

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Regular Business Meeting  
November 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.  
Blue Ridge School and Early College

**AGENDA**

**\*\*ALL ACTION ITEMS APPROVED\*\***

- I. JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
  - A. Call to Order (Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, Chairperson)
  - B. Approve Agenda
  
- II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Pledge of Allegiance – Blue Ridge School Students  
Welcome – Kheri Cowan and Dr. Nathan Frizzell
  
- III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Catherine DeWeese – EC teacher of the Year  
Gus Weatherford – Sylva Rotary Student of the Month, JCEC
  
- IV. CONSENT ACTION AGENDA**
  - A. [Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 25, 2022](#)
  
- V. INFORMATION**
  - A. Superintendent’s Report (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
  - B. [Unaudited Financial Summary](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
  
- VI. OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sign up to speak before meeting. • Designed for school board to listen.  
Time to speak limited to 3 minutes • Complaints about individual employees or students prohibited
  
- VII. ACTION AGENDA**
  - A. [NC Star School Improvement](#) Plans Approval (Adam Holt, Director of Testing and Accountability)
  - B. [Hello Hero Contract – Agreement Rider](#) (Kelly Doppke, Student Support Services Director)
  - C. Field Trips (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
    1. [BREC, Grade 8 - Charleston, SC, April 26-29, 2023, TT7957.](#)
    2. [BREC, Grade 12 - Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, May 2-5, 2023, TT8007.](#)
    3. [BRS, Grade 6 - Space Camp, Huntsville, AL, April 11-14, 2023, TT7956.](#)
    4. [CVES, Grade 3 – Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA Dec. 1, 2022, TT7959.](#)
    5. [CVES, Grade 7 - Camp Henry, Canton, NC, May 11-12, 2023, TT7980.](#)
    6. [JCS, Grades 9-12 - Knoxville Zoo, Knoxville, TN, Dec. 5, 2022, TT7955.](#)
    7. [SMES, Grades 7 and 8 - NCSU, Raleigh, NC, January 20-21, 2023, TT8004.](#)
    8. [SMHS, Grades 9-12 - New York City, NC, March 16-19, 2023, TT7968.](#)
  - D. [Purchase of Digital Signs for SMHS](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
  - E. Policy Updates (Jacob Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)

Updates:

    1. [Board Member Compensation and Expenses](#) (2130)
    2. [Online Instruction](#) (3102)
    3. [Concussion and Head Injury](#) (4270/6145)
    4. [Use of Unmanned Aircraft \(Drones\)](#) (4334/5035/7345)

5. [School Meal and Competitive Foods Standards](#) (6230)

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.**

**IX. PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA**

**Employee Recommendations:**

1. Ayres, Chloe – Afterschool Assistant, FES
2. Beam, Michael “Gage” – Afterschool Tutor, SMES
3. Busby, Beau – EC Bus Monitor, CVES
4. Capote-Mata, Alondra – Afterschool Assistant, FES
5. Councilman, Jackson – Technology Technician, Central Office
6. Dupree, Ethan – Field Trip Bus Driver, CVES
7. Ellenburg, Jeremy – Substitute Bus Driver, FES
8. Evans, Kayla – Field Trip Bus Driver, CVES
9. Guillermo, Dominador – Teacher, SMHS
10. Halford, Cassandra – Receptionist, CVES
11. Holden, Josie – Afterschool Tutor, BRS
12. Houtzer, Deb – Afterschool Tutor, BRS
13. Howell, Wendy – Temporary Custodian, FES
14. Hudson, Laura – Afterschool Tutor, SMES
15. Hummer, Suzanne – Afterschool Tutor, SMES
16. Jamison, Charity – Afterschool Tutor, SMES
17. Libby, Jonathan – Bus Driver, FES
18. Lynch, Julie – School Nutrition Assistant - Head Cook, FES
19. Marr, Michelle – Substitute Bus Driver, SMES
20. Mills, Jordan – Custodian for Saturday Youth Football, SMHS
21. Mull, Jim – Bus Driver for Athletics, BREC
22. Stewart, Donna – Afterschool Tutor, BRS
23. Stonesifer, Melissa – School Nutrition Assistant, FES
24. Teem, Allison – Pre-K Teacher Assistant, FES
25. Watkins, Rebekkah – Afterschool Tutor, BRS
26. Watkins, Sue – Afterschool Tutor, BRS

