

**Minutes of the Vance County Board of Education Meeting  
October 9, 2023**

The Vance County Board of Education met in regular session on October 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Service Center Boardroom. Board members present were Mrs. Gloria J. White, Chair, Randy M. Oxendine, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Linda S. Cobb, Mrs. Ruth M. Hartness, Mrs. Dorothy W. Gooche, and Dr. Omega T. Perry. Senior staff present were Dr. Cindy Bennett, Superintendent, Mr. Rey Horner, Executive Director for Student Services, Mr. John Suther, Chief Finance Officer, Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, Chief Officer of Instruction and Innovation, Mrs. Aarika Sandlin, Director of Communication and Marketing, Mr. Kevin Perdue, Chief Operations Officer and Mr. Jerry Stainback, School Board Attorney. Mr. Edward B. Wilson, Board member, Mrs. Marsha Abbott, Chief Technology Officer, and Dr. Jennifer Carraway, Chief Human Resources Officer were absent.

Mrs. White called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. A moment of silence was observed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the September 11, 2023 minutes was motioned by Mrs. Hartness, and seconded by Mrs. Gooche with a unanimous (6-0) vote.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Approval of the meeting agenda and the following additions were motioned by Mr. Oxendine, and seconded by Mrs. Hartness, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the agenda.

VII. A. AVID Overview

VIII. A. Personnel Addendum

X.A. Field Trips

**Recognitions/Announcements**

National Principals' Month

National Principals Month honors principals for their significant impact on the success and well-being of our nation's students. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication, and determination for achieving student success. Dr. Ross-Putney, Dr. Bennett and the Board thanked all Vance County Schools principals for their hard work and dedication. All principals attended a dinner on October 17, 2023.

School Custodian and Grounds Appreciation Day (October 2)

Mr. Perdue shared that today and every day, we are thankful for our custodial staff for keeping our buildings clean and well maintained. Schools that look nice help our students and educators feel proud about their surroundings, which leads to a sense of pride about themselves. We *each* play a critical role in educating our children. Mr. Perdue and Dr. Bennett thanked the entire custodial staff for the ways in which you contribute to the quality education that we provide to our children.

Custodial Inspections

The Board of Education recognized L.B. Yancey Elementary and Vance County High for receiving the highest custodial scores. Mr. Tommy Kirkman, Mr. Marshall Burwell and Mr. Perdue announced that thirteen of the district's schools were honored with a score of an A which is 95% or higher.

<b>School</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b><i>Vance County High</i></b>	<b><i>96.2</i></b>
<b><i>L.B. Yancey Elementary</i></b>	<b><i>98.5</i></b>
Carver	98.2
Zeb Vance	98.1
Aycock	97.9

E.M. Rollins	97.9
Pinkston	97.3
Clarke	96.7
New Hope	96.1
E.O. Young	94.7
Dabney	94.7

**International Walk to School Day (October 4)**

The first Wednesday in October makes a perfect time to celebrate National Walk to School Day. Not only does the day encourage getting some exercise, but the weather is perfect for walking to school, too. Organized by the Partnership for a Walkable America, Walk to School Day in the USA began in 1997 as a one-day event aimed at building awareness for the need for walkable communities. This event was held at Clarke Elementary. Dr. Bennett and Dr. C’Monee Wilkins thanked all who participated from the teachers, parents, students, mascots, board members, community members and the police and fire personnel,

**National School Lunch Week (October 9-13)**

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly 30 million children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child’s life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom. Mr. Suther thanked Mrs. Phyllis Newcomb and the forty-five child nutrition staff for all they do for Vance County School students.

**National School Bus Safety Week (October 16-20)**

School buses are the safest way for children to get to school. Their design is meant to be safer than any passenger vehicle in avoiding crashes and preventing injuries. Teaching children to follow safety rules on the bus is just as important as informing drivers about the laws regarding school buses. Mr. Horner shared that safety reflectors were provided to all schools and the School Behavior Health Team visited several school to share about safety.

**Bullying Prevention Month/Unity Day (October 18) /Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31)**

In October, the district focuses the attention on Bullying Prevention Month by encouraging all to stand up against bullying in all its forms. National Unity Day is a time to come together in the fight against bullying and to show support for kindness, inclusion, and acceptance where we are encouraged to wear orange on October 18, 2023. Red Ribbon Week serves to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

**Public Comments**

Blakley Bates (322 Hamilton Street Henderson) voiced his concern regarding who the district’s administrative unit being unapproachable, dismissive and not concerned about listening to the community members.

