

Minutes of the Vance County Board of Education Meeting
March 10, 2025

The Vance County Board of Education met in regular session on March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Service Center Boardroom. Board members present were Mrs. Dorothy W. Gooche, Chair, Mrs. Ayana F. Lewis, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Linda S. Cobb, Mrs. Gloria J. White, Mrs. Ruth M. Hartness, Dr. Omega T. Perry, Mr. Randy M. Oxendine and Mr. Jerry Stainback, School Board Attorney. Senior staff present were Dr. Cindy Bennett, Superintendent, Mrs. Aarika Sandlin, Chief Officer of Communication and Innovative Support, Ms. Chelsa Jennings, Chief Human Resources Officer, Mr. Kevin Perdue, Chief Operations, Mr. Rey Horner, Executive Director for Student Services, Jacqueline Batchelor-Crosson, Executive Director of Federal Programs & Elementary Education, Mr. John Suther, Chief Finance Officer and Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, Chief Officer of Instruction and Innovation.

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the February 10, 2025 minutes was motioned by Mrs. Hartness and seconded by Mrs. Cobb, with a unanimous (7-0) vote.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

VI. Public Comment

VIII. A. Personnel Addendum and Minutes

Recognitions/Announcements

Vance County High School Wrestler

Mr. Horner shared that LaNautica Johnson is a female wrestler and is the only athlete student in the history of VCHS to qualify and compete in the state competition. LaNautica's season record is 22 wins and 8 losses. Her coaches are Mr. Charlie Carroll and Mr. Quintin Talley.

Arts in Our Schools Month

Gov. Josh Stein signed a proclamation on Friday deeming March as Arts in Our Schools Month. "The arts are everywhere in our lives, adding depth and dimension to the environment we live in and shaping our experience daily," states the proclamation. Mr. Markoch shared the importance of arts in our schools.

Whereas, March has been designated by the National Dance Education Organization as "Dance in Our Schools Month," by the National Association for Music Education as "Music in our Schools Month," by the National Theatre Association as "Theatre in Our Schools Month,"; and by the Council for Art Education as "Youth Art Month," and

Whereas, Arts Education in North Carolina schools includes four separate and distinct disciplines: dance, music, theatre arts, and visual arts - each with its own body of knowledge and skills; and

Whereas, the arts have enriched our lives throughout human history: describing, defining, and deepening the human experience; and

Whereas, the arts are everywhere in our lives, adding depth and dimension to the environment we live in and shaping our experience daily; and

Whereas, all students participating in Arts Education courses benefit from the skills and processes developed through the arts and apply those skills in a variety of disciplines and settings no matter their career path; and

Whereas, Arts Education leads to heightened skills in listening, understanding human experiences, creative problem solving, adapting to and respecting others' ways of thinking, communicating effectively, analyzing nonverbal communication, reading, self-expression, imagination, and creativity; and

Whereas, Arts Education ignites and engages learners, enhances social and emotional awareness, develops self-confidence, boosts self-reliance, and increase sympathy and compassion; and

Whereas, Arts Education is recognized by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as part of a well-rounded education;
Now, Therefore, I, Josh Stein, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as "**Arts in Our Schools Month**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

Read Across America

Read Across America Week is celebrated from March 2 to 6 and it begins on the birthday of the beloved author, Dr. Seuss. The entire month of March, in fact, is dedicated to reading. The National Education Association (N.E.A.) aims to encourage reading and educate people about its benefits, especially among children and young adults. District staff participated by reading “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” to different kindergarten classes on March 5. On March 20, the district held a Read Across Vance Family event at Vance County Middle.

Maintenance Worker Appreciation

From ground inspections and repairs to safety compliance and ensuring your building is up to code, maintenance workers are the unsung heroes in our workforce. Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day is March 7th. The Board and Mr. Perdue thanked district maintenance workers Chris Pulley, Jesse Zackery, Guy McFadden, Joe Norwood and Marshall Burwell for their hard work. Your Voice, Our Story video of Mr. Zackery shared why he loves working at VCS.

