

**WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**April Personnel Report
Board Meeting – April 16, 2024**

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Renee Battle	Central Office	Administrative Assistant for EC	Retirement (7/1/2024)
Olivia Boudwin	Bethel	Pre-K Teacher	Resignation (6/10/2024)
Jane Brown	Valle Crucis	Media Specialist	Retirement (7/1/2024)
Emily Clark	Parkway	Kindergarten Teacher	Relocation (6/30/2024)
Amy Eberle	Hardin Park	Grade 1 Teacher	Retirement (7/1/2024)
Laura Elliott	Parkway	Middle Grades Teacher	Retirement (7/1/2024)
Ashley Greene	Parkway	School Nurse	Employment w/ ASU (6/30/2024)
Breanna Herman	Parkway	Middle Grades Teacher	Other Employment (6/10/2024)
Diego Hernandez Guillen	WHS	Spanish Teacher	Resignation (6/7/2024)
Madison Kreis-Potgieter	Mabel	Grade 2 Teacher	Continue Education (6/10/2024)
Jennifer Lacy	Parkway	Grade 4 Teacher	Retirement (7/1/2024)
Hannah Massey	County-Wide	Behavior Specialist	Relocation (6/30/2024)
Anna Portanova	Hardin Park	After School Group Leader	Continue Education (4/5/2024)
Kari Riddle	Parkway	Reading Specialist	Family Responsibility (6/11/2024)
Audrey Rudinsky	Hardin Park	EC Teacher	Relocation (6/10/2024)
Darby Smith	Hardin Park	Grade 3 Teacher	Resignation (6/5/2024)
Danielle Stewart	Mabel	Middle Grades Teacher	Continue Education (6/7/2024)
Dianne Yates	WHS	EC Teacher Assistant	Retirement (7/1/2024)

Certified Personnel

New Employment

Nicole Adam **Cove Creek** **Middle Grades Teacher**

Ms. Adam will earn a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education from University of North Carolina at Wilmington in May 2024. She is currently student teaching at Roland Grise Middle School in Wilmington. Nicole has been a substitute teacher with Moore County Schools and New Hanover County Schools. Ms. Adam has been a member of the collegiate Varsity Women's Golf Team since August 2022. Upon graduation, Nicole will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the 78200 – Middle Grades Math (grades 6-9), 78300 – Middle Grades Science (grades 6-9), and 78400 – Middle Grades Social Studies (grades 6-9).

Celia Agee **Parkway** **Kindergarten Teacher**

Ms. Agee earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in May 2023. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Literacy Education at Appalachian State University. Celia completed her student teaching at Hardin Park Elementary School during the spring semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Agee holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Bailey Cook **Parkway** **Grade 4 Teacher**

Ms. Cook earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in December 2023. She completed her student teaching at Hardin Park Elementary School during the fall semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Bailey is currently employed as a Substitute Teacher with Watauga County Schools. Ms. Cook will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Chaselyn Ellis**WHS****Science Teacher**

Ms. Ellis earned a Bachelor's degree in Science from Appalachian State University in December 2022. She completed her student teaching at Watauga High School during the fall semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Chaselyn was then employed as a Temporary Science Teacher at Watauga High School for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Ellis has been employed as a Science Teacher in Colorado since August 2023. Chaselyn holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the areas of 00300 – Science (grades 9-12) and 00302 – Earth Science (grades 9-12).

Jennifer Franklin-Hurst**WHS****Interim Science Teacher**

Ms. Franklin-Hurst earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Appalachian State University in 2008. She completed the lateral entry coursework requirements at Harvard School of Education in 2014. Jennifer has been employed as a Science Teacher with Avery County Schools since August 2014. Ms. Franklin-Hurst holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00300 – Science (grades 9-12).

Emma Kate Greene**Valle Crucis****Exceptional Children's Teacher**

Ms. Greene earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in May 2023. She completed her student teaching at Valle Crucis Elementary School during the spring semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Emma Kate has been employed as a Preschool teacher at Bend Forest School in Oregon since August 2023. Ms. Greene holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Hester Claire Linville**Hardin Park****Grade 1 Teacher**

Ms. Linville earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in 2023. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Literacy Education. Hester Claire completed her student teaching at Cove Creek Elementary School during the fall semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Linville is currently employed by Watauga County Schools as a Substitute Teacher. She holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Grace McClure**Hardin Park****Grade 2 Teacher**

Ms. McClure will earn a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in May 2024. She is currently completing her student teaching at Valle Crucis Elementary School. Grace is employed with Watauga County Schools as a Substitute Teacher. Upon graduation, Ms. McClure will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Tiffany Reece**Green Valley****Grade 1 Teacher**