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report**

The Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report is for information only. The State budget passed on October 2, 2023. The official initial allotments and certified state salary schedules are pending. Certified and central office positions will receive a 4% increase this fiscal year and bus drivers will receive an additional 2% increase this year on top of the 4% increase. Qualifying staff received half of the retention bonus (\$1,000) and in October the local longevity bonus (\$2,000/\$3,000) will be given to qualifying staff.

**School Improvement Update**

School Improvement plans were provided to the Board for review.

**Parents Bill of Rights Update**

The Parents Bill of Rights important topics deals with health care decisions, using given name per written permission from parent, using pronouns and the request was initially due by September. The request has been delayed until January.

**AVID Overview**

Advancement via Individual Determination’s (AVID) mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society. AVID is at VCHS, VCMS and Carver the focus on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading.

**Board of Education Standing Committees**

**Personnel**

Mrs. White shared information from the October 3, 2023 meeting.

**I. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)**

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dabney	Raquelle Dunston	B/F	Teacher	10/2/2023
E. O. Young / Pinkston	Deidra Taborn	B/F	Counselor	10/16/2023
Maintenance	Chadwick Denton	W/M	Groundskeeper	10/3/2023
STEM / V3A	Raymond Pagayonan	A/M	Exceptional Children’s Teacher	9/19/2023
VCMS	Ashley Boone	B/F	Custodian	10/2/2023
VCMS	Rosalind Wiggins	B/F	Teacher’s Assistant	10/9/2023
ASC	Grace Herdon	B/F	Communications Coordinator	10/2/2023
Franklin County	Dorlicia Young	B/F	Early Learning Specialist	11/6/2023
Maintenance	Christopher Ayscue	W/M	Heating, Venting & Air Conditioning Technician II	10/2/2023
Pinkston	Dale Hawkins	B/M	Custodian	9/25/2023
VCHS	Brenda Ayscue	W/F	Cafeteria Assistant	9/18/2023
VCHS	Sheryl Cinco	A/F	Exceptional Children’s Teacher	9/19/2023
VCHS	Talayah Hardy	B/F	Art Teacher	9/25/2023
VCHS	Gordon McKinney	B/M	Social Studies Teacher	9/20/2023

**II. RESIGNATION(S)**

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE DATE
Transportation	Julia Foster	B/F	Bus Driver	To Work in Another County	10/3/2023
VCHS	Maurois Jefferson	B/M	Custodian	Family Responsibility	9/29/2023
VCMS	Crystal Jeffcoat	B/F	Counselor	Relocation	10/20/2023
Transportation	Preston Hunter	B/M	Bus Driver	Other	9/12/2023
Transportation	Ashley Macon	B/F	Bus Driver	Relocation	9/13/2023
VCMS	Shaleshia Richardson	B/F	Social Worker	Family Responsibility	10/17/2023

**III. TRANSFER/PROMOTION(S) – For Information Only**

NEW LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	NEW POSITION	OLD POSITION	/ LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Advance Academy	Angela Cusaac	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	VCHS	11/1/2023
Advance Academy	Denise Burwell	Receptionist (60%)	Receptionist (100%)	Advance Academy	10/1/2023
Clarke	Daniel Sandlin	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal Intern	Clarke	9/18/2023

**V. TEMPORARY/SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEE(S)**

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
ASC	Seth Williams	B/M	Student Intern Technology	10/2/2023

Aycock	Kelly Ellington	W/F	Tutor (Part-Time)	10/10/2023
Clarke / VCMS	Jasmyne Harvey	B/F	Clinical Intern (Family First Choice)	10/9/2023
ASC	Armani Daye	B/F	Student Intern Technology	9/22/2023
EO Young	Patricia Hughes	W/F	Tutor	10/17/2023

**VI. LEAVE – For Information Only**

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	LEAVE TYPE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Clarke	Benisha Closs	B/F	FMLA	Cafeteria Assistant	9/6/2023 - 10/10/2023
New Hope	Barbara Young	B/F	FMLA	Teacher	9/5/2023 - 9/11/2023
Pinkston	Tanjah Moore	B/F	Medical Leave	Teacher Assistant	8/29/2023 - 10/4/2023
Pinkston	Ida Bishop	W/F	FMLA	EC Teacher Assistant	9/14/2023-10/27/2023
Pinkston	Kevin V. Johnson	B/M	FMLA	Teacher	9/5/2023-11/28/2023