Eggs and Issues Forum

Dr. Ross-Putney shared that the NC Public School Forum hosted the Eggs and Issues Forum in January and Dr. Wilkins was chosen to participate on the panel to represent Vance County Schools. The forum brings educators and community members together with policy makers to voice the needs of public schools. Dr. Wilkins spoke about the importance of public education, teacher recruitment and retention, school funding and innovative strategies to support student learning. Some other important topics discussed were equity educational funding and how voucher funding impacts public schools.

School Social Workers Week

School Social Work Week is March 2-8, 2025 and this year’s theme, “Unite to Ignite: Celebrating our Impact,” highlights the vital role school social workers play in fostering connections, advocating for equity, and driving social and emotional growth. District social workers aid at the Vance Cares Center, located at Vance County Middle School and any student can access the center. Vance Cares offers free clothing, school supplies and home goods. There were 102 visits from January through February.

Public Comments

Three NCAE representatives provided comments requesting the Board to consider doubling the certified staff local supplement to \$5,000 and a 10% raise for all educational support personnel.

Superintendent’s Report

The Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report was shared for information only.

Arts Alive Updates

Vance County Public School Foundation and Vance County Schools presents Arts Alive on April 26, 2025 at McGregor Hall. The Art Gallery opens at 3:00, the Heart of the Art starts at 3:30, and the Talent Showcase starts at 5:00. There will be 100 students performing and the event is free to the public.

Grant Updates

Dr. Bennett shared several grant updates with the Board.

1. CDC Healthy Schools Grant – Mrs. McKoon and Mr. Horner are working to enhance and create a healthy school environment.
2. Garden Grant – Dabney, EM Rollins, EO Young and Zeb Vance have raised bed gardens with the effort and support from community members, POE Arts Center, Idaho Timber, Boys Scouts, NCDPI and Cooperative Extension. The district will receive donations of funds, lumber, training, and support this year.
3. Healthy Generations Grant – provide the funding for the sheds and storage.

4. Vance Cares Center – Triangle North is providing funding to the center with recurring donations from Variety Wholesalers, Maria Parham Hospital, and Walmart. Cameras are being installed in the center.
5. Diaper Bank of NC Grant – The district has the capacity to give up to fifty diapers per child per month that can include bottles, wipes, formula and adult items.
6. Thrive Grant – Provides school calming corners/spaces, professional development around calming spaces, asthma and may be funding for a child psychologist.
7. Community School Grant – Clarke, VCHS and local food banks are partners providing parenting support.
8. NC Path Grant – Partnership with Duke University where a team of child psychologists work virtually with students who have behavior challenges and it’s no cost to the district or families.
9. Food Bank of NC – Selected the district as a site to provide summer meals to our students. The YMCA and STEM also has been selected as a site.
10. Golden Leaf Grant – The district has applied for the Math Middle School grant and waiting on the status.

Board of Education Standing Committees

Personnel

Mr. Oxendine shared information from the March 4, 2025 meeting.

I. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
EO Young	Barbara Baker	W/F	Teacher Assistant	01/11/25
Transportation	Denise Burwell	B/F	Bus Driver/Monitor	02/17/25
Transportation	Jordan Hicks	B/M	Bus Monitor	02/24/25
Transportation	Tarsha Terry	B/F	Bus Monitor	02/12/25
VCEC	Darrick Terry	B/M	Student Success Facilitator	02/18/25
VCHS	Felicia Henderson	B/F	Receptionist	02/17/25
VCHS	Robert Wunderlich	W/M	Teacher	02/17/25
ASC	Latesha Powells	B/F	Administrative Assistant	03/05/25
EO Young	Kanisha Burwell	B/F	Teacher Assistant	03/17/25
VCMS	Jalen Baskerville	B/M	Teacher	03/10/25
Zeb Vance	Latoya Terry	B/F	Teacher Assistant	03/06/25