Ms. Reece earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in 2001. From 2001 until 2004, Tiffany was employed as a Grade 4 Teacher with Wilkes County Schools. She was an Elementary Teacher at Cove Creek Elementary School from 2009 until 2020. Ms. Reece has been employed at Newland Elementary School since 2020 as an Elementary Teacher. Tiffany holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Elizabeth Rodden**Bethel****Pre-K Teacher**

Ms. Rodden earned a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Appalachian State University in 2011. She obtained credentials in Early Childhood Education from Caldwell Community College in 2019. In December 2022, Elizabeth completed the requirements for Birth through Kindergarten Certification from Appalachian State University. Ms. Rodden has been employed as a Pre-K Teacher Assistant at Mabel Elementary School since 2020. She will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00014 – Birth through Kindergarten.

Lauren Shaw**Parkway****Kindergarten Teacher**

Ms. Shaw earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in May 2023. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Special Education at Appalachian State University. Lauren completed her student teaching at Parkway Elementary School during the spring semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Shaw is currently employed with Watauga County Schools as a Substitute Teacher. Lauren holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Deanna Taylor**Green Valley****Grade 5 Teacher**

Ms. Taylor earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in 2012. Deanna was employed as a Grade 5 Teacher with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools from August 2012 until June 2016. She is currently employed as a First Grade Teacher with Caldwell County Schools. Ms. Taylor holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

James "Austin" Wright**Hardin Park****Physical Education Teacher**

Mr. Wright earned a Bachelor's degree in Health Science, Physical Education from Appalachian State University in December 2016. Austin was employed as a Physical Education Teacher with Cabarrus County Schools from January 2017 until June 2017. From August 2017 until June 2023, Austin was a Physical Education Teacher with Caldwell County Schools. Mr. Wright is currently an Adapted Physical Education Teacher for Caldwell County Schools. Austin holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00090 – Physical Education (K-12).

Transfer of Assignment for 2024-2025 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2024-2025 School Year</u>
Dante Binotto	Middle Grades Teacher at WVA	Middle Grades Teacher at Parkway
Terry Gunnell-Beck	Grade 5 Teacher at WVA	Grade 5 Teacher at Hardin Park
Lindsay Jackson	Grade 2 Teacher at Parkway	Reading Specialist at Parkway
Cindy Lentz	Health Occupations Teacher at WHS	Curriculum & Instructional Management Coordinator
Brian Lynch	75% EC Teacher at Bethel & Mabel	Middle Grades Math Teacher at Mabel
Annemarie Rajkowski	Kindergarten Teacher	Reading Specialist at Parkway

Classified Personnel**New Employment**

Hally Chirinos	Central Office	Part-Time Interpreter
Emma Inman	County-Wide	After School Group Leader Substitute
Brooke Moretz	Green Valley	Bookkeeper & Data Manager
Tyler Ollis	Mabel	Custodian
Bruce Wetherell	Cove Creek	Bus Driver & Bus Monitor

Re-Employment of Retiree

Jeff Lyons	Valle Crucis	Field Trip & Substitute Bus Driver
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Transfer of Assignment for Remainder of 2023-2024 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for Remainder of 2023-2024</u>
Kerrigan Hoffield	After School Group Leader at Parkway	After School Group Leader at Hardin Park
Tyler Houck	Bus Driver at Cove Creek	Field Trip & Substitute Bus Driver

Extended Employment for Remainder of 2023-2024 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Employment Extension</u>
Alyssa Comiskey Janet Tanner	Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park Director of Transportation	Bus Driver at Hardin Park County-Wide Bus Driver

Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Cullen Beasley Dr. Tiffany Christian Kayla Coonfare Frances “Frankie” Musser Emma Kate Shore	Bachelor’s Degree Doctorate Degree College – 1 Year Bachelor’s Degree Bachelor’s Degree	Wilderness Youth Camp Facilitator Counselor/Case Manager for Adjudicated Youth High School Educational Intern Teacher in Wake County Schools Completion of Student Teaching

Long-Term Substitutes

Ashley Lamb Cristy Prince Georgia Privott Audrey Young	Green Valley Mabel WHS Parkway	Teacher Assistant Middle Grades Language Arts & Social Studies Social Studies Grade 2
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Athletics

Shay Casey	WHS	Women’s Tennis Coach
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

****THE FOLLOWING DOES NOT REQUIRE A VOTE AT THE APRIL 16, 2024 MEETING****

In accordance with NCGS 115C-325.3(a), “A contract between the local board of education and a teacher who has been employed by the local board of education for less than three years shall be for a term of one school year. A contract or renewal of contract between the local board of education and a teacher who has been employed by the local board of education for three years or more shall be for a term of one, two, or four school years.” This law became effective on July 1, 2014. At this time, these employees are not being recommended for continued employment on a probationary basis. This is simply notification of their eligibility status.

