

Minutes of the Vance County Board of Education Meeting April 15, 2024

The Vance County Board of Education met in regular session on April 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Service Center Boardroom. Board members present were Randy M. Oxendine, Chair, Mrs. Dorothy W. Gooche, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Linda S. Cobb, Mrs. Ruth M. Hartness, Mrs. Gloria J. White, Mrs. Ayana F. Lewis, 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, Dr. Jennifer Carraway, Chief Human Resources Officer, Mr. Kevin Perdue, Chief Operations Officer and Mr. Jerry Stainback, School Board Attorney. Mrs. Marsha Abbott, Chief Technology Officer, was absent.

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

Mr. Oxendine proclaimed April as Superintendent's Month and shared that Dr. Bennett truly loves children and has a passion for the position. She is committed to leading, organizing and a passion for helping others get to the next level.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the March 11, 2024 minutes was motioned by Mrs. White, and seconded by Mrs. Hartness with a unanimous (7-0) vote.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Approval of the meeting agenda and the following additions were motioned by Mrs. Hartness, and seconded by Mrs. Gooche, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the agenda.

VIII. A. Personnel Addendum

X. A. Field Trip

Recognitions/Announcements

Aspiring Superintendents

Dr. Carraway and Mr. Horner completed the NC Aspiring Superintendent's program. The NC School Superintendent's Association and the NC Alliance for School Leadership Development offers the program as a leadership development program for district leaders who aspire to become a superintendent in NC.

Winter Athletics

Mr. Horner recognized the winter athletic seasons at Vance County Middle and Vance County High and 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 Girls' Basketball (7-4). Additionally, Altrevin Burwell, Kaden Burwell, Zavion Vines Holder, and Christian Boyd were conference champions in their weight categories for wrestling.

All Conference Basketball: Damien Jones, Ja'Khiyah Evans, Na'Zyia Vandergrift and Sarah Baldwin

Honorable Mention Basketball: Destiny Timberlake, Clara Faucette, and Da'Shunti Hester

All Conference Wrestling: Charlott Wortham and Lanautica Johnson

National Assistant Principals Week

National Assistant Principals Week was April 1-5, 2024. District staff expressed gratitude for all the work this team does. Dr. Bennett shared that this team "Knocks our socks off" and were presented with a pair of VCS logo socks.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week was April 15-19, 2024. The district expressed gratitude for the more than 100 school and district volunteers and partnerships during the 2023-2024 school year. Each school will recognize their volunteers.

Administrative Professionals Day

Administrative Professionals Day was April 24, 2024 and Dr. Bennett, the Board and district staff recognized Deanna Steed for her dedication and hard work in her position.

North Carolina Association of School Business Officials

Mr. 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. Mr. Suther will meet five times a year.

Center for Safer Schools

Mrs. 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 2,500 public schools. Mr. Horner, shared that the Center for Safer Schools recently awarded grants totaling 35 million dollars to over 230 NC school districts and charter schools, with Vance County Schools receiving some of the grant support. Funding will be used for safety equipment, training and services for students in crisis.

Public Comments – None

Superintendent's Report

Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report was shared for information only.

Student Services Special Projects

The Student Services department's top priorities are to fill vacancies and provide ongoing training to build capacity and sustainability through youth mental health first aid training, suicide threat assessment training, resources for resilience training, mobile crisis training, mindful training, CASEL training, Kagan Structure Practice and team training. The department grants are:

- CDC/Health Schools Grant (\$100,000 for five years) – the district is collaborating with NC Healthy Schools and the CDC to promote Equity and improve health, academic achievement and well-being of students.
- NC-PAL Grant (2-years) – The Duke and the NC Department of Health and Human Services will provide free bi-monthly consultations to support the behavioral and mental health needs of elementary aged students. NC-PAL is the NC Pediatric Access Line.
- THRIVE Grant (\$1,000,000 for five years) – The grant will provide more access to treatment, educational programming, workforce training, screening and community partnerships.
- Community Schools Grant (5-years) – The grant aims to improve the academic, mental and physical health of top priority population with a focus on hunger, housing and healthcare.

District End-of-the-Year Events

District events between April and June were shared.

April 19	Young Men's Empowerment
April 24	Leadership Vance
April 26	Student Spotlight Trip
April 27	Robotics Competition
May 1	Class of 2024 Top 10% Banquet
May 13	Spotlight Red Carpet Soiree
May 24	Early College/VCHS Graduations
June 14	Advance Academy/Vance Virtual Village Gradations

Board of Education Standing Committees

Personnel

Dr. Perry shared information from the April 1, 2024 meeting.

I. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Administrative Services Center	Toni Fletcher	W/F	Part-time Social Worker	04/01/2024
E.M. Rollins	Felicia Yanez	W/F	Cafeteria Assistant	04/22/2024
Vance Virtual Village Academy	Munirah Ali	B/F	English Teacher	04/08/2024
Carver/E.O. Young	Sherri Damon	B/F	Music Teacher	04/29/2024
Clarke	Josalyn Thompson	B/F	Teacher Assistant	03/26/2024
Vance County High	Mark Ellis	B/M	Custodian	03/25/2024
Vance County High	Talya Bates	B/F	Receptionist	03/25/2024
Vance County High	Tonyetta Evans	B/F	EC Teacher Assistant	03/18/2024
STEM	Tameka Allen	B/F	Cafeteria Assistant	03/25/2024
Zeb Vance	Robin Crowder	B/F	Cafeteria Assistant	04/09/2024

II. RETIREMENT(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Advance Academy	Denise Burwell	B/F	Bookkeeper	08/01/2024
E.O. Young	Ondray Evans	B/F	Teacher Assistant	07/01/2024
Administrative Services Center	Denice Roberson	W/F	HR Benefits Specialist	04/01/2024
L.B. Yancey	Yvette Baskerville-Pauling	B/F	Teacher Assistant	07/01/2024
Vance County High	Peggy Thomas	B/F	Custodian	07/01/2024
Vance County High	Veronica Hendricks	B/F	Nurse	06/01/2024
Zeb Vance	Deborah Richardson	B/F	Teacher	07/01/2024
Zeb Vance	Mary Terry	B/F	Teacher Assistant	07/01/2024

III. RESIGNATION(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE DATE
Aycock	Angela Preddy	W/F	Nurse	Career Change	04/30/2024
Vance County High	Jesse Griffin	W/M	Custodian	Career Change	04/12/2024
Vance County High	Runell Smith	B/F	Teacher Assistant	Career Change	04/22/2024
E.O. Young	Tina Moody	W/F	Teacher	Career Change	03/28/2024
Vance County Middle	Amy Langston Eley	B/F	CTE Coordinator	Job Dissatisfaction	03/15/2024

IV. TRANSFER/PROMOTION(S) – For Information Only

NEW LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	NEW POSITION	OLD POSITION	/ LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Carver	Kayla Boyd	Teacher	Art Teacher	Carver/EO Young	03/20/2024
E.O. Young	Bernadine Jefferson	Cafeteria Manager	Cafeteria Assistant	STEM	03/14/2024
Orange County	Shakemia Jones	Early Literacy Specialist	Early Literacy Specialist	Vance County	06/17/2024

V. LEAVE – For Information Only

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	LEAVE TYPE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Aycock	Natasha Rubin	W/F	FMLA	Multi-Classroom Leader	03/18/2024-04/29/2024
Clarke	Chaney Wiggins	B/F	FMLA	Cafeteria Manager	03/11/2024-04/15/2024
Franklin County	Dorlicia Young	B/F	FMAL	Early Literacy Specialist	04/16/2024-05/27/2024

VI. VCS CONTRACTED SERVICES – For Information Only

DEPARTMENT/LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Administrative Services Center	Carlton Sutton	B/M	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	04/08/2024

VII. OUTSIDE CONTRACTED SERVICES - For Information Only

DEPARTMENT/LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
All Schools	Ann Marie Crews	B/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	03/18/2024
All Schools	John Stubbs	B/M	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	03/25/2024
All Schools	Roberta Freeman	B/F	Mental Health Provider (Transitional Therapeutic Services, LLC)	03/11/2024
All Schools	Sarah Hargrove	W/F	Mental Health Provider (Youth Villages)	03/11/2024

VIII. ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS - For Information Only

DEPARTMENT/LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Transportation	Robin Crowder	B/F	Bus Driver	04/09/2024
ASC	Marylaura McKoon	W/F	Health & Wellness LEA Coordinator	03/22/2024
E.O. Young/ VCMS	Dalla Ashe	B/F	Bus Driver	03/25/2024

IX. TEMPORARY - For Information Only

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Clarke	Bonita Williams	B/F	Tutor	03/13/2024
Clarke	Courtney Somerville	B/F	Tutor	03/25/2024
Dabney	Carolyn Baskerville	B/F	Tutor	03/28/2024
Dabney	Lorraine Feggins	B/F	Tutor	03/28/2024
Zeb Vance	Maria Cuz	H/F	Tutor	03/12/2024

Other items discussed were the ESS Substitute System fill rate for March was 87%. The Human Resources Department has sent 811 cards to staff members to acknowledge celebrations, recognitions and times of difficulty.

