WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

November Personnel Report
Board Meeting – November 17, 2025

Resignations

Name	School	Assignment	Reason
Jessica Baker	Hardin Park	After School Group Leader	Declined Offer (11/4/2025)
Elizabeth Buchanan	CC, GV, MA, PK	ESL Teacher	Retirement (12/31/2025)
Marie Bumgarner	Valle Crucis	Bus Driver	Retirement (12/31/2025)
Andy Eggers	Hardin Park	Middle School Volleyball Coach	Other Athletic Responsibilities (10/8/2025)
Serena Oakes	Bethel	After School Program Coordinator	Resignation (10/30/2025)
Isabella Tahsler	Parkway	After School Group Leader	Student Teaching (12/4/2025)
Rachel Williford	Parkway	After School Group Leader	Student Teaching (12/1/2025)
Anne Wilson	Hardin Park	Grade 5 Science Teacher	Resignation (11/30/2025)

Classified Personnel

New Employment

John Lynch	Hardin Park	Temporary EC Teacher Assistant

Transfer of Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Previous Assignment	New Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year
Amy Ashley	Cafeteria Employee at Hardin Park	Cafeteria Employee at WHS

Extended Employment for 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Current Assignment	Employment Extension
Stephanie Calbreath	Finance Assistant at Central Office	CTE Bookkeeper at Central Office
Lauren Hooks	Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park	Bus Monitor at Hardin Park
Kailey Mabe	Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park	Bus Monitor at Hardin Park

Substitutes

Name	Education	Experience
Melania Aronson	College – 3 Years	Substitute Teacher in Wake County
Emily Gentry	Associate's Degree	Temporary Custodian at Mabel Elementary
Abby Koon	College – 2 Years	After School Employee in Burke County
Kelley LaBedz	Bachelor's Degree	Teacher in Florida
Jacqueline Larkins	Bachelor's Degree	Substitute Teacher in Mississippi
Jessica Lenz, RN	Associate's Degree	Emergency Room Nurse
Sheri Littleson	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Carrie Merschat	Bachelor's Degree	Church Children's Ministry Volunteer

Emma Moroney	Bachelor's Degree	ASU Graduate Teaching Assistant
Dr. John Tashner*	Doctorate Degree	ASU Professor
Kylie Warford	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
MacKenzie Westmoreland	Bachelor's Degree	Completion of Student Teaching

*****Retired North Carolina Professional Educator

Long-Term Substitutes

Annemarie Bakos	Green Valley	Grade 5
Erin Banks	Hardin Park	Grade 3

Hospital Homebound

Jesse Carswell	WHS	Exceptional Children
Agnes-Marie Fox	Bethel	Speech-Language Pathology
Pam West	Bethel	Elementary & Middle Grades

Athletics

Mason Morris	County-Wide	Middle School Golf Coach
Jayden Poe	Green Valley	Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach
Melina Rucker Jacobson	County-Wide	Middle School Girls' Softball Coach
Bradley "Hunter" Shearin	Hardin Park	Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach
Devin Singleton	Cove Creek	Middle School Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach
Carson Street	Cove Creek	Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach
Brianne Thurman	County-Wide	Middle School Dance Team Coach