Jenney Aiken	Hardin Park	Kindergarten Teacher
Angela Alexander	WHS	Cosmetology Teacher
Alexandra Allen	Virtual Academy	Middle Grades Teacher
Jennifer Bachman	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children’s PreK Teacher
Jill Baime	WHS	Spanish Teacher
Tracy Baker	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children’s PreK Teacher
Haylee Bare	WHS	Agri-Science Teacher
Ann Behremovic	Parkway	Grade 3 Teacher
Toni Berke	Green Valley	Math Specialist
Alexandra Binotto	Parkway	Grade 1 Teacher
Dante Binotto	WVA	Middle Grades Teacher
Kelly Blake	Parkway	Art Teacher
Brenda Blalock	Mabel	Reading Specialist
Jackie Blow	WHS	Science Teacher
Phoebe Boeschen	Green Valley & WHS	Math Teacher
Brittany Bolick	Blowing Rock	Physical Education Teacher
Kylie Bolick	Cove Creek	Kindergarten Teacher
Ashley Bosse	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children’s Teacher
Elizabeth Boswell	Hardin Park	Grade 3 Teacher
Sara Boyce	Parkway	Kindergarten Teacher
Caleb Brannock	Valle Crucis	Physical Education
Kiaya Brooks	Valle Crucis	Grade 3 Teacher
Ashley Brown	Virtual Academy	Grade 4 Teacher
Samuel Brown	WHS	Art Teacher
Lisa Bryant	Cove Creek	Middle Grades
Tamara Buckley	Bethel & Cove Creek	Exceptional Children’s Teacher
Abigail Bumgarner	Mabel	Grade 5 Teacher
Shannon Burroughs	WHS	Graduation Coach
JC Byland	WHS	Social Studies Teacher
JB Byrne	Hardin Park & WHS	Behavior Liaison
Alice Campbell	Parkway	Exceptional Children’s Teacher
Jesse Carswell	WHS	Alternative Learning Program Teacher
Kelly Carter	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children’s Teacher
Krista Cohen	Hardin Park	Middle Grades Teacher
Courtney Cook	Bethel	Grade 6 Teacher
Rose Costiloe	Mabel	Middle Grades Teacher
Andrea Decker	WHS	English Teacher
Shelley Dewey	Blowing Rock	Exceptional Children’s Teacher
Libby Diehl	Green Valley	Instructional Technology Facilitator
Jenna Doll	Cove Creek	School Counselor
Patricia Dycus	Mabel	Kindergarten Teacher
Caitlin Ellis	Hardin Park	Grade 6 Teacher
Olivia Emmert	Bethel	Grade 2 Teacher

Sabrina Eudy Lindsay Evans Dr. Scott Evans	Valle Crucis Parkway WHS	Grade 1 Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Science Teacher
Dylaney Ferguson Agnes-Marie Fox Hunter Fox Mackenzie Fox Sunnee Freed	Valle Crucis Bethel Parkway Green Valley Mabel	Grade 2 Teacher Speech-Language Pathologist Speech-Language Pathologist Exceptional Children's Teacher Media Specialist
Liz Gillette Annette Glover Kacie Gordon Noah Gordon Emily Grogan Terry Gunnell-Beck	Bethel, Blowing Rock, & Mabel Blowing Rock Blowing Rock Green Valley & Parkway WHS Virtual Academy	School Psychologist Instructional Technology Facilitator Grade 1 Teacher Middle Grades CTE Teacher English Teacher Grade 5 Teacher
Tyler Hagan Kendall Hale Lainee Hancock Rockelle Hancock Blakeley Hansen Lauren Harkey Sarah Jane Harrill Keri Hemrick Kim Henderson Phillip Hicks Miranda Higginbotham Maralee Holden Melanie Hollis Samantha Hopkins Reagan Houchard Catherine House Mackenzie Huffman Adrian Hurst	Cove Creek WHS Parkway Hardin Park Cove Creek Valle Crucis Cove Creek WHS Cove Creek WHS Mabel & Parkway Hardin Park County-Wide Cove Creek Green Valley WHS Parkway Parkway	Middle Grades Teacher Science Teacher Grade 3 Teacher Grade 3 Teacher Grade 4 Teacher Kindergarten Teacher Kindergarten Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Math & Science Teacher Music Teacher Speech-Language Pathologist Middle Grades Career Development Grade 4 Teacher Grade 4 Teacher School Counselor Kindergarten Teacher School Psychologist
Allen Ingram Carrie Ingram Bill Ireland	Valle Crucis Blowing Rock WHS	Middle Grades Teacher Grade 2 Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher
Lauren Johnson Tyler Justo	Green Valley Blowing Rock	Reading Specialist Middle Grades Teacher
Renee Kapp	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Pre-K Teacher
Frankie Lancaster Sadie LaPointe Kathleen Larsen Jennifer Larson Sheryl Lathrop Nicholas Lavender Rachel Leath Katherine Lentz-Martin Elisa LoveJoy Dana Lowery Elle Lowry Brian Lynch Terry Lyon	WHS Green Valley Hardin Park Cove Creek Green Valley WHS WHS Hardin Park Valle Crucis WHS WHS Bethel & Mabel Bethel & Valle Crucis	Chorus Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Grade 3 Teacher Grade 1 Teacher Grade 6 Teacher Drafting Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Instructional Technology Facilitator Media Specialist Art Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Music Teacher

