November 18, 2013

Friday, August 8, 2014, will be the first half day of school for students in 2014-15 school year as the new calendar was adopted during the November 18, 2013, Williamson County Board of Education meeting. Other highlights include the first teacher day which will be Friday, August 1; Fall Break October 10 and 13; Thanksgiving Holiday November 24 through 28; Winter Break December 22 through January 2; and Spring Break March 16 through 20. The last student day is a half day, May 21; and the last teacher day is May 22.

Student achievements in academics, athletics and the arts were showcased during the meeting. Former Edmondson Elementary and current Brentwood Middle student Ethan Douglas earned a Student Spotlight when his art was turned into a comic book character as part of the Comic and Fantasy Convention. His art teacher was Beth Perthel at Edmondson and Maggie Tucker at Brentwood.

Former Brentwood Middle and current Brentwood High students Tomas Starr and Jackson Rector won first place in the 2013 E-Tales Competition, sixth through eighth grades.

In athletics, Brentwood High’s Boys Cross Country team won the 2013 TSSAA Class AAA Cross Country State Championship. Members are Alec Thomas, Taylor Caldwell, Coleman Churitch, Waqqas Fazili, Aaron Thomas, Francois Llorens, Ryan Lee, Ryan Dennison, Taylor Vroon, and Rayann Bashir. Their coach is Derek Youel.

Brentwood High also won the 2013 TSSAA Class AAA Volleyball State Championship. Team members include Piper Cleveland, Kelly Severino, Hunter Thompson, Sarah Tuttle, Samantha Cotton, Julia Dickenson, Katie Kemp, Jenny Roy, Ashley West, Kaela Massey, Lil Schwarz, Anna Wilson, Georgia Cotton, Findlay Black, Megan Jantzi, Keely Kaufman, Kelly Mathis, Kayla Roulhc and Olivia Ryals. Head Coach is Barbara Campbell, and assistant coaches are Teresa Ashcraft and Angie Noble. The team managers are Cole McKechnie and Joseph Shuster.

Independence High School Senior Lizzy Kroeger is the 2013 Wendy’s High School Heisman State Winner and a National Finalist. Her coach is Mollye Hague.

In Staff Spotlights, Summit High Principal Dr. Charles Farmer was awarded the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Principal of the Year.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Mike Looney celebrated the district’s straight A’s in Achievement and Growth on the State Report Card. He also told the Board that the district had reached a settlement with the State Department of Education to his satisfaction. The Board then formally accepted the State’s letter.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, Pat Anderson praised the fall sports teams and marching bands for their accomplishments and wished Independence and Fairview football teams well in their pursuit of State championships. She thanked Board member Rick Wimberly for his work on the Williamson County Education Foundation and for the Ladders to HOPE celebration.

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved two policies on first reading, Board Meeting Agendas and Overtime Pay.
• Approved four amendments to the 2013-2014 General Purpose School Fund Budget, including one for $139,169 through the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Energy Grant; a resolution for $5,610 for PTO funded part time computer lab assistant at Pearre Creek Elementary; a resolution for $540,080 for additional Special Education expenses to include two teachers, 18.4 teacher assistants, one psychologist and other expenses; and a resolution for $100,000 to cover the educational supplement for advanced degrees for principals.
• Approved 2013-14 School Board Goals.
• Approved the evaluation of the 2012-13 School Board Goals.
• Approved rezoning recommendations for the 2014-15 school year.

In other business, the Board:

• Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
• Approved the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative (EESI) Council’s Grant for Reimbursement on Various Energy Related Projects.

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

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.