

**WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**May Personnel Report  
Board Meeting – May 12, 2025**

**Resignations**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Hally Chirinos	County-Wide	Spanish Interpreter/Translator	Employment w/ ASU (5/30/25)
Victoria Combs	Bethel	Teacher Assistant & Bus Driver	Resignation (5/8/25)
Carol Critcher	Blowing Rock	Media Specialist	Retirement (6/30/25)
Karen da Silva Hernandez	Hardin Park	Family Resource Coordinator	Resignation (4/28/25)
Lindsay Evans	Parkway	Exceptional Children's Teacher	Continue Education (6/30/25)
Leslie Hall	Cove Creek	Grade 3 Teacher	Resignation (6/30/2025)
Katie Hancock	Parkway	Middle School Teacher	Resignation (6/30/25)
Amy Jahns	WHS	Cafeteria Employee	Relocation (5/9/25)
Megan Kilby	Hardin Park	Speech-Language Pathologist	Resignation (6/12/2025)
Jackie McGowen	WHS	Custodian	Resignation in Lieu of Dismissal (5/6/25)
Seth "TS" Noble	County-Wide	Middle School Soccer Coach	Relocation (4/11/25)
Skylar O'Neal	Cove Creek	Middle Grades Teacher	Resignation (6/30/25)
Paulina Pastor Hernandez	Hardin Park	Custodian	Resignation (5/15/25)
Debbie Ray	County-Wide	Custodian & Bus Driver	Resignation in Lieu of Dismissal (4/16/25)
Lindsey Smith	Hardin Park	Bookkeeper	Other Employment (5/30/25)
Jonathan Watson	WHS	Math Teacher	Resignation
Alesia Wood	Central Office	Bookkeeper for Child Nutrition	Retirement (6/30/25)

**Administrative Personnel**

**Renewal of Administrator Contracts**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Contract Length</u>
Travis Gillespie	Hardin Park	Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Meredith Jones	Central Office	Director of Middle Grades Education	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Bailey Little	Central Office	Director of Communications	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Daniel Machon	WHS	Assistant Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Gordon Prince	Green Valley	Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Elin Reuben	Mabel	Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Dr. Bonnie Smith	Valle Crucis	Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Scott Strickler	WHS	Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Janet Tanner	Central Office	Transportation Manager	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Ricky Ward	Bethel	Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)
Ashley Winkler	WHS	Assistant Principal	Four Years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)

## Certified Personnel

### New Employment

#### **Jordan Kelley**

#### **Mabel**

#### **Exceptional Children's Teacher**

Ms. Kelley earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Appalachian State University in December 2023. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Special Education at Appalachian State University. Jordan also obtained Youth Mental Health First-Aider Certification in February 2024 and holds a valid Crisis Prevention Institute certification. Ms. Kelley has been employed as an Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant at Green Valley Elementary School since December 2023. Jordan will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 88091 – Exceptional Children: General Curriculum.

#### **Audrey Lipschutz**

#### **WHS**

#### **Mental Health Specialist**

Ms. Lipschutz earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Appalachian State University in December 2018. She completed the requirements for a Master's degree in Social Work from Appalachian State University in May 2021. Audrey was a Clinical Counselor on the Crisis Triage Team with Appalachian Regional Healthcare System from December 2021 until September 2023. Ms. Lipschutz worked as a Post-Master's Fellow with Counseling and Psychological Services at Appalachian State University from September 2023 until July 2024. She has been employed as an Outpatient Therapist with Boone Family Therapy since August 2024. Audrey is licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in North Carolina.

#### **Rachel Wood**

#### **WHS**

#### **School Counselor**

Ms. Wood earned a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education from Appalachian State University in 2004. She completed the requirements for a Master's degree in School Counseling from Appalachian State University in 2012. Rachel was a Middle Grades Teacher with Union County Schools during the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Wood has been employed as a School Counselor with Two Rivers Community School Since August 2012. She holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the following areas: 00005 – School Counselor, 78180 – Middle Grades Language Arts (grades 6-9) and 78400 – Middle Grades Social Studies (grades 6-9).

### Re-Employment of Reduction in Force (RIF) Personnel

Laura Carson	WHS	Career Development Coordinator
Annette Glover	WHS	Social Studies Teacher
Elisa Lovejoy	WHS	Technology & Computer Science Teacher
Jamie Oxentine	Bethel	Kindergarten Teacher
Jenny Phillips	Blowing Rock & Hardin Park	Middle Grades CTE Teacher

### Re-Employment: Contract Teachers – One (1) Year Contracts

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Nicole Adam	Cove Creek	Middle Grades Teacher
Celia Agee	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Tracy Baker	Hardin Park	EC Pre-K Teacher
Cheyenne Bannister	Bethel	Middle Grades Teacher
Toni Berke	Green Valley	Math Specialist
Laurie Blalock	Valle Crucis	Media Specialist
Jackie Blow	WHS	Science Teacher
Sara Boyce	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Caleb Brannock	Valle Crucis	Physical Education Teacher
Samuel Brown	WHS	Art Teacher
Katie Bruce	Cove Creek & Mabel	Middle Grades CTE Teacher
Sonya Burchell	Parkway	Middle Grades Teacher

