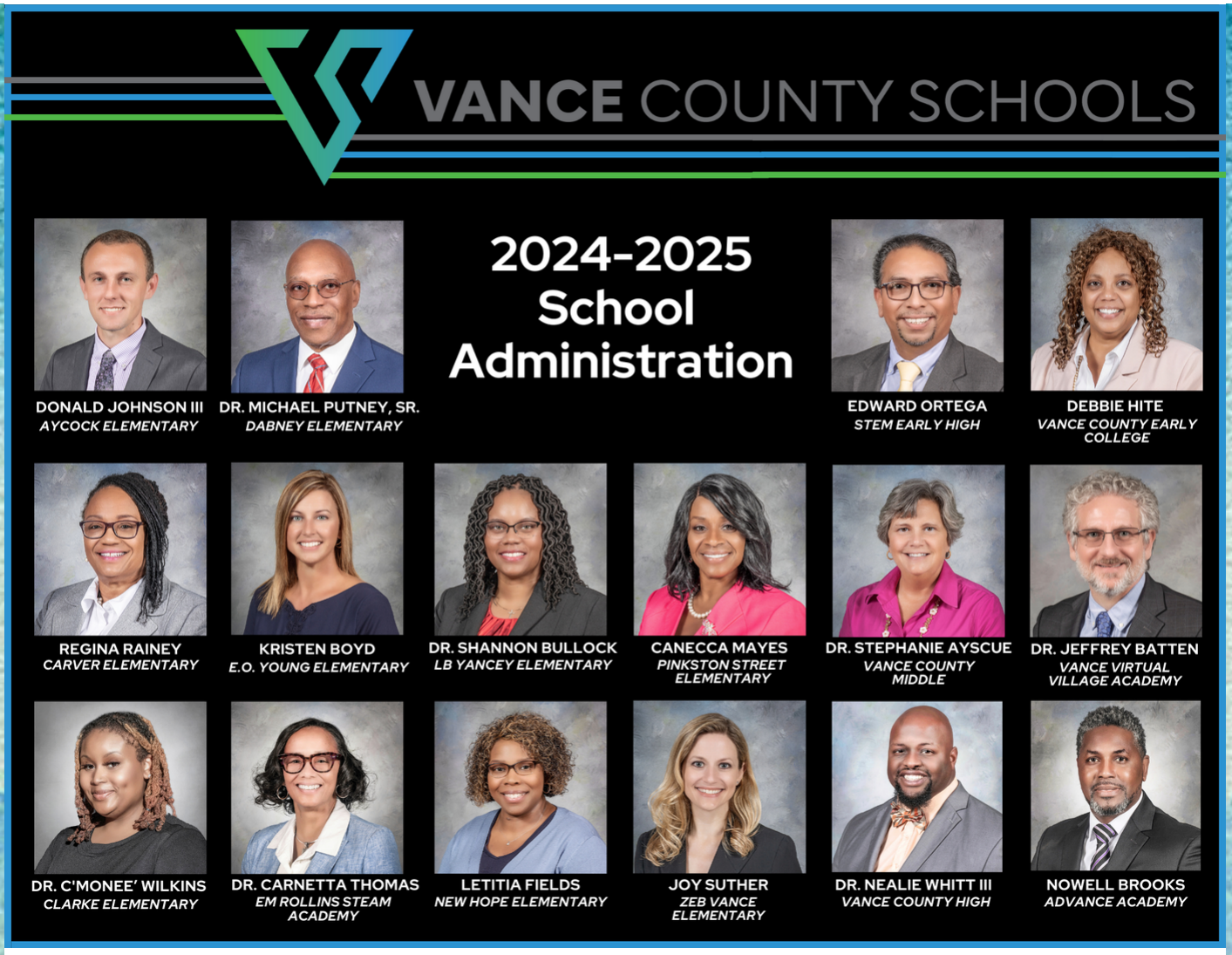
VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD BRIEFS



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Board Recognitions



Board of Education Recognizes Principals

The Vance County Schools Board of Education recognized Principals in honor of Principals Appreciation, celebrated each October. Recognition was given to our principals' dedication and leadership to Vance County Schools. Every day, they create environments where students can thrive, teachers feel supported, and our community grows stronger. From managing the complexities of school life to fostering a culture of innovation and success, our principals go above and beyond to ensure excellence in education. Thank you to our amazing principals for their unwavering commitment to our students, staff, and families. You truly make a difference every day!



