VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD BRIEFS



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Board Recognitions

Board Chair Proclaims April as Superintendent's Month



Vance County Board of Education Chair, Randy Oxendine, shared that he proclaims April as Superintendent's month. He shared that Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett truly loves children and has a passion for the position. She has committed herself to leading, organizing, and being respectful. She is passionate about helping others get to the next level and being successful, encouraging them along the way. "You make Vance County Schools a winner", stated Oxendine to Dr. Bennett.





Carraway & Horner Complete Program for Aspiring Superintendents

Dr. Jennifer Carraway, Chief Officer of Human Resources, and Mr. Rey Horner, Chief Officer of Student Services, recently completed an Aspiring Superintendents' program. The North Carolina Aspiring Superintendents' Program is a leadership development program for district leaders who aspire to become a superintendent in North Carolina. Offered through the North Carolina School Superintendents' Association and the North Carolina Alliance for School Leadership Development, participants attend sessions that provide training and leadership development experiences, along with executive coaching opportunities. The goal of the program is to support participants on their journey in educational leadership.

Winter Athletes Honored

The Board of Education recognized the winter athletic seasons at Vance County Middle and Vance County High. Rey Horner, Chief Officer of Student Services shared the records for winter sports for Vance County High: Men's Varsity Basketball (8-16), Men's Junior Varsity Basketball (13-6), and Women's Varsity Basketball (22-4). Their Women's Basketball team finished second place in the conference and Coach Sheila Gill was honored as the Conference Coach of the Year for Women's Basketball. For Vance County High, All-Conference honors were awarded for basketball and wrestling. At Vance County Middle, records were shared: Boys Basketball (3-6) and Girl's Basketball (7-4). Additionally, Altrevin Burwell, Kaden Burwell, Zavion Vines Holder, and Christian

ALL CONFERENCE BASKETBALL

DAMIEN JONES

JA'KHIYAH EVANS

NA'ZYIA VANDERGRIFT

SARAH BALDWIN

HONORABLE MENTION BASKETBALL

DESTINY TIMBERLAKE

CLARA FAUCETTE

DA'SHUNTI HESTER

ALL CONFERENCE WRESTLING

CHARLOTTE WORTHAM

LANAUTICA JOHNSON



School AP's Honored for Assistant Principals Week

The Board of Education recognized the Assistant Principals for National Assistant Principals Week. Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, Chief Officer of Instruction and Innovation, along with Dr. Jennifer Carraway, Chief Officer of Human Resources, expressed gratitude for all the work this team does.

Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett shared that this team "knocks our socks off", as each of them was presented with a pair of socks.



District Finance Staff Serving at the State Level

Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett shared that there are two VCS finance staff members who have been selected to serve in various positions at the state level.

Jamella White-Russell, Risk and Benefits Manager has been selected to serve on the Engagement Committee for the North Carolina Center for Safer Schools, which is a 2 year term. The Center for Safer Schools is focused on school safety and crisis prevention, with resources made available for over 2500 public schools.

John Suther, Chief Finance Officer, has been selected to represent all of Region 3 North Central District for the North Carolina Association for School Business Officials (NSASBO). This organization has over 800 members employed in various areas of school business.

Volunteer Appreciation Week Recognized by VCS



The Board of Education expressed their gratitude for more than 100 school and district volunteers and partnerships during the 2023-2024 school year. As part of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, Aarika Sandlin, Chief Officer of Communication and Innovative Support, extended appreciation for these individuals, businesses, and organizations. Their selflessness and unwavering commitment to supporting students, educators, and staff is makes a profound impact in our district and in the lives of our students.

Center for SAFER SCHOOLS
NC Department of Public Instruction

Center for Safer Schools Grant Awarded to VCS

Chief Officer of Student Services, Rey Horner, shared that the Center for Safer Schools recently awarded grants totaling 35 million dollars to over 230 North Carolina school districts and charter schools, with Vance County Schools receiving some of the grant support. The funding will be used for safety equipment, training and services for students in crisis. The district is committed to safety and grateful for the additional funding to provide enhanced support in key areas.



Administrative Professionals Day

The Board recognized the importance of Administrative Professionals throughout the district. Dr. Cindy Bennett, Superintendent, shared her gratitude for Deanna Steed, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, as well as the many others throughout the district who support in a variety of areas.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett shared the following:

- Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report
- Student Services Special Projects:
  - Ongoing training to build capacity and sustainability
  - CDC/Healthy Schools Grant to increase physical activity, health education, and nutritional options while decreasing chronic illnesses and improving mental health for all students.
  - North Carolina Pediatric Access Line (NC PAL Grant) to increase understanding, education, and support for behavior and mental health needs in the school setting.
  - Treatment Health Services and Recovery Through Integrated Care for Vance and Granville Counties (THRIVe Grant) to establish new behavioral health prevention and treatment, improve the capacity of rural healthcare, and build community partnerships.

- Community Schools Grant to establish full service community schools to improve the academic, mental, and physical health of top-priority populations with a focus on hunger, housing and healthcare.

- Upcoming Events: Young Men's Empowerment Day (April 19), Leadership Vance (April 24), Student Spotlight Trip (April 26), Robotics Competition (April 27) and Top 10% Banquet (May 1).

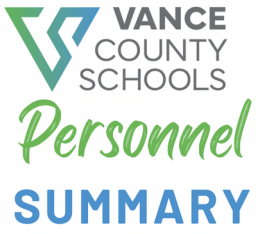
Board Business



Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:

- Personnel Recommendations
- Technology device leasing and purchases
- Textbook adoption utilizing the state textbook allotment for Math, Social Studies and English Language Arts for grades 6-12.
- Auditor Contract
- Amended Budget Resolution #02 for 2023-2024 fiscal year



Personnel

The Board of Education approved 10 employment recommendations. We would like to formally welcome the following: Sherri Damon (Carver/EOY), Josalyn Thompson (Clarke), Mark Ellis (VCHS), Talya Bates (VCHS), Tonyetta Evans (VCHS), Tameka Allen (STEM), Robin Crowder (ZV), Toni Fletcher (ASC), Felicia Yanez (EMR) and Munirah Ali (V3A).

The Board accepted resignations for 5, retirements for 8, 4 outside contracted services, 1 VCS contracted services, additional assignments for 3, temporary/substitutes for 5, and transfer/promotions for 3.



Student Transfer Requests

The Vance County Board of Education approved 15 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools and 4 requests to transfer out, totaling 19 transfer requests.

Overnight / Out of State Field Trip Approvals

- New Hope Elementary 5th grade field trip to Washington, DC on May 11, 2024.
- Vance County High School senior trip to Kings Dominion in Virginia, previously approved, was move May 4, 2024.



Board Meeting Livestream Video

All meetings take place at 6pm at VCS Administrative Services Center.

2024 Meeting Schedule
May 13, 2024
June 17, 2024
July 8, 2024
August 12, 2024
September 9, 2024
October 14, 2024
November 4, 2024
December 9, 2024

2024 Board Meeting Schedule was adopted by the Board of Education on December 11, 2023.

About Us

Vance County Schools, located in Henderson, NC serves students Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as Early College 5th year students. There are 16 schools served in our district.

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