II. RETIREMENT(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
ASC	Beth Hayes	W/F	Budget Analyst	02/28/25

III. RESIGNATION(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	REASON	EFFECTIVE DATE
Advance Academy	Clarencia Green	B/F	Assistant Principal	To teach in NC Charter School	03/21/25
Dabney	Josephine Hill	W/F	Custodian	Other	02/17/25
EM Rollins	Jacqueline Howard	B/F	Teacher	Health or Disability	02/06/25

IV. LEAVE(S) – For Information Only

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	LEAVE TYPE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Carver	Donna Williams	B/F	FMLA	Custodian	01/17/25-06/30/25
EO Young	Hailey Ford	W/F	FMLA	Teacher	01/28/25-04/30/25
Maintenance	Wayne Cozart	B/M	FMLA	Groundskeeper	02/06/25-04/16/25
Pinkston	Tykeria Bullock	B/F	Medical	Teacher Assistant	01/15/25-01/29/25
VCHS	Thomas Oothoudt	B/M	FMLA	Teacher	01/27/25-02/20/25
VCMS	Shelby Henderson	B/F	FMLA	Custodian	02/13/25-03/06/25
Zeb Vance	Glenna Forbes	B/F	FMLA	Teacher	01/27/25-02/09/25

The district has 32 projected vacancies and the ESS substitute fill rate is 96%. The department has four job fairs scheduled in March.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Hartness, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the personnel summary and addendum.

Finance

Mrs. White shared information from the February 27, 2025 meeting. The total appropriation for amendment #2 is \$91,646,451 showing an increase due to the state converting to the Funding in Arrears Model. The majority of the funds allocated by the Board are for instructional purposes. The majority of the funds are used for Salaries and Benefits which accounts to 72% of the district’s budget. The current retirement rate is 24.04% and hospitalization rate per-person is \$8,095 for this fiscal year.

Vance County Schools									
Amendment #1 Budget Resolution - Fiscal Year 2024-2025									
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Vance County Public Schools:									
		INITIAL BUDGET		Amendment Thru 2.21.25	Amendments Thru	Amendments Thru	Final Amendment	Final Budget	
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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:									
State Fund Expenditures									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	49,783,574	86.7%	(615,898)				49,167,676	86.4%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	7,644,717	13.3%	98,275				7,742,992	13.6%
7000	Ancillary Services	6,438	0.0%					6,438	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges		0.0%					0	0.0%
	Total State Funds Appropriation	57,434,729	100.0%	(517,623)	0	0	0	56,917,106	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:									
State Revenues:									
3100	State Public School Fund	56,516,621	98.4%	1,135,255				57,651,876	99.5%
3100-12	Driver Training	143,282	0.2%					143,282	0.2%
3100-15	School Technology Fund	121,948	0.2%					121,948	0.2%
3100-CRF	COVID Relief FUNDS (ALL CRF PRCs)		0.0%					0	0.0%
3200	State Textbook Fund	652,878	1.1%	(652,878)				0	0.0%
Fund 1	Total State Public School Fund Revenue	57,434,729	100.0%	482,377	0	0	0	57,917,106	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:									
Local Current Expense Funds:									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	2,150,992	22.3%					2,150,992	22.3%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	4,995,117	51.8%					4,995,117	51.8%
7000	Ancillary Services		0.0%					0	0.0%

8000	Non-Programmed Charges	2,499,756	25.9%					2,499,756	25.9%
	Total Current Expense Appropriation	9,645,865	100.0%	0	0	0	0	9,645,865	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Local Revenues:									
	County Appropriation - VCS	9,245,865	95.9%					9,245,865	95.9%
	Fines & Forfeitures & Misc. Rev	400,000	4.1%					400,000	4.1%
	Fund Balance Appropriated		0.0%					0	0.0%
Fund 2	Total Local Current Expense Revenues:	9,645,865	100.0%	0	0	0	0	9,645,865	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Federal Funds Expenditures									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	6,505,634	72.3%	283,690				6,789,324	75.0%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	2,236,287	24.9%	(232,993)				2,003,294	22.1%
7000	Ancillary Services	19,237	0.2%					19,237	0.2%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	235,439	2.6%	5,644				241,083	2.7%
	Total Federal Grants Fund Appropriation	8,996,597	100.0%	56,341	0	0	0	9,052,938	100.0%

