VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD BRIEFS



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Board Recognitions



Vance County Schools Announced as Beta Club National District of Distinction

National Beta is proud to announce Vance County Schools as a 2023-2024 National District of Distinction. This award is given to those deserving districts who offer National Beta in all schools



in their district, and who induct qualifying students in all eligible grades (4-12). Vance County Schools is one of only 64 districts to receive this award nationwide.

Through the exceptional efforts of Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett, club sponsors and deserving Beta members, Vance County Schools has flourished since the district's initial Beta charter. This national award speaks highly of Vance County School's commitment to academic excellence, leadership development and service involvement, and illustrates their dedication to preparing students for college, and career readiness. The students in their district understand the importance of these qualities and exemplify the Beta motto, Let Us Lead by Serving Others.
Award recipients received a National Beta District of Distinction award to proudly display at their district office. In addition, National Beta District of Distinction principals received a plaque to display at their school.
The Vance County Schools Beta Club district sponsor is Andrew Markoch, Director of Fine Arts and Physical Education. The school advisers within our district include:

Aycock: Principal Kristen Boyd; Advisers Raegan Ross and Caroline Boyd
Carver: Principal and Adviser Regina Rainey
Clarke: Principal Dr. C'monee Wilkins; Adviser Lori-Ann Lewis
Dabney: Principal Dr. Michael Putney Sr.; Advisers Michelle Foster, Jennifer Sullivan, Sharonda Bullock
EM Rollins: Principal Dr. Carnetta Thomas; Adviser Nicole Anderson
EO Young: Principal Dr. Jeffrey Batten; Adviser Marian Faulkner & Jodi Pulley
LB Yancey: Principal Dr. Shannon Bullock; Adviser Wendy Oakley
New Hope: Principal Letitia Fields; Adviser Barbara Young
Pinkston Street: Principal Canecca Mayes; Adviser Yolanda Dixon
Zeb Vance: Principal Joy Suther; Adviser Colleen Tyburski
VCMS: Principal Dr. Stephanie Ayscue, Adviser Sheneika Campbell-Thomas
STEM: Principal and Adviser Edward Ortega
VCHS: Principal Dr. Nealie Whitt III; Adviser Lindsey Ramsey
VCECHS: Principal Debbie Hite; Adviser Vicki Fullwood-Barrett
Vance Virtual Village (elementary, middle and high school chapters): Principal Dr. Jessica Perry; Adviser Cynthia Nnaemeka

About National Beta: National Beta is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization in America. Since its beginnings in 1934, National Beta has been committed to providing students with a positive experience in a supportive manner in grades 4-12. The organization recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, and fosters leadership skills.
For more information about National Beta, visit betaclub.org



Vance County Middle School



Vance County High School

Spring Athletes Honored by the Board of Education

The Board of Education recognized accolades earned by spring athletes and teams.

Vance County High School Athletics:
All Conference recognitions were as follows:
Softball: Jakhiyah Evans, Charlotte Wortham, Jayla Smith, Zari Terry
Baseball: Jamaal Torrance
Soccer: Valeria Salazar Arias

Softbal Player of the Year: Blake Vick

Track & Field Regional Event:
Triple Jump: Nekkieus Hargrove
100 Meters: Samiah Darby
400 Meters: Clarence Debnam

Coach of the Year: Sheila Gill-Hargrove (VCHS)

Vance County Middle School Athletic Accolades:
Track Conference Champions
400 Meteres: Solomon Gardner
Girls 4x200 Meters: Haley Fulcher, Nylah Lewis, London Caldwell, Kemora Rainey



Just U and Me Mentors

The Board of Education recognized Just U and Me Mentors. Just You & Me is a mentoring program that provides our students with additional support to help them do their very best at school. Mentoring is one of the 15 Effective Strategies of the National Dropout Prevention Center to help students make positive choices, stay on track in school and avoid negative behaviors. The mentors are Vance County Early College high school students. The program has existed for the last 5 years, serving students from both Carver and LB Yancey Elementary.

Robotic Success Recognized by the Board of Education

The Board of Education recognized the success of Robo Vance, the district's robotic programs that takes place in schools throughout the district. Vance County Schools' RoboVance teams district lead, Stephen Jones, introduced the teams that showcased their talents at the BrickEd state competition in Salisbury, NC.

After competing at the district level on April 27th, the teams advanced to the BrickEd state competition on May 18th. The participating teams were the Carver Eagles, E.M. Rollins's Bear Cub Power, Clarke Tech Titans, VCMS Top Bots, STEM Byte Club, and Aycock Robo Coders.

Using LEGO Spike Prime kits and extensions, these teams programmed their robots to complete complex tasks on custom maps. The VCMS Top Bots distinguished themselves by securing 2nd place in the competition, while E.M. Rollins was honored with the Sportsmanship Award.

Congratulations to all the teams representing Vance County Schools for their outstanding performances. A huge shoutout goes to RoboVance coordinator Stephen Jones and the dedicated staff who inspire our students to achieve success. Our students are truly incredible!



Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett shared the following:

- Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report
- Summer Programs: support reading, CTE credentialing, ESL and credit recovery
- Graduations have been held for all high schools.
- July 25 / Aug 6 Next date for Board Committee Meetings



Board Business



Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:

- the recommended Continuation Budget for fiscal year 24-25
- amended contract for Thomas Transportation
- contract for renewal of Jordan Driving School for 24-25
- contact for Kirkman Floors for summer contract at VCMS
- contract for Curriculum and Associates for 24-25
- contract for Flex Point Education Cloud for 24-25
- contract for Goalbook for 24-25
- contract for Qualtrics for 24-25
- contract for School Mint Grow for 24-25
- contract for Studies Weekly for 24-25
- North Carolina School Board Trust EO/GL renewal for 24-25
- School Nutrition Manager Salary Schedule beginning July 1, 2024
- Head Custodian Salary Schedule beginning July 1, 2024
- roofing project for Carver and New Hope Elementary
- cancelation of July 2024 Board of Education meeting
- Policy updates: 7262-Communicable Disease - Employee, 7263-Covid-19 Employee Pandemic Safety Mitigation Policy, and 7730-Employee Conflict of Interest, Policy 8325-Daily Deposits
- Migrant Education Program Grant for 24-25

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Personnel

The Board of Education approved 4 employment recommendations. We would like to formally welcome the following: Vicki Barnes (Aycock/Carver), Demetria Burwell (VCHS), Jennifer Williamson (Transportation) and Shanell Williams (Transportation).

The Board accepted resignations for 13, retirements for 4, additional assignments for 1, and transfer/promotions for 10.

Student Transfer Requests



The Vance County Board of Education approved 21 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools and 4 request to transfer out, totaling 25 transfer requests.



Overnight / Out of State Field Trip Approvals

- none

Board Meeting Livestream Video

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

2024 Meeting Schedule
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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