



HCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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We Appreciate our BOE Members

The Georgia School Boards Association and Henry County Schools proudly honor and recognize the tremendous work our board of education takes on to support student achievement. Each member was elected to serve the students, staff, and community to ensure that each student achieves success in their school career and enters life beyond the school system ready for any challenge. From monthly meetings to community events and various trainings, our board members go above and beyond to make sure they are at their best so our school district can be at its best. The week of March 18-22, 2019, is the official School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia, and we hope you will join us in thanking the board members for all they do to make Henry County and Henry County Schools the best place for students to learn.



Henry's Plan of Action

Over the past several months, Superintendent Davis and the board members have been studying Reform Governance in Action in an effort to strengthen the board-superintendent governance team and help the district reach greater heights with academic achievement. This process has afforded the five-member board and the superintendent a chance to take a deep dive into what makes a district high-achieving and how they play a large role in shaping the future success for students and staff.



Along the way, there has been the development of district priorities and beliefs and commitments, but now the team is on the next step in their journey and this entails developing a plan of action.

Dr. Carl Knowlton, Chief of Staff, presented a policy for consideration that cements the plan of action for the board and district to follow to help students meet the highest of achievement levels.

To read more about the Plan of Action, [click here](#). The community is encouraged to review and provide feedback prior to the next board meeting in April.

Moving to McDonough

With the start of a new school year in August of 2019, there will be two new replacement schools in the district. McDonough High School and McDonough Middle School are set to replace their current facilities known as Henry County high and middle schools. (continued)



Better together.

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Our Mission

Ensuring Success for EACH Student

Our Vision

Building a Culture of Personalized Learning

Our Belief

All Learners will Excel in an Environment Centered on RIGOR, RELEVANCE and RELATIONSHIPS





Moving to McDonough (continued)

The facilities will incorporate the current attendance zones and welcome students to two new state-of-the art school buildings. The new complex will see the schools joined by an athletic complex in between. Chief Operations Officer Dr. Raymond Bryant was able to share photos from the construction sites and provide an update as to the building progress.



Policy Proposal Preview

Two other proposed policies on the agenda included one regarding grading systems for the district (IHA) and the other regarding instructional materials (IFAA). Both items are up for review and comment until April 5, 2019.

Under HCBOE Policy IHA, the district would maintain a system for grading that is consistent and designed to support the success of each student in a rigorous instructional program. Click here to see the policy.

With regards to HCBOE Policy IFAA, this is the revision of the IFAA-Instructional Materials Policy to provide clarity of and distinction between the Board’s policy for acquiring resources, and the Administrative Regulation that will establish the system and mechanics of acquiring. The current Policy IFAA is more of an Administrative Regulation at this time. It will be accompanied by Administrative Regulation IFAA-R. To view this policy, click here.

Henry Connects

Chief Learning and Performance Officer Melissa Morse and Chief Information Officer Dr. Brian Blanton presented the board of education with a preliminary concept of a digital One-Stop Shop for students, staff, and parents throughout the district. This concept is in response to teachers spending too much time navigating between unique software applications and finding and creating their own teaching resources. The early design includes space for students to acquire lessons and support for various subjects, as well as a single sign-in site for employees to utilize when accessing the various programs and websites requiring a user ID and password. One of the more exciting opportunities with this new platform is the chance to bring community members together for support in various groupings based on interest and student needs. The development is ongoing and a first version is planned for release in the near future.

Leadership on the Move

Name	New Position/Location	Former Position/Location
Dr. Anissa Johnson	Executive Director of HR Human Resources	Principal Athens-Clarke Co. Schools