Kelly MacDonald	Green Valley	Grade 3 Teacher
Karen Mace	Blowing Rock	FOCUS Teacher
Randall Mace	WHS	Drafting Teacher
Ben Maggard	WHS	Social Studies Teacher
Kathryn Mason	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Maria Matarazzo	Hardin Park	School Social Worker
Michael Maylum	WHS	JROTC Instructor
Sage McKinney	Bethel & Valle Crucis	Math Teacher
Courtney McWhorter	Blowing Rock & Cove Creek	Art Teacher
Chris Metzler	Green Valley	Middle Grades Teacher
Audrey Mikkola	Bethel & Mabel	AIG Specialist
Alexandra Miller	Green Valley	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Angey Nicol	Valle Crucis	Grade 5 Teacher
Ren Nolte	Cove Creek	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Brittany Norris	Blowing Rock	Grade 2 Teacher
Karen Norris	County-Wide	Gear Up Coordinator
Skylar O'Neal	Cove Creek	Middle Grades Teacher
Ali Pace	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Alyssa Parsels	Valle Crucis	Grade 2 Teacher
Monica Parsons	Mabel	Instructional Technology Facilitator
Victoria Parsons	Green Valley	Grade 1 Teacher
Bryson Payne	WHS	Social Studies Teacher
Connie Peeler	Hardin Park	Adaptive Physical Education Teacher
Michala Penninger	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Kelly Pettit	Parkway	Grade 5 Teacher
Misty Prichard	Green Valley	PreK Teacher
Olivia Reeves	Parkway	Grade 3 Teacher
Dr. Shawn Roberts	Green Valley & Parkway	Band & Orchestra
Jean Ross	WHS	Distance Learning Coordinator
Dr. Alyssia Ruggerio	WHS	Art Teacher
Emily Scheuerman	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Rebecca Skidmore	Parkway	Grade 4 Teacher
Jennifer Smith	County-Wide	Mental Health Specialist
Madison Smith	Hardin Park	Kindergarten Teacher
Madison Snelson	Bethel & Valle Crucis	Band & Orchestra Teacher
Samantha Snyder	Blowing Rock	Grade 1 Teacher
Katy Stough	Blowing Rock	School Counselor
Kylie Taylor	Blowing Rock	Music, Band & Orchestra Teacher
Heather Teeters	Blowing Rock	Middle Grades Teacher
Danielle Thompson	Valle Crucis	Grade 4 Teacher
Heath Tucker	Mabel	Physical Education Teacher
Sarah Tunstill	WHS	Family & Consumer Science Teacher
Laura Turner	WHS	School Counselor
Melissa Van Lenten	Parkway	Grade 6 Teacher
Sam Vining	WHS	Social Studies Teacher
Jonathan Watson	WHS	Math Teacher
Tara Watson	Green Valley	Kindergarten Teacher
Melody Watts	Parkway	Grade 5 Teacher
Stacie Webb	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Molly Welch	WHS	School Counselor
Jennie Weschler	Green Valley	Grade 2 Teacher

Jasmine Wiley
Sirrena Wiggins
Cassie Wilhelm
Emma Willard
Emily Williams
Sarah Wilson
Heather Windish
Michael Windish
Jessica Wyatt

Meresha Youngblood

Mabel
Cove Creek & Mabel
Mabel
Green Valley
Valle Crucis
Hardin Park
WHS
WHS
Green Valley

Parkway

Exceptional Children's Teacher
Middle Grades CTE Teacher
Speech-Language Pathologist
Middle Grades Teacher
Exceptional Children's Teacher
Grade 4 Teacher
Math Teacher
Alternative Learning Program Teacher
Middle Grades Teacher

Grade 6 Teacher