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Cobb the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the personnel summary and addendum.

Finance

Mr. Suther shared information from the March 28, 2024 meeting.

Technology Device Leasing and Purchases

\$190,996.49 of Capital Outlay funds will be used for 600 teacher, and 500 student devices for leasing. \$186, 822 of State Restart and Laptop Revenue Fees will be used for purchasing 400 refresh devices for ninth-graders.

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Hartness the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the purchase of the devices and for leasing.

Textbook Adoption

The district is adopting new textbook/licensing for ELA, Math and Social Studies using \$654,822 funds of the State Textbook allotment.

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Gooche the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the textbook adoption and licensing for ELA, Math and Social Studies.

Auditor Contract

The contract renewal with FORVIS, LLP is for fiscal year 2024. The firm provides a very complete and thorough audit including a technology audit to ensure the integrity of our internal controls and system security. \$67,450 of federal funds will be used.

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Hartness the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the auditor contract.

Amended Budget Resolution FY 2023-24 (# 2)

The amended budget #2 is to align the budget to actual and cover expenditures.

5000	Instructional Program	\$ 64,505,125	65.9%
6000	Support Services Program	\$ 25,000,935	25.5%
7000	Ancillary Services	\$ 5,033,497	5.1%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	\$ 3,340,229	3.4%
9000	Capital Projects	\$ -	0%
		\$ 97,879,787	100.0%

Vance County Schools									
Budget Resolution - Fiscal Year 2023-2024									
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Vance County Public Schools:									
				<u>Amendment Thru 1.19.2024</u>	<u>Amendments Thru 3.22.2024</u>	<u>Amendments Thru _____</u>	<u>Final Amendment</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	
Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
State Fund Expenditures									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	41,085,283	88.1%	1,350,161	6,529,736			48,965,180	86.8%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	5,566,257	11.9%	0	1,856,787			7,423,044	13.2%
7000	Ancillary Services	2,925	0.0%	0	0			2,925	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
	Total State Funds Appropriation	46,654,465	100.0%	1,350,161	8,386,523	0	0	56,391,149	100.0%
Section 2: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
State Revenues:									

3100	State Public School Fund	46,331,766	99.3%	724,062	8,386,523			55,442,351	98.3%
3100-12	Driver Training	159,437	0.3%	0	0			159,437	0.3%
3100-15	School Technology Fund	8,143	0.0%	58,712	0			66,855	0.1%
3100-CRF	COVID Relief FUNDS (ALL CRF PRCs)	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
3200	State Textbook Fund	155,119	0.3%	567,387	0			722,506	1.3%
Fund 1	Total State Public School Fund Revenue	46,654,465	100.0%	1,350,161	8,386,523	0	0	56,391,149	100.0%
Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Local Current Expense Funds:									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	1,626,721	18.0%	0	(175,757)			1,450,964	16.0%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	4,456,620	49.2%	0	236,679			4,693,299	51.8%
7000	Ancillary Services	922	0.0%	0	(922)			0	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	2,971,602	32.8%	0	(60,000)			2,911,602	32.2%
	Total Current Expense Appropriation	9,055,865	100.0%	0	0	0	0	9,055,865	100.0%
Section 4: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Local Revenues:									
	County Appropriation -VCS	8,845,865	97.7%	0	0			8,845,865	97.7%
	Fines & Forfeitures & Misc Rev	210,000	2.3%	0	0			210,000	2.3%
	Fund Balance Appropriated	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
Fund 2	Total Local Current Expense Revenues:	9,055,865	100.0%	0	0	0	0	9,055,865	100.0%
Section 5: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Federal Funds Expenditures									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	11,766,602	52.1%	15,269	(150,020)			11,631,851	50.2%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	10,172,778	45.1%	472,284	190,325			10,835,387	46.8%
7000	Ancillary Services	30,988	0.1%	180,453	64,481			275,922	1.2%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	601,227	2.7%	(79,144)	(93,456)			428,627	1.8%
	Total Federal Grants Fund Appropriation	22,571,595	100.0%	588,862	11,330	0	0	23,171,787	100.0%
Section 6: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									

