

Next Step

A report on Board action
Cumberland County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2019

Recognition of Ex-Officio Members

Student Government leader Mary Ledford from Gray's Creek Middle School and Fayetteville Cumberland Youth Council member Joyce Dipoumbi from Cumberland Polytechnic High School served as ex-officio members of the Cumberland County Board of Education. Ex-officio members are given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions, and give input on any topic brought before the Board.

Administrative Recommendations

Assistant Principals

Manchester Elementary School	Phyllis Smith
Stoney Point Elementary School	Amanda Velazquez

Assessment Center Coordinator

Evaluation and Testing	Kandy Cox
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Board Receives Strategic Plan Development Update

Melody Chalmers, the assistant superintendent of Transformation & Strategic Initiatives, presented the Board with an update of information formulated during the May 9 meeting of the Development Team. The group used the Plan's proposed vision, mission and core values to define the aligned actions and measures in alignment with the following four strategic priorities:

Stellar Students – We graduate every student confident, competitive and ready for a career and college.

Premier Professionals – We recruit, support and retain impactful teachers, leaders and support staff.

Exceptional Environment – We integrate resources, facilities and staff to maintain a safe, inviting learning environment for students to grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Committed Community – We collectively engage schools, parents and the community in building student success.

Chalmers said that the public will be asked to share their feedback about the priorities and actions in an electronic survey available May 15 – 22. Also, the community is being invited to attend a community meeting to share their input about the priorities at 6:30 p.m. on May 21 in the Cumberland County Public Library in Downtown Fayetteville.

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Superintendent

Dr. Marvin Connelly

Feedback from the survey and community meeting will be shared during the June 4 Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Board Recognitions

Betty Musselwhite, the associate superintendent of School Support Services, introduced the following honorees to the Board to be recognized:

April 2019 Amazing Acts of Character Award Recipients – Aiyanna Campbell from Mac Williams Middle School, Jines Palacios from Spring Lake Middle School, Jak’Yah Bozier from Westover High School, and Kathy Ladrillono and Tyler Goad from Pine Forest High School were recognized for displaying ‘acts of good character’ above and beyond expected behavior. Members of the Board extended personal congratulations to the students.

Student Athlete Award Winners –

The following student athletes: **Chloe Arnette and Austin Hunt from Cape Fear High School and Earl Horan from Gray’s Creek High School** are recent recipients of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s ‘Heart of a Champion’ Award, sponsored by the N.C. Farm Bureau. This award seeks out and honors student athletes who display outstanding sportsmanship and citizenship. This year, the CCS has three award recipients of the 31 that were selected.

Alex Scruggs from E.E. Smith High School and Kendall Moore from Pine Forest High School were recently named to the Associated Press’ All-State Team.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Award Winners – The following students were acknowledged for receiving awards in FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA or SkillsUSA state competitions:

From Douglas Byrd High School – **Phoenix May** (1 st place in Accounting II); **Nakedric Kershaw, Ndazjah Quarles-Howard, John Glover, Antonia Houston, Naji Masudi, Kiara McIntosh and Damion Evans** (1 st place in Parliamentary Procedure – Occupational Category); **ZaMaiya Freeman, T’Nyjah McFadyen, ShaDya McFadyen, Teanna Leak, Aanayah Mattison, Saiveon Jackson, ZaMaiya Freeman, Victor Gordon and Derrick Sasso** (1 st place in Parliamentary Procedure – Senior Category); **Jameelah Brummitt** (1 st place in the Advocacy Category);

From Gray’s Creek High School – **Kayla Ward** (1 st place in Networking Concepts)

From Westover High School – **Chkylle Boado** (1 st place in Prepared Speaking Category)

From Terry Sanford High School – **Elizabeth Vaughan and Sara Baxley** (1 st place in the CPT/First Aid Category)

From Pine Forest High School – **Elizabeth Johnson** (1 st place in Job Skill Demonstration A)

Wells Fargo 2019 Outstanding Educator Award Winners

Musselwhite introduced Brent Hairr, the vice president with Wells Fargo commercial banking in the Piedmont Region, who presented the 2019 Wells Fargo Outstanding Educator Awards. The award recipients were as follows: Elementary Teacher Award – **Carol Belanger from Ponderosa Elementary School**; Secondary Teacher Award – **April Scammahorn from South View Middle School**; and Administrator Award – **Casey Yates from Gray’s Creek High School**. The awards are designed to assist educators who want to bring an innovative idea to life.

Global Educator Digital Badge Recipient

Reid Ross Classical School Orchestra Teacher Janice Swoope was recognized for recently being announced as a Global Educator Digital Badge recipient. To receive this designation, Swoope had to create a professional development plan focused on embedding global education in her instruction. Sponsored through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, the program requested that she complete 100 hours of global educational PD and meet various project requirements within two years.

Superintendent's Update

On Superintendent Dr. Connelly's behalf, Acting Superintendent Dr. Black shared the following information:

- During the Super Fitness Field Day at Reid Ross Classical Middle/High School on May 10, the school system introduced the **MATCH Wellness Program** in collaboration with the Greater Cumberland County Sector Partnership. MATCH, which stands for Motivating Adolescents with Technology to CHOOSE Health™, will empower all seventh-grade students in the school system with information to make healthy choices by focusing on nutrition education and increasing physical activity. The program will begin in all local middle schools in the fall. Thanks to a sponsorship agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina's Healthy Blue, the program, which is valued at more than \$370,000 annually, will be provided at no cost to the school system.
- It is **graduation season** in the Cumberland County Schools. In the coming weeks, more than 3,500 high school seniors will walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. These outstanding young people will graduate prepared for college, the military or the career of their choice.
- Earlier this month, more than 400 seniors received the CTE Honors Award, which is presented to seniors who have maintained a 3.0 overall GPA, earned a 90 or higher average in CTE courses, completed a four-credit CTE concentration in a career cluster and achieved a Silver Career Readiness Certificate or higher on the Work Keys assessment.
- This month, CCS observed the following special weeks: National Teacher Appreciation Week, National Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week, National Nurses Week and Custodial Appreciation Week. The CCS is grateful for the loyal and dedicated service of its employees.
- Dr. Black concluded her comments with the Superintendent's Focus Video for May which highlighted the important role of School Social Workers. The video showcased "A Day in the Life of a School Social Worker."

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