

Gaston County Schools
Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2025

MINUTES

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee met on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. in the Central Office Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. Those members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff Ramsey, Robbie Lovelace, Janna Smith and A.M. Stephens III.

Additional attendees included: BOE Chairman Josh Crisp, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Superintendent Dr. Morgen A. Houchard, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendent Tonya Kales, Executive Directors Chris Mills, Bryan Denton, Kevin Doran, Anarah Henderson (arrived at 1:09 p.m.) and Tyler West, Director Rusty Parker (via zoom), Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Chief Accountability Officer Kelly Cunningham, Directors Tom Nencetti, Grier Middle School Principal Jessica Mellon, Grier Middle School Assistant Principal Tiffany Gardner and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes of May 5, 2025 as presented was made by Mrs. Janna Smith, seconded by Mrs. Robbie Lovelace, motion carried unanimous. (4-0)

CTE Grant

Director Rusty Parker presented a PowerPoint on the CTE Grant.

(View PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mrs. Robbie Lovelace that the Board

Approve the funding application of the CTE Grant. Item to be placed on the Consent Agenda for the June 16, 2025 Board Meeting.

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (4-0)

DEC Annual Contracts/Renewals

Executive Director Chris Mills presented a PowerPoint on Academic Services Resources and Contract Services 2025-2026.

(View PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith that the Board
Approve the DEC Annual Contracts/Renewals for 2025-2026. Item to be placed on the Consent Agenda for the June 16, 2025 Board Meeting.

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (4-0)

Alternative Accountability Options

Chief Accountability Officer Kelly Cunningham presented a PowerPoint on Alternative Accountability Options for Warlick Academy and Webb Street School.

(View PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith that the Board
Approve the Alternative Accountability Options Plan for Warlick Academy and Webb Street School. Item to be placed on the Consent Agenda for the June 16, 2025 Board Meeting.

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (4-0)

No Nonsense Nurturer Professional Development

Executive Director Kevin Doran, Grier Middle School Principal Jessica Mellon and Grier Middle School Assistant Principal Tiffany Gardner presented a PowerPoint on No Nonsense Nurturer Professional Development.

(View PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mrs. Janna Smith seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III that the Board
Approve No Nonsense Nurturing Professional Development Grant. Item to be placed on the Consent Agenda for the June 16, 2025 Board Meeting.

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (4-0)

Academic Services Team Updates

Executive Director Tonya Kales provided information on the Academic Services reorganization. No additional positions were added through the reorganization but rather an alignment to the district's vision for the supports needed moving forward to achieve academic excellence in all schools.

Classroom Moment

Tonya Kales reported that the Classroom Moment item at the June 16, 2025 BOE Meeting will focus on the James S. Forrester Commissioners' School of Excellence. This summer program provides students from across Gaston County an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and prepare for their roles as future leaders in our community.

Other Business and Discussions

Chairman Ramsey reported on CaroMont's Nutrition program. CaroMont has agreed to create a nutritional flyer to educate our families with healthy food choices. We hope to have this literature ready to distribute soon.

Chairman Ramsey reported that the staff is working on a partnership with The Schiele Museum.

Chairman Ramsey presented information on the Teacher and School Leaders Incentive Program. This is a federal grant program designed to improve student learning by helping districts develop, implement or expand comprehensive performance—based compensation systems.

Superintendent Houchard reviewed a handout which included dates of all inspections concerning the Armstrong Property. The County Commissioner Chairman has asked for additional information for their review. This item could potentially be added to their next agenda for additional discussion and possible approval for the Board of Education to purchase Armstrong Property.

Next Committee Meeting Date/Time

The next C&I Committee Meeting is scheduled for August, 2025 in the Central Office Board Room beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

All business being conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

The Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Approved:



Jeff Ramsey, Chairman

Date Approved: 8-4-25

C&I 6.2.25 PowerPoint Presentation