**VIII. CONTRACTED SERVICES – For Information Only**

DEPARTMENT/LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Zeb Vance	Kristen Bayliff	W/F	EC Occupational Therapist	10/2/2023
Aycock	Debra Gill	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Carver	Paula Wood	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Clarke	Elizabeth Sawyer	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Clarke	Donna Stukes	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Dabney	Candace Moore	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Dabney	Mary Williams	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
EM Rollins	Faye Crawford	B/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
EM Rollins	Oumie Sarr	B/F	EC Speech & Language Pathologist	9/18/2023
EO Young	Jessica Rae	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	10/2/2023
EO Young	Jeanette Stewart	W/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
LB Yancey	Carol Lewis	B/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
LB Yancey	June Smith	B/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
New Hope	Ann Malone	B/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Pinkston	Linda Bristow	B/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Pinkston	Shirley Durham	B/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023
Pinkston	June McKithen	B/F	EC Special Education Teacher	9/22/2023
VCHS	Stephanie Alston	B/F	EC Registered Nurse	9/12/2023
VCHS/ Transportation (Bus)	Erica Vick	B/F	EC Nurse Supervisor	9/12/2023
Zeb Vance	Sylvia Lowery	B/F	NC Ed Corps Tutor	9/1/2023

**VIII. OUTSIDE CONTRACTED SERVICES - For Information Only**

DEPARTMENT/ LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
All Schools	Britney Davis	W/F	Mental Health Provider <i>(The Bridge Consulting Group)</i>	10/4/2023
All Schools	Cynthia Farmer	W/F	Mental Health Provider <i>(Women, Children &amp; Family Counseling Services)</i>	9/11/2023
All Schools	Alycia Taborn	B/F	Mental Health Provider <i>(The Bridge Consulting Group)</i>	10/2/2023
All Schools	Pamela Williams	W/F	Mental Health Provider <i>(Nume Counseling)</i>	10/2/2023
All Schools	Latisha Teachey	B/F	Mental Health Provider <i>(Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)</i>	9/11/2023

All Schools	Philip Terry	B/M	Mental Health Provider (Core Essentials)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Vanessa Wilder	W/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Phillip White II	B/M	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Sylvia Hicks	W/F	Mental Health Provider (The Bridge Consulting Group)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Shania Waverly	B/F	Mental Health Provider (The Bridge Consulting Group)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Carla Allen	W/F	Mental Health Provider (Butterfly Effects)	9/11/2023
All Schools	Tanetta Caple	B/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/11/2023
All Schools	Marshall Chavis	B/M	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/18/2023
All Schools	Valencia Church-Williams	B/F	Mental Health Provider (The Bridge Consulting Group)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Julian Dark	B/M	Mental Health Provider (Newme Counseling and Consultant)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Sandra Davis	W/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/25/2023
All Schools	Grace George	W/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/11/2023
All Schools	Tyree Green	B/M	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/11/2023
All Schools	Felicia Gupton-Sanders	B/F	Mental Health Provider (Women, Children & Family Counseling Services, PLLC)	9/11/2023
All Schools	Sheila Henderson	B/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/11/2023
All Schools	Clifton Jeffries	B/M	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/18/2023
All Schools	Dr. Beverly Joseph	B/F	Mental Health Provider (The Bridge Consulting Group)	9/1/2023
All Schools	Ellen Draper Lowe	W/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	9/11/2023
All Schools	Yolando Oxendine	B/F	Mental Health Provider (Women, Children & Family Counseling Services, PLLC)	9/18/2023
All Schools	Kaitlyn Partin	W/F	Mental Health Provider (Butterfly Effects)	9/11/2023

**X. ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT - For Information Only**

DEPARTMENT/LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
VCMS	Deon Smith	B/M	Bus Driver	9/25/2023
Clarke	Launtia Dallas	B/F	Extended Impact Teacher	8/22/2023
Clarke	Wanda Pugh	B/F	Reach Associate	8/24/2023
EO Young	Robin Brooks	W/F	Reach Associate	8/22/2023
EO Young	Loricia Martin	B/F	Extended Impact Teacher	8/22/2023
EO Young	Julia Morton	W/F	Extended Impact Teacher	8/22/2023
Pinkston	Shanae Reid-Guy	B/F	Extended Impact Teacher	8/22/2023

Pinkston	Cheryl Jones	B/F	Extended Impact Teacher	8/22/2023
Pinkston	Renee Overby	W/F	Extended Impact Teacher	8/22/2023
Zeb Vance	Jameel Williams	B/M	Reach Associate	8/22/2023

Other items discussed were on the ESS System, the Vance County Public Safety Expo, the Mentor Retreat, and NC Ed Corps. Mrs. White made note that the projected vacancies is nineteen as of September 27. There are nineteen tutors working in the elementary schools. In addition, the district needs to focus on growing teacher assistants into teachers. Teacher assistants are committed to the district and will remain here so there should be more opportunities available for teacher assistants to become teachers.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Hartness the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the personnel summary and addendum.

