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## Board: Replace Ashley HVAC units

### Questions about replacing the aging school linger

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One week after Mid-Atlantic Associates released an air quality report on the conditions at Ashley Academy for Cultural & Global Studies, the Board of Education voted to replace all HVAC units at the school before the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Following the school board meeting last Tuesday, April 24, school officials met with staff and parents from



Ashley to get feedback on a short-term solution to the mold found on several HVAC units at the school.

During the special called meeting earlier this week on Tuesday, May 1, assistant superintendent Darrell Walker and chief operations officer Wayne Loflin discussed the timeline to replace the units, and cost.

According to Loflin, the cost to replace all the HVAC units in the main or 100 building, and to add dehumidifi-

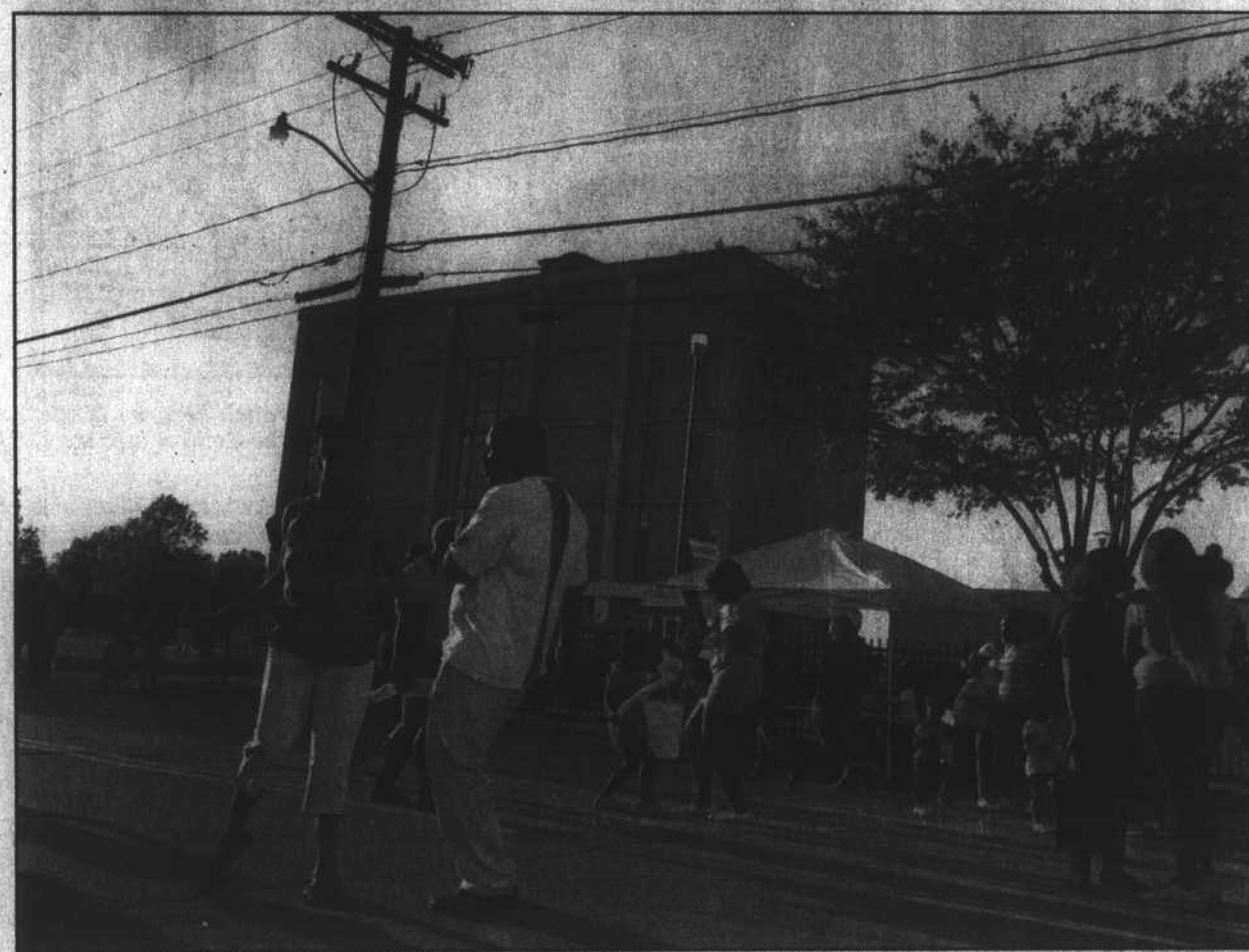
cation to the 200 building, and classrooms would cost just over \$1.38 million.

