April 20, 2015

Three students with perfect ACT scores led the list of students celebrated by the Williamson County School Board during its meeting April 20, 2015. Students honored for a perfect ACT score include Brentwood’s Deven Bhuva and Ravenwood’s Alyssa Parker and Sarah Yang.

Ravenwood students Brittany Garcia, Arshia Baksutkar, Sithara Samudrala, Joe Roebuck and Sarah Drexler were recognized for their state championship at the National History Day competition. Their teacher is Amy Surdacki. Also from Ravenwood, Sasha Madden received a Scholastic Art & Writing National Gold Medal. Her teacher is Diane Taylor.

Brentwood High received recognition for its numerous state championships at the National Speech and Debate Tennessee competition. Soroosh MacLean won Congressional Debate Senate; Curren Shah won Congressional Debate House 1; and Craig Martin won Congressional Debate House 2. Brentwood High received the Congress Sweepstakes Award and the Lamar Alexander Cup for most outstanding congressional delegation. Their coach is Harriet Medlin.

Two students will represent Tennessee at the National Youth Science Camp including Chris Cortez from Brentwood and Jenna Nam from Ravenwood.

Students from three high schools earned first place at the DECA State Conference. Brentwood’s Emma Fridge won Principles of Hospitality; Tosh Galbraith won Principles of Business Administration Management; Ben Kazmierowicz won Business Law and Ethics; Emma Sanning won Hospitality Team Decision Making; Graeme Nelson won Business Services Marketing; Lily Li won Hotel and Lodging; Kathleen Grooms won Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing; Will Wallis won Marketing Management; and Caroline Williams won Financial Consulting Services. Their teachers are Lisa Nease and Melissa Bashore. Independence students winning first place are Stephen Carter for Role Play Business Finance; Jeremy Devonald for Role Play Principles of Business Administration; Josh Ellis and Christian Pewett for Role Play for Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making; and Jake Current and Trent Starr for Role Play in Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making. Will Scism is their teacher.

Ravenwood’s AJ Wei won first place in the Business Financial Individual Series Event. His teachers are Donna Smith and Scott Farell.

Several Franklin High students won first place at the FCCLA State competition. Anna Grace Cathey, Peyton Cantrell and Hope Heckman won Illustrated Talk/Occupational; Caitlin McFarland won Job Interview/Occupational; and Rachel Calhoun won Creed/Occupational. Their teacher is Angie Cathey.

 Seven students became state champions at the HOSA competition. Savannah Hester from Fairview High won for Medical Terminology, and her teacher is Christy Brumit. Independence students Jacob Netterville won for Prepared Speaking, and Mackenzie Hollister won Outstanding HOSA Chapter. Their teacher is Brandi Mangrum. Summit students Jayden Cartelli won for Home Health Aide; and Caitlyn Mulchaey, Elliot Gearty and Reilly Bethmann won Biomedical Debate. Their teachers are Christina Isong and Denise Asbury.

Ravenwood’s Drake Lyle was recognized for being named Youth in Government 2016 Governor. His teacher is Josh Landen.
The Fairview Middle Sharknados Basketball Team won the Tennessee Special Olympics State Championship. The athletes are Anna Matlock, Peyton Evans, Elijah Haney, Braden Jenkins, Hayden Smith, and their partners are Blake Russell, Parker Jaco, Maddie Simmons, Shae Arney and Logan White. The coaches are Jamie Layne and George Potter.

In the arts, Carley Fell, Page High, was recognized for her Soloist Performance at the Tennessee Music Educators Association Conference. Her teacher is Matt Emerson.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Mike Looney updated Board members on recent school threats and arrests related to those, and he thanked those involved for their hard work over the past few weeks. He also shared that district and school safety plans were created after working with a national leader in school safety and protected by Homeland Security so they would not be made public.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, PJ Mezera thanked the Heritage Middle choir, Vox Aurea, and director Lisa Benton for performing prior to the Board meeting. He also called on Athletic Facilities Committee Chairman Mark Gregory who reported the group would begin working soon to assess the district’s athletic facilities. In addition, Legislative Committee Chairman Rick Wimberly updated the Board on legislation making its way through the General Assembly. Lastly, Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee Chairman Bobby Hullett reported that his committee would be meeting in May.

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved two policies on first reading including Web Pages and Credit Requirements for Graduation.
- Approved two budget amendments including a resolution for $159,729 for material and supplies and USDA commodities in the Central Cafeteria Fund and a resolution for $170,000 for summer program needs in the Extended School Program Fund.
- Approved two budget amendments that must go to the County Commission including a resolution for $399,362 for contracted services and equipment for special education and a resolution for $100,000 for overtime in the transportation department.
- Approved a City of Brentwood request for a quitclaim deed.
- Approved a City of Fairview request for a quitclaim deed.
- Pulled consideration of proposed School Board lawsuit settlement.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved an editorial revision to Board policy Graduation Requirements.
- Approved the Acceptable Use, Media Release & Internet Safety Procedures.
- Approved Power Mondays at all middle and high schools and Oak View and Lipscomb elementary schools for 2015-16.
- Approved high school special course applications for 2015-16.
- Approved the Encore summer enrichment program.
- Approved the use of facilities fee structure.
- Approved improvements of the Franklin High football entry gates.
- Approved an easement at Longview Elementary as requested by Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Cooperative.
- Approved improvements in the Ravenwood High girls locker room.
The next regular meeting of the Williamson County Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, May 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Administrative Complex.

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