7200	Nutrition Services	4,754,650		0	0			4,754,650	
	Total Child Nutrition Fund Appropriation	4,754,650	100.0%	0	0	0	0	4,754,650	100.0%
Section 8: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Child Nutrition Revenues									
	State Funds	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
	Local Funds	702,250	14.8%	0	0			702,250	14.8%
	Federal Funds	4,052,400	85.2%	0	0			4,052,400	85.2%
	Fund Balance Appropriated	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
Fund 5	Total Child Nutrition Fund Revenue	4,754,650	100.0%	0	0	0	0	4,754,650	100.0%
Section 9: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the Other Specific Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Other Restricted Expenses									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	2,037,374	66.7%	0	20,506			2,057,880	59.8%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	1,016,962	33.3%	0	365,131			1,382,093	40.2%
7000	Ancillary Services	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
	Total Other Restricted Fund Appropriation	3,054,336	100.0%	0	385,637	0	0	3,439,973	100.0%
Section 10: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Other Specific Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Other Restricted Revenues									
4110	Local Revenue -Restricted by County	0	0.0%	0	0			0	0.0%
3200	Other State Revenue	1,483,635	48.6%	0	13,800			1,497,435	43.5%
37xx/38xx	Other Federal Revenues (E-Rate, Medicaid, ROTC, misc.)	291,292	9.5%	0	66,867			358,159	10.4%
4210	Tuition & Fees	25,805	0.8%	0	0			25,805	0.8%
44xx/4910	Contributions/Misc Revenues	598,782	19.6%	0	172,094			770,876	22.4%
4880	Indirect Cost Revenue	175,000	5.7%	0	0			175,000	5.1%
4890	Grant Revenues	479,822	15.7%	0	132,876			612,698	17.8%
	Fund Balances Appropriated	0	0.0%	0				0	0.0%

Fund 8	Total Other Restricted Fund Revenues	3,054,336	100.0%	0	385,637	0	0	3,439,973	100.0%
Section 11: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Capital Outlay Expenses									
<u>Category I (Land & Buildings)</u>									
General Supplies & Materials	80,379			3,450	51,119			134,948	
General Contracts	150,000			0				150,000	
HVAC/Boilers	0			0				0	
Electrical	0			0				0	
Plumbing/Sewer	0			0				0	
Architects Fees	0			0				0	
Carpentry/Roofing	25,000			0	12,000			37,000	
Other/General Maintenance	103,749			0	(7,774)			95,975	
Improvements to Sites & Paving	125,000			0	5,210			130,210	
Contingency/Unbudgeted	0			0				0	
Total Category I Projects	484,128	54.8%		3,450	60,555	0	0	548,133	51.4%
<u>Category II (Furniture & Equipment)</u>									
Technology Upgrades - Computer Devices	200,000			0	136,174			336,174	
General Furniture & Equipment	39,251			0	(1,745)			37,506	
Reserve - Not Designated	0			0				0	
Total Category II Projects	239,251	27.1%		0	134,429	0	0	373,680	35.0%
<u>Category III (Motor Vehicles)</u>									
Activity Bus Replacement	0			0				0	
Yellow Bus Replacement (State)	0			0				0	
Maintenance Vehicles	160,000			(3,450)	(12,000)			144,550	
Reserve - Not Designated	0			0				0	
Total Category III Projects	160,000	18.1%		(3,450)	(12,000)	0	0	144,550	13.6%
Total Capital Fund Appropriation	883,379	100.0%		0	182,984	0	0	1,066,363	100.0%
Section 12: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:									
Capital Outlay Revenues									
County Appropriation	625,000	70.8%		0				625,000	58.6%

	County Funding - CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Carryover	183,379	20.8%	0				183,379	17.2%
	State Funds (School Bus Purchases)	0	0.0%	0				0	0.0%
	Other Financing Sources	0	0.0%	0				0	0.0%
	Fund Balance Appropriated (PY Bal fund 4)	75,000	8.5%	0	182,984			257,984	24.2%
Fund 4	Total Capital Outlay Revenues	883,379	100.0%	0	182,984	0	0	1,066,363	100.0%
In summary, the following funding amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the Vance County Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.									
Fund 1	State Public School Fund	46,654,465	53.6%	1,350,161	8,386,523	0	0	56,391,149	57.6%
Fund 2	Local Current Expense Fund	9,055,865	10.4%	0	0	0	0	9,055,865	9.3%
Fund 3	Federal Grants Fund	22,571,595	26.0%	588,862	11,330	0	0	23,171,787	23.7%
Fund 4	Capital Outlay Fund	883,379	1.0%	0	182,984	0	0	1,066,363	1.1%
Fund 5	Child Nutrition Fund	4,754,650	5.5%	0	0	0	0	4,754,650	4.9%
Fund 8	Other Restricted Fund	3,054,336	3.5%	0	385,637	0	0	3,439,973	3.5%
	Total Appropriation for Vance County Schools	86,974,290	100.0%	1,939,023	8,966,474	0	0	97,879,787	100.0%
Section 13: All appropriations shall be paid first from revenues restricted as to use, and second from general unrestricted revenues.									
Section 14: The Superintendent is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund under the following conditions:									
	A. Amounts transferred between functions and sub-functions and objects of expenditures within a function without limitations and without a report to the Board of Education being required.								
	B. Amounts may be transferred not to exceed 25% between functions of the same fund with a report and approval on such transfers being required of the Board of Education.								
	C. Amounts may not be transferred between funds nor from any contingency appropriations within a fund.								
	D. In addition the Board authorizes the Superintendent to fully maximize its resources and allows for the further amendment of revenues and expenditures by program report code as may be needed to meet those goals. Further should NCDPI, the State, or the Federal governments release additional CRF/COVID/CARES Revenues/Funding prior to the Board next approval of a budget amendment, the Superintendent has approval to use those resources for the benefit of the district and in accordance with any NC State Board of Education Policies, and/or State or Federal legislation/policies.								
Section 15: Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the Superintendent and school Finance Officer for direction in carrying out their duties.									
Adopted by the Vance County Board of Education, this the 8th day of April, 2024									

