

## BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Betty Poindexter, Interim Superintendent

May 13, 2015

### Board Awards

- The Board was presented with a handmade award by the parents of Sara Delaplane, David and Anita. Mr. Delaplane expressed his sincere thanks for all the work the Board does, especially for the Early College Program.
- At the ISBA Spring Region meeting last Thursday, May 7th, and the Board had the honor of being awarded the Effective Governance Award. This is the top award that a Board can receive from the ISBA. It is designed to show evidence of best practices, professional development, and responsible governance.



### Congratulations

- Suzanne Derengowski spoke on the Celebration of Excellence and congratulated the Teacher of the Year, Josh Amyx; Administrator of the Year, Mark Millis; Support Person of the Year, Martika Armstead; and Friends of Education, Tyler Hamm and Rema Marquis.
- Dixie Robinson congratulated RCS' two BPA national champions who competed in Anaheim, California.



### Upcoming Events and Meetings

- The next meeting of the Board of School Trustees will take place on Wednesday, May 27th.
- Adult Education Graduation will take place on May 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Last day of school is May 27th
- High School Graduation will take place on June 7th at 2:30 p.m.

### Action Items

Among various action items, the following are notable:

- The sale and rejection of demolition proposals for the Garrison property
- The consulting agreement with Mr. Todd Terrill effective May 11th—June 14th.

### REA Teacher of the Month

The REA Teacher of the Month for May is Carrie Williams. Ms. Williams is a speech and hearing therapist at Vaile Elementary. Click [HERE](#) to see the video.

### Highland Heights Work Session

The Board discussed possibilities regarding next steps for the Highland Heights property. The Board also discussed the three-acre lot located near Pleasant View. Due to the cost of upkeep, the Board determined to bring a recommendation to move forward with the appraisal and ultimately the sale of the building and property. The Board also determined to send a letter to the party who previously expressed interest in the building to inform them of the intent to sell.

### Transportation Policies Work Session

The Board and present Cabinet members reviewed the transportation policies and administrative guidelines. The walking distances to schools and to bus stops were discussed, along with the importance of enforcing those distances. With safety first, the Board's goal is to create both time and cost efficiencies for transportation. Next steps include cabinet members to work on refining the administrative guidelines and determine the appropriate walking distances for students.