Across the Board

February 20, 2012
Middle College High students performed for the Williamson County Board of Education prior to its meeting last night. Board Chairman Pat Anderson praised the students for their talents. Their teacher is Paula Wolak.

National Merit Finalists were also in the spotlight during the meeting. The Board recognized 15 students from across the district including Brentwood High’s Natalie Bennie, McKenzie Carmody, Emily Grant, Jackie Mei, Kasey Smith and Michael Zoorob; Centennial High’s Brennan Langenbach and Abigail Poff; Franklin High’s Grace Wylie; Independence High’s Abigail Asper and Nicholas Lotz; and Ravenwood High’s Eli Brand, Jared Facer, Jaymes Myers and Sara Rains.

Two students from Ravenwood were awarded the National Classical Etymology Exam Gold Medal. They are Savannah Marquardt and Gene Li. Their teacher is Jason Nabors.

E-Tale winners from Franklin High are McKenzie Bottoms, Reyna Morgan and Marjory Day.

Also from Franklin, Hannah Cavender and Sam Stubblefield were awarded the All Americans Music for All National Honor Band. Their teacher is David Aydelott.

In Staff Spotlights, Joye Ofner from Pearre Creek received the Tennessee Education Lottery Teacher of the Month.

In addition, the Board recognized employees of the year including Carol Braswell, Central Office; Barbara Stanley, Food Service; Pedro Pardo, Maintenance; Danielle Baswell, SACC; Edward Williams, Substitute Teacher; Scott Adamowicz, Technology; Christina Sloan, Transportation; Stephanie Roberts, Elementary Classified Employee of the Year; Joyce Britton, Middle School Classified Employee of the Year and Daryle Tallent, High School Classified Employee of the Year.

The Teachers of the Year for the district include Tiffany Wilson-Mobley, Elementary; Ashley Harris, Middle School; and Heather Hayes, High School.

In her report, Board Chairman Anderson reminded the Board of upcoming Let’s Talk Schools meetings. Those will be held Tuesday, April 10 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Summit High; Thursday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the district professional development room; Tuesday, April 17 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Fairview Middle; and Thursday, April 19 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Brentwood High.

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved several budget amendments including a resolution for $2,657,826 for middle and high school textbooks; a resolution for $1,289,000 to purchase five replacement and eight growth general education buses and one replacement special education bus; a resolution for $250,000 to cover food costs based on the increase in number of meals served; and a resolution for $3,905,000 to redesignate funds to
cover replacing roofs at Heritage Elementary and Heritage Middle, renovating Scales Elementary and building a softball field at Hillsboro.

- Approved a resolution for $21,507,448 for capital outlay projects. The projects will go back to the Williamson County Commission for review.
- Approved policy Accelerated and Advanced Credit on first reading.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved construction of a pedestrian bridge at Bethesda Elementary, an Eagle Scout project.
- Approved a storage building at Fairview Middle School, constructed by the Fairview High carpentry class.
- Approved flag pole installation at Summit High School at the softball, baseball and football fields.
- Approved softball and baseball field improvements at Sunset Middle School, funded by the school’s athletic club.
- Approved the addition of three teaching positions, two at Oak View Elementary and one at Allendale Elementary, due to increased enrollment.
- Approved the redesignation of General Capital Outlay Bond funds for improvements to the Centennial High football field.
- Approved a change to open zoned schools for 2012-13 to include the addition of Page High for up to 50 students from Franklin High.

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

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, March 19, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.