Finance

Mr. Suther shared information from the September 27, 2023 meeting.

**Annual Lottery Payment for Debt Service**

This is an approval of two applications that will allow the County to use NC Education Lottery funds to service debt incurred on behalf of the Vance County School Board. The Quality School Capital Bond (QSCB) loan is for the construction of three elementary school multi-purpose rooms and the HVAC work at Northern Vance High School (currently VCMS). The Quality Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) loan is for roof replacements, painting and installation of energy efficient windows and lights at various school sites. The QSCB funds will be paid in full on June 30, 2026 and the QZAB funds will be paid in full on June 30, 2028.

Projected annual funds available from the Lottery	\$351,455.00
QSCB Application	\$261,621.33
QZAB Application	<u>\$123,154.63</u>
Total use of funds for County debt	<b>\$384,775.96</b>

The remaining annual funds projected in Lottery (\$33,320.96)

This is a reduction to the lottery fund balance since the projected revenue is less than fund to be expensed. The current lottery balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$1,861,772.83.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cobb and seconded by Dr. Perry, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the Annual Lottery Payment for Debt Service.

**ESSER II Review**

ESSER II Review - ESSER II funds runs out on September 30, 2023.

ESSER II – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund – as of 9/21/23						
PRC	Title	Allotment	Expenditures	Encumbrance	Balance	% of Funds Spent
171	Supplemental K-12 Emergency Relief Fund	\$10,947,012.00	\$10,935,534.61	\$10,672.00	\$805.39	99.90%
173	Supplemental Contracted Instructional Support Funding	\$33,602.00	\$5,079.00	\$0.00	\$28,523.00	15.11%
174	State-Wide School Nutrition Program	\$36,822.00	\$36,821.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.00%

176	Summer Learning Loss-Summer Bridge	\$144,965.00	\$144,928.64	\$0.00	\$36.36	99.97%
177	Summer Career Accelerator Program	\$82,358.00	\$82,358.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
178	Competency-based Assessment	\$32,994.00	\$32,874.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	99.64%
		\$11,277.753.00	\$11,237,595.25	\$10,672.00	\$29,485.75	

**Pension Spiking Notification**

This is a contribution-based benefit cap that legislation created to control the practice of pension spiking where a member’s compensation substantially increases. This can create a monthly retirement benefit that is significantly greater than the employee is and employer contributions would fund. Vance County Schools currently has one employee listed.

**State Budget**

The \$13.5 billion State budget becomes state law on October 2, 2023 without the Governor’s signature. Below are some financial highlights.

- Effective July 1, 2023, teachers and instructional support staff will receive an average 7% raise with the highest for beginning teachers for the biennium

Principals will receive a 4% increase in 2023-2024 and 3% in 2024-2025. Pre-K headcount will be included in the ADM for 2024-2025.

Previously, principals were paid by the state based on years of experience, their educational attainment, and the number of teachers supervised. Under the new schedule, principals are paid based on student enrollment and whether the school(s) they have lead for the last three years did not meet, met, or exceeded academic growth.

- None certified and central office staff will receive a 4% increase in 2023-2024 and 3% increase in 2024-2025
- Assistant principals will receive a 4% increase and 3% increase respectfully
- Bus drivers will receive a 4% increase plus an additional 2%

Mrs. White shared that the district needs to work more on growing teacher assistants into becoming teachers. The state has grants that can be used to grow more teacher assistants.

- Retirement and health insurance will increase
- The projected ADM for 2024-2025 funding will be based on month two of 2023-2024
- District can hold up to \$1,500 overnight instead of the previous \$250

**Building and Grounds**

Mrs. Hartness shared information from the September 28, 2023 meeting. The HVAC projects at VCMS and CFI will be completed summer 2024. Shelters are nearing completion at all ten elementary schools and the playground equipment starts arriving in 45 days. All mechanic positions are filled and a hired new fuel truck driver. Currently, the department is short still short seven drivers for bus routes and double routes are being run to transport. Legal work is being completed for the sale of the Eaton Johnson and Western Vance facilities. The department completed 646 work orders.

