



**Duplin County Board of Education  
Regular Business Meeting Agenda  
May 6, 2025 at 6 p.m.  
O.P. Johnson Education Building**

**1. Prayer**

**2. Call to Order**

**3. Public Comment**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**5. Special Recognitions**

**6. Consent Agenda**

**Administrative/Academics**

- a. Approval of the 2025-26 Local Budget Request.
- b. Approval of the 2025-26 Memorandum of Understanding between the Duplin County Board of Education and James Sprunt Community College concerning Career and College Promise and Duplin Early College High School.
- c. Approval of the 2024-25 School Year Re-Administration Program.
- d. Approval of the revised 2024-25 Pre-K – 12 STEAMA Customized Calendar and 2024-25 DECHS STEAMA Customized Calendar (Inclusion of one additional high school exam day to align with the School Year Re-Administration Program).
- e. Approval to nominate Kevin Smith to serve as a Duplin Economic Development Commission member for an additional three-year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.
- f. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Duplin County Schools and MATCH Wellness, Inc. for the 2025-26 school year.
- g. Approval of the Contract with Cheryl Fuller to provide a workshop for the Duplin Health Sciences Academy.
- h. Approval of the Local AIG Plan (2025-2028).
- i. Approval of the following field trips:
  - i. National Elementary BETA Convention – Orlando, FL – June 27-29, 2025 – North Duplin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary and Wallace Elementary
  - ii. National Junior BETA Convention – Orlando, FL – June 29 – July 3, 2025 – B.F. Grady Elementary, North Duplin Jr./Sr. High School, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Warsaw Elementary
  - iii. James Kenan/East Duplin/Wallace-Rose Hill High Schools – Army JCLC Summer Camp – Ft. Jackson, SC – June 14-19, 2025

- iv. East Duplin High School – NC State FFA Convention – Raleigh, NC – June 24 - 26, 2025
- v. Duplin Early College High School – National BETA Convention – Orlando, FL – June 22 - 25, 2025
- vi. East Duplin High School – STEAMA Club Carowinds – Charlotte, NC – May 9, 2025
- j. Approval to purchase a Paxton Patterson Lab for \$56,933.50 for Wallace Elementary School.
- k. Approval of the CTE Local Application for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for federal and state CTE funding.
- l. Approval of the renewal of the Microsoft Agreement with Softchoice for \$77,958.36.
- m. Approval to accept a donation to Wallace Elementary School of three (3) used copiers (valued at \$2,500 each) from GAF Materials, LLC.
- n. Approval of the following contracts to meet IEP services for the 2025-26 school year:
  - i. John E. Sexton & Associates, Inc. (max. value \$35,000)
  - ii. Invision Services, Inc. – Teacher of Visually Impaired (max. value \$49,100)
  - iii. Invision Services, Inc. – Orientation & Mobility Specialist (max. value \$23,600)
  - iv. Bayada Home Health Care for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year (max. value \$3,000)
- o. Approval of the lawn maintenance service agreement between J.R. Landscaping and Pressure Washing and Duplin County Schools for lawn service at Wallace Elementary School for nine months beginning May 2025 through June 2026 for \$18,642.87 to be paid in nine monthly installments of \$2,071.43.
- p. Approval of Head Start Monthly Program Summary and Budget Update for March 2025.
- q. Approval of regular minutes from April 1, 2025.
- r. Approval to purchase outdoor security screening booths from Kyle Contracting, INC. using School Safety Grant funds, not to exceed \$99,400.00.
- s. Approval to purchase replacement seat belts for Head Start buses from White’s International Trucks for \$62,675.25.

**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. Board Information**

- a. Approved Doctoral Research Project: “Investigating Teacher Efficacy and Teacher Attitudes Toward STEM in North Carolina Sciences and Mathematics Classrooms,” by Kelly Ruff, Gardner-Webb University
- b. Donations:
  - i. Gotcha Signs donated \$50 to Wallace Elementary for Teacher Appreciation.
  - ii. Mr. and Mrs. Westerbeek donated \$300 to Wallace-Rose Hill High School to support field trip costs to the NC Aquarium.
  - iii. The Duplin County Farm Bureau donated \$1,000 to Wallace-Rose Hill High School to support FFA member travel fees and event registrations.
  - iv. The GYT The Prayer Center donated snacks and coffee (valued at approximately \$250) to Wallace Elementary School.
  - v. The following donations were received to support the Women in Ag Workshop held on March 20, 2025: Lunch from Smithfield Foods; lunch and juice from Southern Bank; \$200 from Future Food Innovators Foundation; \$100 from Duplin County Farm Bureau; water and juice from Duplin County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; water and volunteered time from The Friend’chips Club; and prizes, water and volunteered time from Stanford-Duplin Extension & Community Association

**11. Adjourn**