November 17, 2014

Students, schools and staff were celebrated during the regular meeting of the Williamson County Board of Education November 17, 2014.

Hillsboro School was honored by SCORE for winning the SCORE prize which was announced last month. School leaders were presented with a banner and a $10,000 check. Ravenwood High and Williamson County Schools also received a SCORE banner for being a finalist for the SCORE prize.

A number of student athletes and teams were recognized with Student Spotlights at the meeting. Centennial High was honored for winning the 2014 TSSAA State Championship in Large Varsity Division Cheerleaders. Team members include Caroline Manning, Ashton Smith, Hannah Brennan, Abby Wheeler, Anne Tenkhoff, Brooklyn Biles, Ally Beard, Savannah Taylor, Lily Shelton, Gracie McCloud, Faith Parks, Mackenzie Simpson, Caroline Jones, Cassady Parrish, Kali Hicks, Shelby Mathews, Maddie Lawrence, Kali McCloud, Emma Kate Best, Lauren Robison and Lauren Wilkinson. Their coach is Chasity Carter.

Two individual cheerleaders were also recognized including Centennial’s Kali Hicks who was named to the All State Cheer Team. Her coach is Chasity Carter. Ravenwood’s Ellie Marquardt was named the 2014-2015 Tennessee Cheerleader of the Year. Her coach is Stephanie Dykes.

Brentwood High’s Volleyball Team was celebrated for winning the 2014 TSSAA AAA State Volleyball Championship. Team members include Katie Kemp, Jenny Roy, Ashley West, Kaela Massey, Anna Wilson, Lil Schwarz, Kamryn Carter, Keely Kaufman, Megan Jantzi, Georgia Cotton, Findlay Black, Kayla Rouhlac, Olivia Ryals, Garrett Joiner and Kelly Mathis. Their coach is Barbara Campbell.

Woodland Middle’s Davis Bove was honored for winning first place in the Tennessee Middle School State Cross Country meet. His coach is Mike Winstead.

In the arts, Page High was recognized for winning the Contest of Champions Division II Marching Band State Championship. The band director is Matt Emerson.

Franklin High’s Rachel Sharp earned a place in the 2014 National Honor Choir. Her choral director is Cynthia Fehrman. Three students earned a place in the 2014 All-National Honor Orchestra including Brentwood High’s McKenzie Fetters and John Kang. Their director is Andrew O’Keefe. Ravenwood High’s Dustin Lin also became a member of the 2014 All-National Honor Orchestra. His director is Mark Kinzer.

Ravenwood High’s Chandler Flint was recognized for representing Tennessee at Boys Nation.
In Staff Spotlights, Brentwood High coaches Barbara Campbell won the 2014 TSSAA Female Coach of the Year, and Dennis King won the 2014 TSSAA Male Coach of the Year for District Six. Superintendent Dr. Mike Looney won the 2014 TSSAA Administrator of the Year for District Six. Independence High School won the 2014 TSSAA Sportsmanship Award for District Six.

Williamson County Schools was honored by WorkForce Essentials, Inc. as the 2014 Employer of the Year.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Looney shared that a substitute teacher orientation on Monday was a huge success.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, PJ Mezera thanked staff members who were in attendance and encouraged stakeholders to contribute to the Ladders to HOPE program.

The Board approved a School Calendar for 2015-16. Highlights of the calendar include: August 3, first day for teachers; August 7, first half day for students; August 10, first full day for students; October 16 and 19, fall break; November 23-27, Thanksgiving holiday; December 21-January 1, winter break; March 21-25, spring break; May 20, last half day for students; and May 27-28 graduation window.

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved an editorial change to policy, Military Leave.
- Approved a quitclaim deed for 1.13 acres on Peytonsville Road.
- Approved an Intra-category budget transfer of $25,000 for a guardrail at Bethesda Elementary.
- Approved one 2014-15 Budget amendment for $587,309 from the Extended School Program Fund to increase the number of fulltime SACC program workers as locations have increased.
- Approved the Five Year Capital Outlay Plan for 2014-2019. The document will be given to the Williamson County Commission in January.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved two policies on second reading including Board Meeting Agendas and Textbook Selection and Adoption.
- Approved an acquisition of real property for public utility and drainage easement at 810 Hillsboro Road in Franklin as requested by the City and TDOT.
- Approved a pavilion at Pearre Creek Elementary.
- Approved a sidewalk at Sunset Middle.
The next regular meeting of the Williamson County Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Administrative Complex.

Board packet information can be found on the school district’s website www.wcs.edu. Select School Board; select Board Meetings; select the meeting date; and then select Agendas. Supporting documents are linked from the agenda.