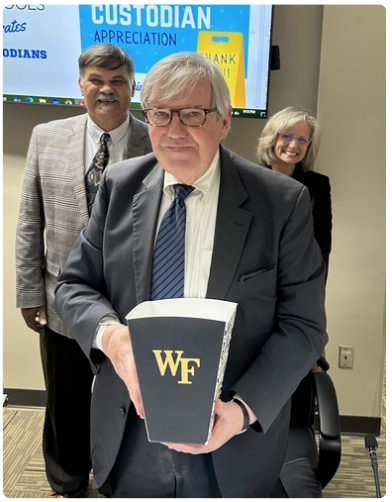


School Custodian Appreciation

Vance County Schools Board of Education honored custodians as part of School Custodian Appreciation, which was celebrated on October 2. School Custodian Appreciation Day recognizes the hardworking custodians who keep our schools clean, safe, and welcoming every day. Their dedication goes far beyond just maintaining our facilities—they play a vital role in creating a positive learning environment for our students and staff. Whether it's ensuring classrooms are ready, handling unexpected challenges, or supporting the school community with a smile, our custodians are true unsung heroes. We are so grateful for all they do to keep our schools running smoothly! Thank you for your commitment and care!

Board Shows Appreciation for Board Attorney

The Board of Education shared their appreciation for the years of service by Board Attorney, Jerry Stainback. Board Chair, Randy Oxendine, shared that Mr. Stainback has been with the district for a great length of time and his service is much appreciated by many.



Superintendent's Report



Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett shared the following:

- **Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report**
- **Non-Traditional Program/School Updates:**
  - CLIMB (serves grades 3-5): enhanced academic and social-emotional support.
  - Advance Academy (serves grades 6-12): direct instruction along with credit recovery and interventions
    - Grades 6-8: full-day program
    - Grades 9-12: 4-hour shifts, 8-12, 12-4, 4-8
  - Vance Virtual Village Academy (serves grades 6-12): a virtual program for students in grades 6-12 - Asynchronous and Synchronous components with opportunities for face-to-face experiences
- **Advanced Teaching Roles:** The Advanced Teaching Roles Model was enhanced, beginning in 2024, through grant funding from The Innovation Project. The district now has:
  - 8 Math Development Specialists
  - 12 MCLs
  - 2 Expanded Impact Teachers
  - Master Teachers at schools

Board Business

Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:

Personnel

- Personnel Summary

Finance:

- Contract Approval for Edmentum - Apex Learning (2024-2026)



- Contract for AIG Support Personnel (2024-2025)
- Contract for Nearpod software platform (2024-2025)
- Contract for zSpace one-year license (2024-2025)
- Contract for HVAC Controls for New Hope Elementary
- Applications for the use of the NC Lottery funds for debt service obligations of the QZAB and QSCB loans
- Installation of the new greenhouse at VCHS

Policy Rescinded: (replaced with approved policies)

- Policy 1725/4035/7236: Title IX Sex Discrimination - Prohibited Conduct and Grievance Procedures
- Policy 1726/4036/7237: Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process
- Policy 7232: Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace

Special Policy Updates: (major changes)

- Policy 4023/7233: Pregnant and Parenting Students and Employees
- Policy 4329/7311: Bullying and Harassing Behavior Prohibited

Special Policy Updates: (minor changes)

- Policy 1300: Governing Principle - Parental Involvement
- Policy 1500: Governing Principle - Safe, Orderly, and Inviting Environment
- Policy 1600: Governing Principle - Professional Development
- Policy 1700: Governing Principle - Removal of Barriers
- Policy 1742/5060: Responding to Complaints
- Policy 1760/7280: Hearing Before the Board
- Policy 4040/7310: Staff-Student Relations
- Policy 7335: Employee Use of Social Media
- Policy 7820: Personnel Files

Policy Proposal: (under a 30-day review)

- Animals in School (3000/8000 series)

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SUMMARY

Personnel

The Board of Education approved employment recommendations for 30. We would like to formally welcome the following: Yasmin Escamilla (CFI), Courtney Somerville (Clarke), Malicia Robinson (Clarke), Naisha Wynn (Clarke), Latessa Wilkerson (EOY), Niesha Durham (EOY), Theodora Smith (LBY), Tykeria Bullock (Pinkston), Alice Clements (STEM), Maryflor Bolanos (STEM), Darrica Branch (Transportation), Francesa Cheek (Transportation), Kirby Hightower (Transportation), Jessica Austin (VCEC/VCHS), Dominique Anderson (VCHS), Bonnie Edwards (VCMS), Jacqueline Bates (VCMS), Lennis Sample (VCMS), Yoleshia Hargrove (VCMS), Brandie Smith (V3A), Clarencia Green (AA), Kayla Perry (Clarke), DeNita Marrow (Dabney), Josephine Hill (Dabney), Naujal Wilkins (EOY), Chyna Hargrove (LBY), Kimarsh Bellanfante (Pinkston), Daja Wright (STEM), Dalla Ashe (STEM) and Diego Sanchez (VCHS).

The Board accepted resignations for 9, transfer/promotions for 2, additional assignments for 2, and Contract/Part-Time Employment for 0.



Student Transfer Requests

The Vance County Board of Education approved 6 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools and 0 requests to transfer out, totaling 6 transfer requests.



Overnight / Out of State Field Trip Approvals

- Nov 9: Virginia Union University Chesterfield, VA (Advance Academy)

Board Meeting Livestream Video

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

2024 Meeting Schedule
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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