Jonathan "JC" Byland	WHS	Social Studies Teacher
Jesse Carswell Krista Cohen Bailey Cook	WHS Hardin Park Parkway	Alternative Learning Program Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Elementary Teacher
Andrea Decker Theresa Dennis Braley Dula Jonathan "Jack" Dunphey	WHS Hardin Park Green Valley Cove Creek	English Teacher Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher
Chaselyn Ellis Olivia Emmert	WHS Bethel	Science Teacher Elementary Teacher
Agnes-Marie Fox Moriah Franklin Jennifer Franklin-Hurst Whitni Freeman	Bethel Cove Creek & Green Valley WHS WHS	Speech-Language Pathologist Music Teacher Science Teacher Science Teacher
Douglas Glasgow Emma Kate Greene	Hardin Park Valle Crucis	Music Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher
Kane Hall Rockelle Hancock Blakeley Hansen Tanner Hayes Phillip Hicks Emily Hurd	WHS Hardin Park Cove Creek WHS WHS Hardin Park	CTE Teacher Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher Spanish Teacher Math & Science Teacher Elementary Teacher
Carrie Ingram William "Bill" Ireland	Blowing Rock WHS	Elementary Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher
Tyler Justo	Blowing Rock	Middle Grades Teacher
Frankie Lancaster Sadie LaPointe Kathleen Larsen Sheryl Lathrop Katherine Lentz-Martin Hester Claire Linville Derek Lisowski Marc Lumley Brian Lynch Terry Lyon	WHS Green Valley Hardin Park Green Valley Hardin Park Hardin Park WHS Bethel & Valle Crucis Mabel Bethel & Valle Crucis	Music Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Elementary Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Elementary Teacher JROTC Instructor Band & Orchestra Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Music Teacher
Michael Maylum Grace McClure Courtney McWhorter Alexandra "Alex" Miller Larry Mosley	WHS Hardin Park Blowing Rock & Cove Creek Green Valley Mabel	JROTC Instructor Elementary Teacher Art Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Middle Grades Teacher
Richard "Ren" Nolte Brittany Norris Karen Norris	Bethel & Cove Creek Blowing Rock County-Wide	Exceptional Children's Teacher Elementary Teacher GEAR UP Coordinator
Maria Osborne	Hardin Park	School Social Worker
Victoria Parsons Hope Pegnotta Frances "Lainee" Pittman	Green Valley WHS Parkway	Elementary Teacher Science Teacher Elementary Teacher

Jennifer Privette	Cove Creek	Middle Grades Teacher
Rachel Rector	Valle Crucis	School Psychologist
Tiffany Reece	Green Valley	Elementary Teacher
Olivia Reeves	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Shawn Roberts	Green Valley & Parkway	Band & Orchestra Teacher
Beaver Robinette	Mabel	40% Music Teacher
Elizabeth Rodden	Bethel	Pre-K Teacher
Emily Scheuerman	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Lauren Shaw	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Katrina Shook	Green Valley & Parkway	Middle Grades CTE Teacher
Amanda Stamper	WHS	CTE Teacher
Daniel Stark	WHS	CTE Teacher
Nora Sweeney	WHS	CTE Teacher
Deanna Taylor	Green Valley	Elementary Teacher
Maryam Thorpe	WHS	Spanish Teacher
Elizabeth "Ellie" Valois	Mabel	Elementary Teacher
Samuel Vining	WHS	Social Studies Teacher
Stacie Webb	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Cassie Wilhelm	Mabel	Speech-Language Pathologist
Sarah Wilson	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
James "Austin" Wright	Hardin Park	Physical Education Teacher
Jessica Wyatt	Green Valley	Middle Grades Teacher
Kathryn Yanacek	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher

#### **Re-Employment: Contract Teachers – Four (4) Year Contracts**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Current Assignment</u></b>
Jenney Aiken	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Jenny Bachman	Hardin Park	EC Pre-K Teacher
Haylee Bare	WHS	CTE Teacher
Brittany Bolick	Blowing Rock	Physical Education Teacher
Aleena Boone	Cove Creek	Speech-Language Pathologist
Angela Brock	Central Office	EC Program Specialist
Lisa Bryant	Cove Creek	Middle Grades Teacher
Alice Campbell	Parkway	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Calvin Cole	Cove Creek	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Greg Dobbins	County-Wide	Behavior Specialist
Jenna Doll	Cove Creek	School Counselor
Michelle Eggers	Valle Crucis	Speech-Language Pathologist
Caitlin Ellis	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Hunter Fox	Parkway	Speech-Language Pathologist
McKenzie Fox	Green Valley	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Elizabeth "Liz" Gillette	Bethel, Blowing Rock, & Mabel	School Psychologist
Mary Greene	Parkway	Middle Grades Teacher
Sarah Jane Harrill	Cove Creek	Elementary Teacher