Section 6: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Federal Grants Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Federal Grant Funds Revenue									
17	Career Technical Education - Prog Improv.	163,879	1.8%	15,071				178,950	2.0%
49	IDEA Title VI-B Preschool Handicapped	113,988	1.3%	(30,029)				83,959	0.9%
50	ESEA Title I - Basic Program	3,553,502	39.5%					3,553,502	39.3%
51	ESEA Title I - Migrant Education	56,606	0.6%	776				57,382	0.6%
53	School Nutrition Equipment Grants		0.0%					0	0.0%
60	IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped	1,347,000	15.0%					1,347,000	14.9%
70	IDEA Title VI-B Early Intervening Services	328,003	3.6%					328,003	3.6%
82	IDEA Title VI-B State Improvement Grant		0.0%	391				391	0.0%
103	Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	484,917	5.4%					484,917	5.4%
104/111	Title III - Language Acquisition/Sig Inc	145,024	1.6%	2,134				147,158	1.6%
105	ESEA Title I - School Improvement	281,862	3.1%					281,862	3.1%
108	ESEA Title IV - Student Support	253,666	2.8%	1,205				254,871	2.8%
109	Rural & Low-Income Schools	245,438	2.7%	53,789				299,227	3.3%

110	21st Century Grant		0.0%					0	0.0%
115	ESEA Title I - Targeted Support	36,126	0.4%					36,126	0.4%
118/119	IDEA Title VI-B - Special Needs Targeted	6,591	0.1%	13,004				19,595	0.2%
145	Stronger Connections	657,149	7.3%					657,149	7.3%
163	ESSER 1.0 - Primary Funding		0.0%					0	0.0%
165-170	ESSER 1.0 - Supplement Grants		0.0%					0	0.0%
171	ESSER 2.0 - Primary Funding		0.0%					0	0.0%
172-180	ESSER 2.0 - Supplemental Grants		0.0%					0	0.0%
181	ESSER 3.0 - Primary Funding	1,158,698	12.9%					1,158,698	12.8%
184-206	ESSER 3.0 - Supplemental Grants	164,148	1.8%					164,148	
Fund 3	Total Federal Grants Funds Revenues	8,996,597	100.0%	56,341	0	0	0	9,052,938	100.0%

Section 7: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the **Child Nutrition Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Child Nutrition Fund Expenses									
7200	Nutrition Services	5,119,332						5,119,332	
	Total Child Nutrition Fund Appropriation	5,119,332	100.0%	0	0	0	0	5,119,332	100.0%

