

**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
Annette Glover
Elisa Lovejoy
Jamie Oxentine
Jenny Phillips

WHS
WHS
WHS
Bethel
Blowing Rock & Hardin Park

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

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

Name

Tarang Soni

Education

Master's Degree

Experience

Primary Math Teacher in India

Long-Term Substitutes

Olivia Edwards

Green Valley

Grade 5

Athletics

Byron Towner

County-Wide

Middle Grades Football Head Coach

Hospital Homebound List

Jennifer Lambert

Hope Millsaps-Combs

Cove Creek

Cove Creek

Elementary (K-5)

Elementary (K-5)