



# **DUNCANVILLE ISD**

# **Board Business**

## **2017-2018 Academic Calendar Approved**

The Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees approved the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar at last night's meeting. The 2017-2018 school year will begin Monday, August 28, 2017 and end Tuesday, June 5, 2018. View the complete calendar [here](#).

## **New Acton Elementary Assistant Principal Announced**



**Shuntrice Rhodes** was announced as the new assistant principal for Acton Elementary School. Ms. Rhodes comes to the district from Dallas ISD where she remained at the same campus for 18 years. Most recently, she was an instructional coach. For 14 years prior, Ms. Rhodes was an elementary teacher at McNair Elementary School in Dallas ISD. Ms. Rhodes earned her Bachelor of Science and Masters in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

## **Recognitions**

*Pantherettes Win Back-to-Back State Championships*



The City of Champions continues to celebrate the Duncanville Pantherettes' back-to-back State Championships following the team's win in San Antonio March 4. The 2017 Championship is the 10th state title for the Pantherettes and marks Head Coach Cathy Self-Morgan's 1,100th career win.

The Pantherettes, who went 39-2 this season, played a hard-fought battle against Cypress Ranch to defend their title. Zarielle Green earned her second straight 6A State Championship MVP title – scoring 25 points. Aniya Thomas had 19 points including five 3-pointers and an injured Starr Jacobs added 17. The team's defense, including a tenacious Nina Alvarez, played tough.

"This was survival," Head Coach Cathy Self-Morgan said. "Our district set us up for this because I think we've got the toughest district in the state."

After three very competitive quarters, the Pantherettes pulled away in the fourth ensuring the 76-65 victory and consecutive State Championships.

### *"Made with Pride in Duncanville" Honorees Recognized*



**Tracy Williams** is a cosmetology teacher at Duncanville High School and brings a wealth of knowledge and creativity to the classroom. The professionalism that she embodies and models for her students is of the highest quality. Ms. Williams holds college and career readiness boot camps after school to ensure her students are successful.

**Elena Baucom**, a teacher specialist at Hardin Intermediate School, goes above and beyond to assist teachers in providing the best instruction possible for our students. Her positive attitude and work ethic give teachers the confidence to implement new strategies to reach learners. Ms. Baucom works tirelessly on behalf of students and teachers, always finding additional ideas to help present or reteach a lesson.

Kennemer Middle School seventh-grader **Leonard Rudd** attended elementary school at Acton and continues to visit his former school and teachers. He volunteered his time earlier this school year by helping with the concession stand and clean up at the Acton Carnival. Leonard greets all Acton teachers with a firm handshake or hug, and strives to be a positive role model for his younger sister.

### *Communications Team Brings Home Professional Awards from Annual Conference*



The Duncanville ISD Communications Department received 15 professional awards during the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) annual conference in Galveston. **Kris Hill** won Best of Category in the Training and Instructional Video category for the animated video she created called 'Fun with Phone Etiquette.' **Lari Barager** took the Best of Category award for a story that featured Duncanville High School Associate Principal Flo Judd. **Brooke Rawlinson** won a Gold Star Award for a story she wrote featuring Reed Middle School secretary Marian Chappel's cancer survival story. The team earned a Certificate of Merit in the Crystal Commendation category for its 'Made with Pride in Duncanville' program that recognizes the district's best students, teachers and staff each month.

TSPRA awards the Gold Star for an entry that not only achieves its purpose with noticeable creativity, craft and skill, but, in the opinion of the judges, does so in an exceptional way. Best

of Category awards are chosen from Gold Star winners as a single entry that stands out from all others in its category and division for exceptional creativity and quality.

TSPRA received more than 1,000 entries. Entries were judged by professionals from out-of-state in public relations, photography and journalism.

## **Superintendent Reports**

Trustees received an update on Duncanville ISD's 2014 Bond Program. View the [update](#) for more information.

Jan Arrington, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly finance and budget update.

## **Other Business**

Approved [February 13](#) minutes

Approved [budget amendments](#)

Approved [financial reports](#)

Approved [certification of instructional materials allotment](#)

Approved declaring [inventory as surplus property](#)

Approved [school lunch price increase](#) for 2017-18

Approved additional [outside counsel](#) for the district

Approved ordering [election](#)

Approved resolution authorizing Dallas County to [resell tax foreclosure property](#)

Approved local [retirement compensation program](#)

Approved [Right-At-School contract](#)

Approved [District of Innovation resolution](#)

[Public hearing for District of Innovation](#)

Approved [District of Innovation committee](#)

Reviewed [employee engagement survey results](#)

First reading of [TASB localized policy update 107](#)

Received update on [Pre-K](#)