**Policy**

Mrs. Cobb shared information from the September 27, 2023 meeting. The 3000 policy series (Educational Programs) and the NCSBA updates on the Parents Bill of Rights were reviewed. Policy 3460 on Graduation Requirements had an omission to the total number of credits that students are required to have to graduate. The total number should be 28 for graduation (English 4, Math 4, Science 3, Social Studies 4, Health/PE 1, and 12 Elective credits). This total will remain effective for the 2023-2025 school years.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Hartness the Board unanimously (6-0) approved Policy 3460: Graduation Requirements.

Mr. Horner presented the following policies dealing with the Parent's Bill of Rights for a 30-day review to include the added statements:

1310/4002 (Parental Involvement) - Parents will cooperate with school involving student homework attendance and behavior. These are the responsibility of the parents. The principal is responsible for directing the School Improvement Team. The change is that schools are now changing to a School Improvement Program from a School Improving Plan. Plans have to be publicized and must solicit parent input before finalizing the plan. This policy also includes parental notification regarding student physical and mental health, discussion related to student well-being, parental access student records, student support services training, instruction on gender identity, sexual activity and sexuality and remedies for parental concerns related to student health. Parents may request in writing information from the principal any information that the parent has the right to access.

3210 (Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials) - Parents have the right to inspect any instructional material that a school is using. Request must be made in writing and the principal has 10 business days to produce the materials and an explanation of how it will be used.

3540 (Comprehensive Health Education Program) - Instruction on gender identity, sexual activity or sexuality will not be included health education programs in K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. In other grades, parents can request to see the instructional materials being used.

4335 (Criminal Behavior) - The change/addition to this policy, the Principal or designee must promptly notify parents of a child who has been suspected of a criminal offense.

4720 (Surveys of Students) - It changes parental notification and consent requirements based on new state law requirements. For protected topics survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning the protected topics.

6120 (Student Health Services) - Vance County School will provide health services to students as required by "state law authorized".

7300 (Staff Responsibilities) - Staff will be responsible for supporting parents in effectively participating in their child's education and never encourage or coerce a child to withhold information from a parent.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Dr. Perry the Board unanimously (6-0) approved policies 1310/4002: Parental Involvement, 3210: Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials, 3540: Comprehensive Health Education Program, 4335: Criminal Behavior, 4720: Surveys of Students, 6120: Student Health Services, and 7300: Staff Responsibilities for a 30-day review.

### Curriculum

Mrs. White shared information from the September 28, 2023 meeting. For the month of August 1,708.5 contact hours were earned from 479 participants. Information on interventions, enrichments and club/extracurricular offerings were shared. Elementary tutoring sessions ends between 4:30-4:45pm. Students with disabilities are participating in the clubs but more recruitment of these students are needed.

Mrs. White asked how many Special Needs/EC Students have access to the clubs and attend. They have the strongest needs and we want them to have good well-rounded experiences in the schools. Often they do not receive that. Therefore, when it comes to clubs, it has to be something inclusive for them. Principals, Assistant principals, and staff should be aware that EC students want to be included and the Board wants them to be included. When you think about activities, think about the EC students.



The AIG program includes a district coordinator, five facilitators and 18 certified classroom teachers. There are approximately 300 identified AIG students and the district hosted an AIG parent/guardian meeting on September 26. The next AIG family engagement event is on January 18. The trusted learning environment through technology is letting staff know that all applications must be approved by the district before it can be used with students. There has been two submissions processed. Information on the Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety Curriculum was shared. Technology has completed 327 work orders.

Community & Business Relations

The committee did not meet but information was shared on the September events.

New Business – None

Field Trips

Vance County Early College’s Beta Club is traveling to Great Wolfe Lodge in Williamsburg, VA on October 30, 2023, to attend the Leadership Summit. Vance County High School’s JROTC is traveling to Fort Lee, VA on November 16-17, 2023, to get exposure to military personnel, logistics, training and simulators.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Cobb, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the out of county field trips for Vance County Early College and Vance County High School.

Transfer Requests

Dr. Bennett presented twelve student requests to transfer into the district.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Hartness, the Board unanimously (6-0) approved the twelve transfer requests.

Executive Session

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mr. Oxendine, the Board voted unanimously (6-0) to go into closed session pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 for the purpose of approving executive session minutes and discussing legal, personnel, and property issues pursuant to subsection (a) of the said statute at 6:59 pm.

The Board returned to the open session at 7:58 p.m.

Being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Hartness and seconded Mr. Oxendine, the Board voted unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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BOARD CHAIR, GLORIA J. WHITE

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SECRETARY, CINDY W. BENNETT