Miranda Higginbotham	Parkway	Music Teacher
Melanie Hollis	Mabel	School Counselor & CDC
McKenzie Huffman	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Richard "Allen" Ingram	Valle Crucis	Middle Grades Teacher
Susan Irving	WHS	CTE Teacher
Lindsay Jackson	Parkway	Reading Specialist
Annie Johnson	Mabel	Elementary Teacher
Lauren Johnson	Green Valley	Reading Specialist
Renee Kapp	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Alexandra Keehn	Parkway	Middle Grades Teacher
Jennifer Larson	Cove Creek	Elementary Teacher
Nicholas Lavender	WHS	CTE Teacher
Cindy Lentz	WHS	CIMC
Elle Lowry	WHS	Art Teacher
John "Randall" Mace	WHS	CTE Teacher
Heather Miller	WHS	CTE Teacher
Maura Miller	Bethel	Elementary Teacher
Morgan Miller	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Erik Mortensen	WHS	CTE Teacher
Hope Mough	Bethel	Physical Education Teacher
Angey Nicol	Valle Crucis	Elementary Teacher
Stephanie Ogle	WHS	CTE Teacher
Sierra Owen	Green Valley	Elementary Teacher
Michala Penninger	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Jason Phelps	WHS	Health & Physical Education Teacher
Misty Prichard	Green Valley	Pre-K Teacher
Annemarie Rajkowski	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Jean Ross	WHS	Distance Learning Coordinator
Kelly Rush	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Madison Smith	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Audie Soucie	Hardin Park	Physical Education Teacher
Katy Stough	Blowing Rock	School Counselor
Chis Tarnowski	WHS	English Teacher
Olivia Tarnowski	WHS	CTE Teacher
Ashley Tate	Green Valley & Mabel	Art Teacher
Shane Terzaken	Green Valley	AIG Specialist
Sarah Tunstill	WHS	CTE Teacher
Melody Watts	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Genal West	WHS	Art Teacher
Pamela West	Bethel	Elementary Teacher
Emily Williams	Valle Crucis	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Andrew Wilson	WHS	Math Teacher
Savannah Wilson	WHS	Spanish Teacher
Taryn Wooten	WHS	Band Teacher
Kevin Yandle	WHS	Health & Physical Education Teacher

## Transfer of Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year</u>
Jennifer Brown	Intervention Specialist at Hardin Park	Grade 4 Teacher at Blowing Rock
Shelley Dewey	EC Teacher at Blowing Rock	EC Teacher at Blowing Rock & Cove Creek
MacKenzie Fox	EC Teacher at Green Valley	EC Teacher at WHS
Carrie Ingram	Elementary Teacher at Blowing Rock	Middle Grades Teacher at Blowing Rock
Alex Miller	EC Teacher at Green Valley	EC Teacher at Hardin Park
Kim Pryor	Elementary Teacher at Parkway	Advanced Math Teacher at Green Valley & Parkway
Amy Smith	50% Counselor & 50% CDC at WHS	School Counselor at WHS

## **Classified Personnel**

### New Employment

Kendra Ratcliff	Valle Crucis	Custodian & Bus Driver
James Trivette	Cove Creek	Bus Driver

### Extended Employment for Remainder of 2024-2025 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Employment Extension</u>
Teresa Armas	After School Program Coordinator at Cove Creek	Summer Camp Site Coordinator
Lauren Carpenter	After School Group Leader at Parkway	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Melissa Finger	Teacher Assistant at Parkway	Bus Monitor at Parkway
Marvin Foronda	After School Program Coordinator at Hardin Park	Summer Camp Site Coordinator
Milly Giles	After School Program Coordinator at Mabel	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Owen Gray	Media Specialist at Parkway	Group Leader for Summer Camp
McCormick Grubb	After School Program Coordinator at Parkway	Summer Camp Site Coordinator
Katie Harvey	After School Group Leader at Cove Creek	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Kerrigan Hoffield	After School Group Leader at Parkway	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Jessica Kraynak	After School Group Leader at Green Valley	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Trevor Owens	Assistant Director for After School	Summer Camp Program Coordinator
Josh Phillips	After School Group Leader at Hardin Park	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Mariah Saey	After School Group Leader at Hardin Park	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Lylah Shalabi	After School Group Leader at Parkway	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Claire Tuenker	After School Group Leader at Hardin Park	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Rachel Williford	After School Group Leader at Parkway	Group Leader for Summer Camp
Becky Wood	Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park	Summer Receptionist at Hardin Park

### Transfer of Assignment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment</u>
Logan Absher	Technology Technician II	Technology Technician III

## **Substitute Teacher**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Tarang Soni	Master's Degree	Primary Math Teacher in India

## **Long-Term Substitutes**

Olivia Edwards	Green Valley	Grade 5
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## **Athletics**

Byron Towner	County-Wide	Middle Grades Football Head Coach
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## **Hospital Homebound List**

Jennifer Lambert	Cove Creek	Elementary (K-5)
Hope Millsaps-Combs	Cove Creek	Elementary (K-5)