



**Duplin County Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting Agenda
March 4, 2025 - 6 p.m. - O.P. Johnson Education Building
(REVISED)**

1. **Prayer**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Duplin County Schools STEAMA Update Presentation**
6. **Consent Agenda**
Administrative/Academics
 - a. Approval of the 2025 Annual Financial Audit Contract for \$46,500 with Anderson, Smith and Wike, PLLC.
 - b. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Duplin County Schools Board of Education and James Sprunt Community College for the Educator Preparation Program.
 - c. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between North Carolina State University, on Behalf of its College of Education, and Duplin County Schools.
 - d. Approval of the contract addendum with Tar Heel Human Services-Mental Health Division, P.C. for Psychological Services.
 - e. Approval of the contact with Simplified Settings/Logan Smith Albertson to provide etiquette workshop for the Duplin Health Sciences Academy.
 - f. Approval and signing of a 5-year (3/1/2025 – 3/1/2030) lease agreement between Golden Grove Properties, LLC and Duplin County Board of Education for the Annex #2 (White House located at 314 North Main Street, Kenansville, NC) for \$2,150 per month (i.e., \$25,800 per year).
 - g. Approval to purchase one (1) Activity Bus from Carolina Thomas LLC for \$151,253 from the Capital Budget.
 - h. Approval to purchase two (2) F150 Ford Pickups from Bill Carone for \$42,398.55 each (i.e. for a total cost of \$84,797.10) for the Maintenance Department from the Capital Budget.
 - i. Approval to purchase four (4) mowers for \$73,358,.43 from Quality Equipment, LLC from Capital Outlay Funds. This is year two of the Long-Term Grass Cutting Proposal.
 - j. Approval of the following field trips:
 - i. Wallace-Rose Hill High School – NC HOSA Convention – Greensboro, NC – March 25-29, 2025
 - ii. East Duplin High School – TSA State Convention – Greensboro, NC – April 3-5, 2025
 - iii. North Duplin Elementary School – Old Baldy Lighthouse – Bald Head Island – April 17, 2025

- k. Approval of the fundraiser request for Wallace Elementary School.
- l. Approval to purchase Open Court teacher and student instructional resources for grades K-5.
- m. Approval of the E-rate purchase of Access Points, Switches, and Universal Power Supplies from ANC Group for \$647,719.39 from E-Rate Funds (85% from USAC and 15% from NCDPI).
- n. Approval of the contract with Curriculum Associates, LLC to provide Ellevation platform.
- o. Approval of the contract with Tammy Evans to provide professional development for Pre-K staff.
- p. Approval of the contract with Made Well Center for Wholeness to provide professional development for Pre-K staff.
- q. Approval to submit a Head Start Change in Scope-Enrollment Reduction Application.
- r. Approval of Head Start Monthly Program Summary and Budget Update for January 2025.
- s. Approval of regular minutes from February 4, 2025.
- t. Approval of the revised 2024-25 STEAMA Customized Calendars.
- u. Approval of the Independent Contracts with Tanya Johnson Rouse, Beverly White, Kathy Aldridge, and Laura Jones.

7. Executive Session

General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel; 143-318.11(a)(1) Prevent Disclosure of Confidential Student Information; 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege; and 143-318.11(a)(8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence.

8. Personnel

9. Superintendent's Report

10. Adjourn