Duplin County Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting Agenda
February 3, 2026 at 6pm
REMOTE MEETING (CONFERNCE CALL) – INCLEMENT WINTER WEATHER
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1. **Prayer**

2. **Call to Order**

3. **Roll Call to Determine Quorum**

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Approval of Agenda**

6. **Consent Agenda**

Administrative/Academics

a. Approval of the deed between the Duplin County Board of Education and the Duplin County Board of Commissioners reference Parcell No. 13-E027.
b. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between North Carolina State University and Wallace Rose Hill reference funding for Advise NC at NC State.
c. Approval of the NC Dept. of Insurance, State Public Education Property Insurance, notice of 10% increase of coverage, 3% adjustment to building valuations.
d. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding for Liberty University for the Masters of School Administration program.
e. Approval of the purchase of 400 Apple iPads in the amount of $172,462.60 (pending approval of the 25-26 Capital Budget).
f. Approval of the purchase of 1600 HP Chromebooks in the amount of $412,592.00 (pending approval of the 25-26 Capital Budget).
g. Approval of the Capital Outlay Budget for 2025-26.
h. Approval to pay the 2025-26 allotment of State Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation in February 2026 to eligible employees.
i. Approval of the Duplin County Schools 2026-2029 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Subgrant Application.
j. Approval to accept a donation from the House of Raeford Farms FLOCK, Inc. in the amount of $12,157.40 to support Duplin County Schools School-based Mental Health Program.
k. Approval of the Instructure – ScribOnline subscription renewal in the amounts of $12,500.00 (year 1); $13,230.00 (year 2).
l. Approval of a fundraiser request from Rose Hill – Magnolia Elementary.
m. Approval of a field trip request for Elementary and Junior NC BETA Convention – B.F. Grady Elementary and North Duplin Elementary.
n. Approval of the Head Start monthly reports and budget for December 2025.
o. Approval of the 2026-27 Head Start grant application and budget justification narrative.

p. Approval of the service contracts between Duplin County Schools and the following providers to meet IEP services for the 2025-26 school year.
    i. Stepping Stone Group for contracting with 3 registered behavior technicians (Max value: $135,000).
q. Approval of the architect firm and to begin contract negotiations with Hite Associates is requested, following the receipt of three (3) RFQs from architectural firms on or before January 16, 2026, and the Board's review and recommendation to select Hite Associates.
r. Approval of the lawn maintenance service agreement between Jeremy Henderson and Duplin County Schools for lawn service at James Kenan High School beginning December 2025 through June 2026 for $12,000.00 to be paid in monthly installments.
s. Approval of the regular minutes from January 6, 2026.

7. Executive Session

General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel; 143-318.11(a)(1) Prevent Disclosure of Confidential Student Information; 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege

Procedure: The Board will pause the livestream and convene closed session via a secure virtual session. The livestream will resume when the Board returns to open session.

8. Personnel

9. Superintendent's Report

10. Board Information

a. Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment.
b. Duplin County Schools received the CTE Grants for Homebuilding Programs for $20,000.
c. Approved Graduate Research Project: "Exploring the Influence of Morning Meetings and Social-Emotional Growth in a High-Poverty, Rural Fourth-Grade Classroom," Lindsay Underhill, East Carolina University.
d. Donation from Eric Trinidad to Warsaw Elementary School in the amount of $1,372.92 for new uniforms for the boys' soccer team.
e. Donation from House of Raeford, Tom Teachey, to Duplin Agribusiness Academy in the amount of ≈$100 for member t-shirts.
f. Donation from Tim and RJ Peppe to Wallace Elementary School in the amount of $208.37 for student and staff supplies.
g. Donation from Duplin County Cooperative Extension 4H Prevention, Jasmine Williams, to Duplin County Schools in the amount of $600.00 for mental wellness related library books for all elementary schools.

11. Adjourn