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Dr. Perry the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the Amended Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 number 2.

Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation – PRC 071 (Information Only)

The State has allotted recurring funding to provide salary supplements to teachers and school administrators. The maximum per teacher funding amount is \$3,426 for Vance County for fiscal year 2023-24.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Hartness shared information from the March 28, 2024 meeting. The HVAC project at VCM will continue through the summer of 2024 for completion and the building will be closed to transition from the old to the new system. The State DMV office assigned a new trainer to the county. New drivers are still being recruited and department applied for a grant to illuminate the stop signs on buses and received funding for seven of these upgraded systems. Designs are being developed for the bid packages to go out in the near future for roof replacements. The department is gathering prices to repaint both Carver and New Hope over the summer. Both schools will be closed over the summer. The department completed 2,331 work orders in April.

Policy – No Meeting

Curriculum

Mrs. Lewis shared information from the March 28, 2024 meeting. Eight hundred and sixteen staff members earned 1,550 contact hours of professional development. The summer 2024 program is anticipating students and teachers:

Program	Students	Teachers	Teacher Assistants
Read-to-Achieve Reading Camp (Grades 2 & 3) Clarke Elementary – July 8-31	316	17	4
Learning Enrichment (Grades 4 & 5) Dabney Elementary – July 8-31	130	8	2
MiCentro + ESL Summer Camp Dabney Elementary – June 18-July 18	125	8	5
Learning Enrichment (Grades 6 & 7) VCHS – July 8-31	130	8	2
Summer Bridge To Freshman Academy VCHS – June 24-27	250	16	
Credit Recovery + Cohort 2025 Session One - VCHS + VCEC - VCHS – June 3-14 Session Two – AA + V3A – Advance Academy – June 17-28			
CTE Credential VCHS – June 3-14			
Plasma Games (Grade 10) VCHS – June 3-14	50	2	

An update on the secondary textbook adoption was shared. The project started in September 2023 with input from middle and high school teachers and instructional specialists. Students will have access to these resources both in hard copy/textbook form and digitally on their laptops. Mr. Horner shared the discipline and attendance data. Five schools have had an increase in enrollment for the month of February. Also shared that the innovative schools application is online but a paper copy can be submitted to the district office. Mrs. Abbott shared that 1,860 work orders were complete by the technology department.

Community & Business Relations – No Meeting

New Business – None

Field Trips

Vance County High School previously approved senior trip to Kings Dominion was rescheduled to May 4, 2024. New Hope Elementary will travel to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC on May 11, 2024.

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Hartness, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the New Hope field trip.

Transfer Requests

Dr. Bennett presented fifteen student requests to transfer into the district and four to be released from the district.

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Gooche, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the nineteen transfer requests.

Executive Session

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) 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 6:55 pm.

The Board returned to the open session at 8:16 p.m.

Child Nutrition

Upon motion by Mrs. Hartness and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the salary increase of 3% for child nutrition staff.

Personnel

Upon motion by Mrs. Hartness and seconded by Dr. Perry, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the termination of Mr. Taylor, New Hope Custodian.

School Board Attorney

Upon motion by Mrs. Hartness and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved to increase the board attorney’s retainer fee to \$1,300 and the hourly rate to \$225.00.

Being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Hartness and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR, RANDY M. OXENDINE

SECRETARY, CINDY W. BENNETT