Section 8: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Child Nutrition Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Child Nutrition Revenues									
	State Funds	0	0.0%					0	0.0%
	Local Funds	799,370	15.4%					799,370	15.4%
	Federal Funds	4,399,962	84.6%					4,399,962	84.6%
	Fund Balance Appropriated	0	0.0%					0	0.0%
Fund 5	Total Child Nutrition Fund Revenue	5,199,332	100.0%	0	0	0	0	5,199,332	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Other Restricted Expenses									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	3,883,841	68.6%	(78,673)				3,805,168	68.2%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	870,903	15.4%	(1,006)				869,897	15.6%
7000	Ancillary Services	0	0.0%					0	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	906,514	16.0%					906,514	16.2%
	Total Other Restricted Fund Appropriation	5,661,258	100.0%	(79,679)	0	0	0	5,581,579	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Other Restricted Revenues									
4110	Local Revenue -Restricted by County	878,188	15.5%					878,188	15.7%
3200	Other State Revenue	24,626	0.4%					24,626	0.4%
37xx/38xx	Other Federal Revenues (E-Rate, Medicaid, ROTC, misc.)		0.0%					0	0.0%
4210	Tuition & Fees	143,272	2.5%					143,272	2.6%
44xx/4910	Contributions/Misc. Revenues	4,287,331	75.7%	(169,475)				4,117,856	73.8%
4880	Indirect Cost Revenue		0.0%					0	0.0%
4890	Grant Revenues	327,841	5.8%	89,796				417,637	7.5%
	Fund Balances Appropriated		0.0%					0	0.0%
Fund 8	Total Other Restricted Fund Revenues	5,661,258	100.0%	(79,679)	0	0	0	5,581,579	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Capital Outlay Expenses									
<u>Category I (Land & Buildings)</u>									
	General Supplies & Materials	139,226						139,226	
	General Contracts	154,437						154,437	
	HVAC/Boilers							0	
	Electrical							0	
	Plumbing/Sewer							0	
	Architects Fees							0	
	Carpentry/Roofing	810,541						810,541	
	Other/General Maintenance	151,572						151,572	
	Improvements to Sites & Paving	150,000						150,000	
	Contingency/Unbudgeted							0	
	Total Category I Projects	1,405,776	73.1%	0	0	0	0	1,405,776	73.1%
<u>Category II (Furniture & Equipment)</u>									
	Technology Upgrades - Computer Devices	431,493						431,493	
	General Furniture & Equipment							0	
	Reserve - Not Designated							0	
	Total Category II Projects	431,493	22.4%	0	0	0	0	431,493	22.4%
<u>Category III (Motor Vehicles)</u>									
	Activity Bus Replacement							0	
	Yellow Bus Replacement (State)							0	
	Maintenance Vehicles	85,000						85,000	
	Reserve - Not Designated							0	
	Total Category III Projects	85,000	4.4%	0	0	0	0	85,000	4.4%
	Total Capital Fund Appropriation	1,922,269	100.0%	0	0	0	0	1,922,269	100.0%

Section 12: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:									
Capital Outlay Revenues									
	County Appropriation	750,000	39.0%					750,000	39.0%
	County Funding - CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Carryover		0.0%					0	0.0%
	State Funds (School Bus Purchases)		0.0%					0	0.0%
	Other Financing Sources		0.0%					0	0.0%
	Fund Balance Appropriated (PY Bal fund 4)	1,172,269	61.0%					1,172,269	61.0%
Fund 4	Total Capital Outlay Revenues	1,922,269	100.0%	0	0	0	0	1,922,269	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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.									
Fund 1	State Public School Fund	57,434,729	64.6%	482,377	0	0	0	57,917,106	64.8%
Fund 2	Local Current Expense Fund	9,645,865	10.9%	0	0	0	0	9,645,865	10.8%
Fund 3	Federal Grants Fund	8,996,597	10.1%	56,341	0	0	0	9,052,938	10.1%
Fund 4	Capital Outlay Fund	1,922,269	2.2%	0	0	0	0	1,922,269	2.2%
Fund 5	Child Nutrition Fund	5,199,332	5.9%	0	0	0	0	5,199,332	5.8%
Fund 8	Other Restricted Fund	5,661,258	6.4%	(79,679)	0	0	0	5,581,579	6.2%
	Total Appropriation for Vance County Schools	88,860,050	100.0%	459,039	0	0	0	89,319,089	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 10th day of March, 2025									

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Dr. Perry, the Board unanimously (7-0) accepted Amendment #1 of the Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Hartness shared information from the February 27, 2025 meeting. An additional contractor is working on the Carver restrooms estimate and a meeting is scheduled with the County to discuss available capital funds. The next summer projects will be at EM Rollins and Pinkston for roof replacement and painting. Transportation is fully staff and working on the substitute list. Drivers were honored with sweet treats on February 14 for bus driver appreciation week. The department is working on getting permits from the City and County for the Tiny House. Work orders completed this month were 1,764.

Policy

Mr. Horner shared information from the February 27, 2025 meeting. The annual review of the policy 6000 series had no changes. Continuation of the North Carolina School Board Association Fall 2024 Custom Policy updates were recommended with policy 5150 held for a 30-day review.

