

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

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

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Hally Chirinos	County-Wide	Spanish Interpreter	Continue Education (8/4/25)
Torry Loftin	WHS	Cosmetology Teacher	Employment w/ Newton-Conover (7/15/25)
Marc Lumley	Bethel & Valle Crucis	Band Teacher	Resignation (7/15/25)
Ren Nolte	Bethel	EC Teacher	Other Employment (7/16/25)
Rob Smith	Blowing Rock	Middle Grades Teacher	Employment w/ Wilkes County (7/25/25)
Chris Tarnowski	WHS	English Teacher	Employment w/ ASU (8/1/25)
Jasmine Thomas	Blowing Rock	After School Group Leader	Other Employment (7/30/25)
Savannah Wilson	WHS	Spanish Teacher	Employment w/ Caldwell County (7/17/25)

Administrative Personnel

New Employment

Dr. Katie Barbee

Central Office

Curriculum Director

Dr. Barbee earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Appalachian State University in May 2003. She obtained certification as an Exceptional Children's Teacher in May 2005 from University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Katie completed the requirements for a Master's degree in School Administration from Gardner-Webb University in May 2008. In July 2013, she earned an Education Specialist degree and Superintendent licensure from Converse College. Dr. Barbee earned her Doctor of Education degree from Gardner-Webb University in July 2025.

Dr. Barbee has been employed with Cleveland County Schools since 2003. She was an Exceptional Children's Teacher from 2003 until 2010. Katie taught Elementary Education from 2010 until 2012. Dr. Barbee was an Assistant Principal from 2012 until 2015 and has been a Principal since 2015.

Dr. Barbee holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the following areas: 00011 – School Administrator: Superintendent, 00012 - School Administrator: Principal, 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6), and 88091 – Exceptional Children: General Curriculum (K-12).

Certified Personnel

New Employment

David Braswell

WHS

Foods & Nutrition Teacher

Mr. Braswell attended Mayland Community College from 2017 until 2019. He has been employed as a Catering Sous Chef with Reid's Café and Catering from February 2018 until March 2020. David has also been employed as a Senior Sous Chef and Banquet Chef at Grandfather Golf and Country Club since April 2021. Mr. Braswell will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00716 – Foods and Nutrition: Culinary Arts.

Elizabeth Calloway**Blowing Rock****Grade 3 Teacher**

Ms. Calloway Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University. She completed the requirements for a Master's degree in Literacy Instruction from Appalachian State University in 2024. Elizabeth was employed as a tutor and classroom assistant at Crossnore Elementary School during the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Calloway holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Emily Cornell**Blowing Rock****Speech Pathologist**

Ms. Cornell earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Appalachian State University in May 2020. She completed the requirements for a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant at Caldwell Community College in May 2022. In May 2025, Emily earned a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Appalachian State University in May 2025. Ms. Cornell completed an internship with Caldwell County schools during the spring semester of the 2024-2025 school year. Emily will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 88082 – Speech-Language Pathologist.

Kelly Parsons**Hardin Park****Middle Grades Math Teacher**

Ms. Parsons earned a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Mathematics Education from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1992. She was a Middle Grades Math Teacher with Charlotte-Mecklenberg Schools from 1992 until 1996. Kelly was a Middle Grades Math Teacher with Iredell-Statesville Schools from 1996 until 1999. During the 2007-2008 school year, Ms. Parsons was employed by Mooresville City Schools as a Math Tutor. Kelly was a Sixth Grade Math Teacher at Pine Lake Preparatory School from 2008 until 2010. Kelly was a Math Tutor and Small Group Teacher at East Mooresville Intermediate School during the 2011-2012 school year. During the 2018-2019 school year, Ms. Parsons was employed as a Middle Grades Science Teacher at Parkway Elementary School. From 2021-2023, she taught Middle Grades Math and Science at Millers Creek Christian School. Kelly was employed by Wilkes County Schools as a Middle Grades Math Teacher during the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Parsons holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the areas of 78200 – Middle Grades Mathematics (grades 6-9) and 78400 – Middle Grades Social Studies (grades 6-9).

Madison Stamey**Bethel****Exceptional Children's Teacher**

Ms. Stamey earned a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Appalachian State University in 2024. Madison completed the requirements to become a Registered Behavior Technician in June 2025. She was employed as an Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant at Gouge Primary School in Bakersville, North Carolina during the spring semester of the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Stamey will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 88091 – Special Education: General Curriculum (K-12).

Sarah "Lane" Worrell Hoit**Hardin Park****Grade 6 Science Teacher**

Ms. Worrell Hoit earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Appalachian State University in 2008. She earned a second Bachelor's degree in Art Education from Appalachian State University in 2011. Lane has been employed with Avery County Schools as a Visual Arts Teacher since 2011. Ms. Worrell Hoit earned national Board Certification in the area of Art – Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood in 2019. She holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the following areas: 00810 – Art (K-12), 78300 – Middle Grades Science (grades 6-9), and 88087 – Academically/Intellectually Gifted.

Re-Employment of Reduction in Force (RIF) Personnel

Sage McKinney
Jamie Oxentine

Parkway
Bethel & Mabel

Middle Grades Math Teacher
AIG Specialist

Transfer of Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year</u>
Amber Dollyhigh-Kwong	Speech Pathologist at Blowing Rock	Speech Pathologist at Hardin Park
Will Selle	Band/Orchestra at Hardin Park & WHS	Band/Orchestra at Blowing Rock & Hardin Park
Heather Teeters	Math Teacher at Blowing Rock	Math Teacher at Mabel

Extended Employment for Summer 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Employment Extension</u>
Dan Crail	School Counselor at WHS	Summer Counselor at WHS
Greg Dobbins	County-Wide Behavior Specialist	Summer Behavior Specialist
Lindsey Gough	School Counselor at WHS	Summer Counselor at WHS
Rachel Wood	School Counselor at WHS	Summer Counselor at WHS

Classified Personnel**New Employment**

Matthew Denney	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant
Rebecca Dollar	Valle Crucis	Cafeteria Employee
Abigail Fox	Blowing Rock	Teacher Assistant
Lauren Hooks	Hardin Park	Teacher Assistant
Katheryn Houck, RN	Blowing Rock	School Nurse
Genevieve Lisowski	WHS	Cafeteria Employee
Kailey Mabe	Hardin Park	Certified Nurse Assistant/Teacher Assistant
Jullia Miller	Blowing Rock	Teacher Assistant

Re-Employment of Interim/Temporary Employees for 2025-2026 School Year

Karen Hopper	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant
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Re-Employment of Retiree for 2025-2026 School Year

Pat Wade	Bethel	Teacher Assistant
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Transfer of Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Previous Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year</u>
Cindy Bolick	Cafeteria Employee at WHS	Cafeteria Manager at WHS
Alex Fuller	After School Substitute	Itinerant After School Program Coordinator at HP
Amanda Main	Custodian at WHS	Cafeteria Employee at WHS
Kiah Mathis	After School Group Leader at Valle Crucis	After School Program Coordinator at Valle Crucis
Patricia Nelsen	Regular Education TA at Hardin Park	EC Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park
Missi Rash	Regular Education TA at Green Valley	EC Teacher Assistant at Green Valley
Susan Sweeney	Regular Education TA at Hardin Park	EC Teacher Assistant at WHS
Riley Tuckmantel	After School Group Leader at Green Valley	After School Program Coordinator at Green Valley

Substitutes

Name

Erin Banks
Jessica Becker
Lorien Cockman
Jeff Newell
Skylar O'Neal

Education

Bachelor's Degree
Master's Degree
Associate's Degree
Master's Degree
Bachelor's Degree

Experience

Previous Substitute
Assistant Principal in Henderson County Schools
Previous Substitute
Previous Substitute
Middle Grades Teacher at Cove Creek

Athletics

Cheyenne Ross
Jonathan "Jon" Ward

Bethel
County-Wide

Volleyball Coach
Middle School Boys' Soccer Coach