

Press Release

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Asheboro City Board of Education March Meeting

ASHEBORO – On Thursday, the Asheboro City Schools Board of Education met for their regularly-scheduled meeting in the Professional Development Center. Chairman Kyle Lamb called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed Ms. Holly White, preschool coordinator for the Asheboro City Schools Early Childhood Development Center to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the approval of the agenda, Asheboro City Schools recognized Ms. Alex Chavez and Ms. Amanda Ratcliff, teachers with the Randolph Partnership for Children Parents as Teachers program. Ms. Chavez and Ms. Ratcliff help coach many families throughout the district on strategies for children ages birth to three years. The Board Spotlight, presented by Holly White, featured project-based learning that takes place at the district's five-star early childhood center.

Following the Community Partner and Board Spotlights, the Asheboro City Board of Education recognized the Battle of the Books team from South Asheboro Middle School. The team won the district Battle of the Books competition and they now advance to regional competition on Thursday, April 12 in East Bend, NC. Dr. Sean McWherter then recognized two student-athletes for their recent accomplishments. Michael Smith, a junior at Asheboro High School, has been named the North Carolina High School Athletics Association (NCHSAA) Wrestling Champion in the 3A 220 weight class. Kalynn McNair, a senior at Asheboro High School, placed second in the Triple Jump event of the NCHSAA Indoor Track and Field competition. And special recognitions concluded with Dr. Julie Pack recognizing Emma Dobbins, who placed first in the regional science fair competition. She now advances to the state science fair on Saturday, March 24.

Other items on the agenda included:

There were no requests to address the board during the public comment period, and the board approved the Consent Agenda.

In Information, Reports and Recommendations, Dr. Sean McWherter, Executive Director of Student Services, reported on the current safety audits that have been conducted at all nine Asheboro City Schools locations. Following the report, he recommended the school calendar

for the 2019-2020 school year. One policy was recommended to the board for a 30-day review by Dr. Drew Maerz, Director of Testing and Accountability.

In Action Items, Dr. Julie Pack presented a new course offering, English Composition, for the 2018-2019 school year at Asheboro High School which was approved by the board.

During the Superintendent's Report, Leigh Anna Marbert, Public Information Officer, shared many district celebrations and special events in her Points of Pride report. Upcoming special events include the Asheboro High School's Park Street Players' winter musical, the Hunchback of Notre Dame, the Asheboro High School blood drive on Friday, March 16, and the Elementary Battle of the Books competition on Wednesday, March 28.

Dr. Worrell concluded the meeting by providing an update on the Board of Education's strategic planning goals and highlighted the following student, teacher, and district accomplishments:

- **Asheboro High School Student Selected for All-State Band**
Junior Georgianna Antoniou has been selected by competitive audition for the All-State Band.
- **District Spelling Bee Winners**
Hannah Charles – First Place
Azalias Diaz – Runner-up
- **Regional Science Olympiad Winners**
Asheboro High School
The AHS Zoo School Science Olympiad team placed in nine events at the Regional Science Olympiad Competition, including a first place win in the Mousetrap Vehicles category. AHS finished eighth overall out of 15 varsity high school teams and 12th out of 30 high school teams.
- **Teacher Recruitment Fair**
We had great success with our second annual Teacher Recruitment Fair that was held on Saturday, February 24. There were approximately 45 teacher candidates who attended to learn more about the exceptional opportunities in Asheboro City Schools.
- **STEAM Competition Kick-Off**
On Saturday, February 24th, Asheboro City Schools held the annual STEAM Competition kick-off for secondary students.
- **Read Across America Day**
All Asheboro City elementary schools participated in Read Across America Day on Friday, March 2. A special thanks to all guest readers who read with our students last Friday.

Chairman Lamb adjourned the meeting at approximately 9 p.m.

About Asheboro City Schools

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district's website at <http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/>.

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