Substantive Updates

3460	Graduation Requirements
4320	Tobacco Products- Students
4329/7311	Bullying and Harassing Behavior Prohibited
4334/5035/7345	Use of Unmanned Aircraft
5022	Registered Sex Offenders
5026/7250	Smoking and Tobacco Products
5150	Reporting to External Agencies
6120	Student Health Services
6140	Student Wellness
8305	Federal Grant Administration
9125	Participation by Minority Business

Minor Updates

3620	Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations (legal references)
4040/7310	Staff-Student Relations (legal references)
4120	Domicile or Residence Requirements (legal references)
6200	Goals of School Nutrition Services (legal references)
6430	Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies
7130	Licensure (legal references)
7650	Employee Travel and other Expenses Reimbursement (legal references)
9110	Use and Selection of Architects, engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers at Risk (legal references)

Upon motion by Mrs. Cobb and seconded by Mr. Oxendine, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the Fall 2024 Custom Policy updates.

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mr. Oxendine, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved to post policy 5150 for a 30-day review.

Curriculum

Mrs. Lewis shared information from the February 27, 2025 meeting. A total of 60 staff members earned professional development CEUs in the month of February totaling 190.8 contact hours. The new components in the 2025-2026 Secondary Course Planning Guide includes the career development plans for 8th and 10th graders, early graduation selection, the new art standards and endorsements, and the computer science requirement. Eleven senior

occupational course of study students are working at ACTS, Cotton Memorial Church and Aycock Recreation Center. Each student is required to have a total of 600 work hours and those who need hours will have opportunities to participate in by repairing devices and helping with summer meal distribution. The innovative schools' application has received 141 for STEM, 113 for VCEC, 14 for Advance Academy, 13 for EM Rollins, and 27 for Vance Virtual Village Academy. All status notifications were sent out on March 7, 2025. The proposed summer program plan is designed for students who are non-proficient on the EOG or EOC. Students within eight scale score points of proficiency will be invited for remediation, which is voluntary and requires parent approval.

	Early Start Calendar	Traditional & Year Round
Program Dates:	May 22-28, 2025	June 6-10, 2025
Program Location(s):	Vance County Early College, Vance County High School	Each individual School
Program Times:	8:00 am - 3:20 pm	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Remediation Date(s):	May 22-23, 2025	June 6, 2025
Readministration Dates:	May 27-28, 2025	June 9-10, 2025
Assessment format	Online	Online

Upon motion by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the 2024-2025 Summer Program Plan.

Community & Business Relations

Mrs. Sandlin shared information from the February 27, 2025 meeting. The insights and analytics 28-day report showed that the top visited sites on the district website are Menus, staff logins, and calendars. The district had 516,341 views from Facebook and 20,000 from the website. The Arts Alive billboard is up and below are upcoming events.

- March 13 – NC Symphony at McGregor Hall
- March 20 – Read Across Vance Family Event
- April 3 – Student Spotlight Experience Raleigh
- April 26 – Arts Alive
- May 3 – Vance Cares Family Festival
- May 13 – District-Wide Field Day

- March 18- District AIG Parent Night
- March 25 – District-Wide Beta Club Induction
- April 25 – Women’s Empowerment Event & Artsapalooza
- April 30 – Leadership Vance Education Day
- May 12 – Student Spotlight Soiree & Recognition

New Business – None

Field Trip Request

The district is sponsoring the SAVE Promise Club to attend the National Youth Summit in Philadelphia on April 25-26, 2025. Students will meet members from across the country and engage in learning how to empower their local clubs.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Hartness, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved field trip request for the National SAVE Promise Club to travel to Philadelphia PA on April 25-26, 2025.

Transfer Requests

Dr. Bennett presented six student requests to transfer into the district.

Upon motion by Mrs. Hartness and seconded by Mr. Oxendine, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved the six transfer requests.

Executive Session

Upon motion by Mrs. Gooche 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 7:06pm.

The Board returned to the open session at 7:43 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Hartness, the Board unanimously (7-0) approved March 21, 2025 to be a regular school day for Dabney Elementary School only.

Being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Hartness, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR, DOROTHY W. GOOCHE

SECRETARY, CINDY W. BENNETT