**Employee Resignations:**

1. Connor, Nancy – School Nutrition Assistant, FES
2. Crisp, Dennis – Lead Bus Driver, SMHS
3. Doolittle, Hannah – Pre-K Teacher, FES
4. Graham, Paul – Custodian and Bus Driver, FES
5. Morgan, Stephen Richard – Mechanic, Bus Garage
6. Portale, Daniel – Teacher, SMES
7. Powell, Jennifer – Teacher Assistant, CVES
8. Stonesifer, Melissa – School Nutrition Assistant, FES

**Employee Retirements:**

1. Morris, Iris – School Nutrition Assistant, SMHS
2. Proffitt, David – Chief Communications Officer, Central Office

**Staff, Non-Staff and Returning Coach Recommendations:**

1. Alcantar, Elena – Head Coach Middle Grades Soccer, BREC – Returning Staff
2. Arnst, April – Assistant Coach Middle Grades Volleyball, BREC – Returning Non-Staff
3. Arnst, April - Assistant Coach Middle Grades Basketball, BREC – Returning Non-Staff
4. Baldwin, Bret - Assistant Coach District Middle School Basketball, SMHS – New Non-Staff
5. Brown, Megan – Head Coach District Middle School Volleyball, SMHS – Returning Staff
6. Cain, Matthew – Head Coach JV Wrestling, SMHS – New Non-Staff
7. Callaway, Molly – Head Coach Women’s Basketball, SCES – Returning Staff
8. Carter, Scott – Head Coach Swim, SMHS – New Non-Staff
9. Clark, Hannah – Head Coach Cheer, FES – New Non-Staff
10. Danner, Shane – Assistant Coach Women’s Basketball, FES – New Non-Staff
11. Davidson, Todd – Head Coach Indoor Track, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
12. Edwards, Mason – Assistant Coach Men’s Basketball, CVES – New Non-Staff
13. Floyd, Andrea – Assistant Coach District Middle School Women’s Basketball, SMHS – New Non-Staff
14. Hamilton, Nicole – Head Coach Cheer, CVES – New Non-Staff
15. Howell, Josh – Assistant Coach Men’s Basketball, FES – New Non-Staff
16. Irons, Clinton – Head Coach Men’s Basketball, SCES – Returning Staff
17. Kanupp, Sydney – Assistant Coach Cheer, CVES – Returning Staff
18. Larch, Catherine – Head Coach District Middle School Cross Country, SMHS – Returning Staff
19. Lathers, Claire – Assistant Coach Women’s Basketball, SCES – New Staff
20. Long, Michelle – Assistant Coach Cheer, SCES – Returning Staff
21. Madden, James - Assistant Coach Varsity Men’s Basketball, BREC – New Non-Staff
22. McFalls, Chris – Assistant Coach District Middle School Wrestling, SMHS – New Non-Staff
23. McFalls, Nicole – Assistant Coach Cheer, FES – New Staff
24. Murphy, Ronda – Head Coach Cheer, SCES – Returning Staff
25. Patten, DaQuan – Assistant Coach JV Men’s Basketball, SMHS – Returning Staff
26. Porter, William – Assistant Coach Men’s Basketball, SCES – Returning Staff
27. Richards, Keith – Head Coach District Middle School Wrestling, SMHS – Returning Staff
28. Russell, William – Head Coach Middle Grades Men’s Basketball, BREC – Returning Non-Staff
29. Steinel, Ashley – Head Coach Middle Grades Volleyball, BREC – Returning Staff
30. Steinel, Ashley – Assistant Coach Varsity Women’s Basketball, BREC – Returning Staff
31. Stewart, Anna - Assistant Coach Varsity Volleyball, BREC – Returning Non-Staff
32. Stewart, Anna – Head Coach Middle Grades Women’s Basketball, BREC – Returning Non-Staff

**Special Requests: Leave of Absence:**

1. Joyner, Alexandria – Teacher, CVES
2. Roth, Natalie – School Counselor, SCES

**The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is December 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Smoky Mountain High School, 100 Smoky Mountain Drive, Sylva, NC.**

## **X. Adjournment**