Awards and Recognition for Students and Staff



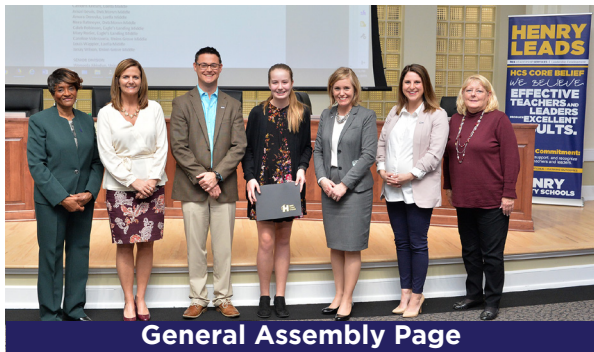
HCS Middle School Science Fair Winners



HCS High School Science Fair Winners



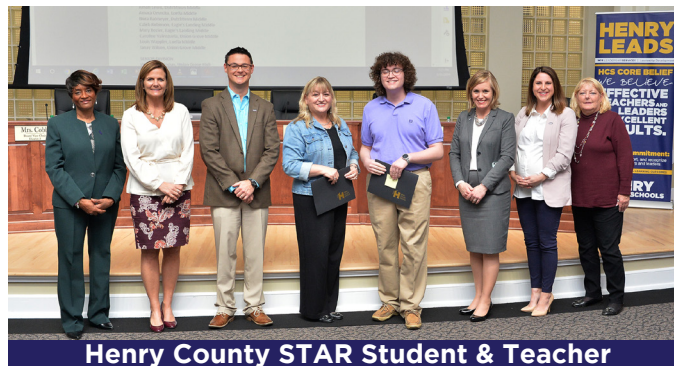
State Wrestling Champions



General Assembly Page



GA Cheerleading Coach of the Year



Henry County STAR Student & Teacher

Board Member Remarks



Dr. Pam Nutt
District 1

- Dr. Nutt started her remarks by recognizing the Locust Grove HS softball team after they recently received their state championship rings.
- The Luella HS girls basketball team was featured for making it to the GHSA Final Four.
- Rock Spring Elementary students were highlighted for winning the Challenge 24 championship in the county and for sending multiple students to the Georgia Southwestern Junior Mathematics tournament.
- She also congratulated Susan Freeman from Luella Elementary for being named the Henry County Library Media Specialist of the Year.
- Bethlehem Elementary was recognized for their 3rd place finish in the Challenge 24 competition.
- It was also noted that six students from the DECA club attended the international conference in Orlando.



Josh Hinton
Board Chair
District 2

- Mr. Hinton congratulated Luella HS for their girls basketball team making the Final Four, their math team placing 2nd in the GRESA math competition, and several of their students moving on to the state level for the National History Day competition.
- He also featured wrestling accomplishments by student-athletes from Dutchtown, Hampton, and Luella HS while also applauding Amani Jones from Ola HS for being the first female wrestling state champ in the 116 lb weight class.
- Mr. Hinton also featured Hampton HS for having students advance to state for the National History Day competition.
- Gabby Morrow was highlighted for being selected to participate in the National All-Service JROTC Precision Rifle Competition.
- He concluded his remarks by thanking everyone for being in attendance and he wished everyone a safe Spring Break.



Holly Cobb
Board Vice Chair
District 3

- Mrs. Cobb congratulated Kyle Carden and Rita Prescott for earning the title of Henry County STAR Student and Teacher.
- She also featured the Henry County and Union Grove HS orienteering teams for their 2nd and 4th place respective finishes at the national championship in Los Angeles.
- Ola Elementary's reading bowl team was highlighted for winning the district and regional competitions before placing 2nd in the divisional round.
- Stacey Schmuhl was congratulated for being named the GCCA Cheerleading Coach of the Year for Georgia.
- Her remarks were concluded with the final recognition of Amani Jones for winning the 116 lb weight class at the GHSA State Wrestling Championships.



Sophe Pope
District 4

- Mrs. Pope started her remarks by recognizing Ananya Augustine who won the regional spelling bee and now moves on to the state competition.
- Hickory Flat Elementary was also recognized for several of their students doing well at the Henry County Elementary Science and Engineering Fair.
- Students from Union Grove Middle School were featured for having projects moving on to the state competition for the National History Day competition.
- Students from Woodland Elementary were congratulated for their outstanding Black History Month program, and Eagle's Landing HS students were noted for their exceptional interviewing skills as a part of the mock interview fair at their schools.
- Read Across America was also mentioned and her visit to Pleasant Grove Elementary was highlighted.



Annette Edwards
District 5

- Mrs. Edwards started her comments by praising the Woodland Elementary students and their Black History Day program.
- She also highlighted the Woodland High School Coffee with the Principal event which focused on parent engagement.
- Mrs. Edwards noted her participation in the Read Across America events before concluding her remarks by wishing everyone a safe and happy Spring Break in April.



Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent

- Superintendent Davis took the opportunity to welcome the new Executive Director of Human Resources Dr. Anissa Johnson from Athens-Clarke County.
- She congratulated and thanked social workers and cafeteria employees on their national recognition months for all they do to make our school system outstanding.
- Her remarks concluded with a grand thanks to the board of education for their trust in her leadership of the school district and the community for welcoming her and allowing her to transition seamlessly to her new home.