The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018, 4:00 p.m., at the Gaston

19. **Highland School of Technology** media specialist **Laura Long** was elected president of the North Carolina School

conference in Winston-Salem.

- 20. Students in Special Adaptive Curriculum program had the opportunity to visit Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. The students and their teachers created themed ornaments related to places to visit in North Carolina.
- 21. Holbrook Middle School students in class learned about different types of soil and took turns digging to see if the soil is made of layers or horizons. Erin Hines, a staff member from Gaston County Soil Conservation, coordinated the lesson.
- 22. **Springfield Elementary** collected \$2,131.10 during the United Way campaign. The school hosted fun fundraising activities such as crazy hat day, pajama day, and a teddy bear picnic.
- 23. Holbrook Middle School students are volunteering their time to clean up garbage and report downed trees along a two-mile loop of the lake at George Poston Park. Teacher **Diana Baxter** is overseeing the project.
- 24. A group of **Hunter Huss High School** students participated in a Manufacturing Day program at Lanxess. The programs gave students an opportunity to learn about jobs available in Gaston County and what skills are needed to have a successful career in advanced manufacturing.
- 25. The following Hunter Huss High School students won awards at the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) regional competition: Katie Hunter, Symanthia Bryson, Aliyah Wilson, Prince Behma, Dondra Burris, Carson Jenkins, Cole Jenkins, Elijah Mason, Donavan Moonie, Jaylan Silvers, Jaheim Topping, and Darius Williams. The students captured top honors in the Quick Serve Restaurant, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Apparel and Accessories Marketing categories.

26. Hunter Huss High School teacher Michelle Ellis received

Cooley Excellence in Teaching Award.

 Students at Lingerfeldt Elementary participated in the Junior Achievement Day program and enjoyed lessons about business and personal finance. Volunteers from Firestone Fibers and Textiles, Gaston County Health and Human Services, and Tabernacle Baptist Church as well as Gastonia mayor Walker Reid and former Carolina Panthers player Nate Salley led activ1 g39.6 501.31P MCN23D MCID 142.41 515.