

The Gaston County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m., at the Gaston County Schools Central Office, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia. At that time, the Board will . . .

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portunity for Public Expression. At each Board meeting, the public has an opportunity to address the Board.
February 6, 2017 and February 20, 2017 meetings.
for March 2017:

1. **Catawba Heights Elementary** and **Stanley Middle** were the overall winners at the annual RoboGASTON competition and will advance to the western regional robotics competition. Six other school teams will also compete at the regional contest based on their qualifying scores at the local level: **Belmont Central Elementary, W.A. Bess Elementary, Bessemer City Central Elementary, New Hope Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, and Rankin Elementary.**
2. A group of middle and high school students earned multiple honors in the Mid-Carolina Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program. Students from **Ashbrook, Cramerton, Stuart W. Cramer, East Gaston,** and **Forestview** won 34 awards including 12 Gold Key, 11 Silver Key, and 11 honorable mentions.
3. **East Gaston High School** senior **Cameron “Cammie” Tarte** won a Silver Key national award in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program. She won the national honor Her art teacher is **Justin Allison.**
4. The five finalists for **Gaston County Schools** Teacher Assistant of the Year are **Kristen Cloninger, Page Primary; Deborah Davis, Catawba Heights Elementary; Betsy Peddycord, Woodhill Elementary; Joseph Rothwell, W.C. Friday Middle; and Cheryl Welle, Gardner Park Elementary.**
5. **Glynis Brooks**, executive director of K-12 instruction for middle schools, received the Central Office Administrator to Watch Award given by the North Carolina Association for Middle Level Education. The award was presented at the
6. **Shane Hawkins**, the automotive teacher at **East Gaston High School**, was honored by Fox 46 Charlotte as part of the
7. **Hunter Huss High School** received a retired ambulance for its Career Academy program. It will be used to train students who are involved in the EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) program. County commissioner Don Grant coordinated the ambulance donation, and it was presented during a ceremony that included Mr. Grant, Board of Education member **Dot Cherry**, Superintendent of Schools **W. Jeffrey Booker**, and Congressman Patrick McHenry.
8. **The Grier Middle School** **Mount Holly Middle School** championships.
9. **Heather Baker** of **H.H. Beam Elementary** was named the Gaston County Schools Social Worker of the Year. The announcement was made during National School Social Work Week.
10. **York Chester Middle** and **Robinson Elementary** were

18. **South Point High School** junior **Blake Zieske** surpassed the 1,000-point scoring milestone in basketball during a recent playoff game. **Ashbrook High School** junior **Trinity Jones** also surpassed the 1,000-point scoring milestone.
19. The following schools received a \$300 grant from Keep Gastonia Beautiful: