameron Gish was chosen as a Director’s Track Assistant for the 2014 Music for All Summer Symposium.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Looney shared that the legislative session ended, and it was successful from the Board’s standpoint. Many of the bills that the Board did not support, did not advance. The legislature did delay the PARCC for one year. He reminded the group that state testing is only two weeks away.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, Pat Anderson shared that Independence wrestler Hunter Garsten, who was injured earlier this year, was welcomed home from a rehab facility in Georgia earlier this month.

The School Board approved the transportation zone lines for Mill Creek Elementary, Mill Creek Middle and Nolensville High schools. The schools are scheduled to open in the fall of 2016. The approved zone lines can be found on the school district’s website.  http://www.wcs.edu/zoning/

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved four polices on first reading including Salary Deductions; Public Ceremonies, which was deleted; Report Cards and Grading Systems; and Enrollment of Foreign Students.
- Approved two 2013-14 budget resolutions including a resolution for $125,000 for the Central Cafeteria Fund and a resolution for $264,798 for the Extended School Program Fund.
- Approved four 2013-14 budget resolutions that must also be approved by the County Commission including a resolution for $100,000 for property insurance claims; a resolution for $460,000 for contracted services for the Student Support Services Department; a resolution for $375,000 for gasoline and repair parts for transportation; and a resolution for $200,000 for the trustee commission.
- Approved the use of one remaining stockpiled day for professional development. The school year will end on Wednesday, May 21 with a half day for students.
- Did not approve open zoning Williamson County schools for students who attend Franklin Special School District.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved the Acceptable Use, Media Release, and Internet Safety Procedures policy.
- Approved the Encore summer program fees.
- Approved the high school course list for 2014-15.
• Approved the special high school course list for 2014-15.
• Approved Power Mondays for 2014-15.
• Approved use of facilities fee adjustments.
• Approved the Heritage Middle office reconfiguration.
• Approved the construction of a band tower at Brentwood High.

Board packet information can be found on the school district’s website www.wcs.edu. Select School Board and then Minutes and Agendas.

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, May 19, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.