

The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018, 5:30 p.m., at the Gaston County Schools Central Office, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia. At that time, the Board will . . .

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider formal adoption of the Board Agenda as required by Robert's Rules of Order (revised edition).

Recognize Students and Employees.

Provide an opportunity for Public Expression. At each Board meeting, the public has an opportunity to address the Board.

Consider approval of minutes of the June 18, 2018, July 9, 2018, and July 23, 2018 meetings.

Receive the following Good News for August 2018:

1. **Gaston County Schools** conducted its "Stuff That Bus!" school supplies collection on August 9 at Office Depot in Gastonia. More than 4,400 items were collected during the event, which is part of the annual "School Tools" drive. Cheerleaders, drum lines, and special guests participated in the pep rally-like event to encourage people to donate supplies. Now in its third year, "Stuff That Bus!" is conducted in partnership with Office Depot and the United Way of Gaston County.
2. More than 1,100 teachers and school administrators attended the **Gaston County Schools** Teaching and Learning Conference on August 6-7 at Gaston College. The

12. The eighth annual “Back to School Bash” was held on August 4 at **Woodhill Elementary School**. The community program offered health assessments and screenings for children as well as appointments for vaccinations. Children who completed the screening process received a book bag filled with school supplies.
13. **York Chester Middle School** is taking advantage of an outdoor adventure program called the “Grandfather Mountain Challenge” to help students learn about teamwork, building confidence and character, overcoming obstacles, experiencing a sense of personal accomplishment, and more. The school participated in the program last year for the first time and hopes to continue in the new school year ahead. What the students learn from the program will help them to achieve more in the classroom and in life.
14. To celebrate the start of a new school year, the staff from **Sherwood Elementary** boarded a bus and distributed 1,000 new and used books to families living in neighborhoods near the school. The “Book Bus” also provided dual-language books for Spanish-speaking students. In addition to teachers, administrators, and parents from the school, members of the **Ashbrook High** girls’ volleyball team, Miss Gastonia’s Outstanding Teen **Emily Miller**, who is a student at **Highland School of Technology**, and Gastonia Mayor Walker Reid went along on the “Book Bus” to greet children and parents at each stop.

New Schools Construction Update.

Summer Projects Update.

Insurance Update.

Consider Out-of-County Tuition.

Receive information regarding Awarded Grants.

Consider the Replacement of Network Equipment.

Back-to-School Update.

Consider Consent Agenda. The Board previously authorized the use of a Consent Agenda for routine items. The following items will be considered under the Consent Agenda:

Recommended Personnel.

Budget Amendments and Transfers.

Construction/Repair Change Orders.

Sewer Easement.

Purchase/Replace Maintenance Truck.

Contracts:

Specialized Student Transportation.

Synovia Solutions Contract Update.

Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits for New Title I Schools.

Math Resource Renewals.