"The main building would receive units within the classrooms. It will also receive a new unit that will serve the media center, the office and the guidance area," Loflin said.

An additional \$2 million was included in the total cost for improvements to the roof. Loflin mentioned parts of the roof are nearly 25 years old. Although it hasn't been accessed yet, Loflin said he expects major repairs will be needed.

When discussing the timetable for replacing the HVAC units, Walker said the plan is to start at the end of

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Photos by Todd Luck

The Wake Up Winston! Block Party took place on Saturday at the Winston Mutual Building.

## Wake Up Winston! block party promotes unity

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A block party brought food, dancing, horseback riding, politicians and famous speakers to East Winston on Saturday, April 28, for the Wake Up Winston! Community Awareness Block Party.

The party was sponsored by Eliza's Helping Hands and Community Intervention and Educational Services, two organizations founded by Kenya Thornton and located in the Winston Mutual Building. It was co-sponsored by S.G. Atkins Community Development Corporation and Ary Rose Communications.

County Commissioner Fleming El-Amin opened the party, recalling grow-



Former sit-in activist Clarence Henderson speaks during the Wake Up Winston! Block Party.

ing up in the East Winston neighborhood around Fifth Street where the celebration took place. He remarked how the people there did so much with so little, like his grandfather, who owned a grocery store and fish market during segregation with only a sec-

ond grade education. He told attendees they have no excuse not to do better with all the opportunities available now.

El-Amin praised the block party for bringing the community together.

"We need to do more of this," said Fleming. "This brings the community together. It drops all the false pretenses that divide us."

El-Amin, who is a Democrat, was one of many local candidates who used the event as an opportunity to meet voters.

One of the guest speakers was Clarence Henderson, who was a student who participated in the Greensboro Woolworth sit-ins in 1960. He's now

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## NAACP gala focuses on awards and scholarships

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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Last week, the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP held its annual Freedom Fund Gala on the campus of Winston-Salem State University WSSU.

While the event held at the Anderson Center was headlined by state Attorney General Josh Stein, and widely attended by state and local elected officials, representatives from the Winston-Salem Police Department and candidates in the upcoming primary election from both major parties, the stars of the night were five high school



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Evelyn Sixtos-Aguirre, a senior at North Forsyth was awarded a scholarship during the Freedom Fund Gala last week at the Anderson Center on the campus of WSSU.

seniors who will be continuing their education at various colleges across the state this fall and the other award recipients.

Brandon Bailey and Alvin Carlisle III, both students at Atkins; Devontae Harrison, who attends East Forsyth; Evelyn Sixtos-Aguirre from North Forsyth; and Alaina Watkins from Parkland each received a \$500 scholarship.

"This night gives us an opportunity to first speak to the support that we do and not only that but to make available scholarships to deserving students who soon will be heading off to various intuitions of higher learning," said branch president Rev. Alvin Carlisle Jr.

Along with the scholarships, the local branch also awarded two "Distinguished Service" awards to Bishop Todd Fulton and the Carolina Cruisers Motorcycle Club.

Fulton, who received the Rev. Joseph T. McMillian Distinguished Service Award, is the pastor and founder of Mount Moriah Outreach Center. In 2015 Bishop Fulton served as president of the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity. Under his direction the organization raised over \$10,000 for high schools students seeking post-secondary education, and contributed \$5,000 to the WSSU Gap Fund.

Members of the Carolina Cruisers were presented the

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## County Attorney Davida Martin to retire

BY TODD LUCK  
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After 30 years of legal service to the county, Forsyth County Attorney Davida Martin will be retiring at the end of June.

During the county commissioner's April 26 meeting, they appointed Assistant County

Attorney Gordon Watkins III to become the next county attorney effective July 1. Watkins has been an assistant county attorney since 2000. He's a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, has a masters degree from MIT in economics and completed his undergraduate work at Davidson College in economics.

Watkins said he was honored by the promo-

tion and thanked Martin for her service.

"Davida's been a wonderful county attorney and a great mentor for me personally," said Watkins.

County Commissioner Chairman Dave Plyler also thanked Martin.

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