Duplin County Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting Agenda
April 14, 2026 at 6pm
O.P. Johnson Education Building

1. **Prayer**

2. **Call to Order**

3. **Public Comment**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

5. **Special Recognition(s)**

6. **Presentation – Wallace Town Council**
   - Mayor Jason Wells, Councilman Glenn Price, Councilman Jason Davis, and Town Manager Robert Taylor

7. **Consent Agenda**

Administrative/Academics

a. Approval of the Affiliation Agreement between Duplin County Schools and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for its School of Education.
b. Approval of the Revised 2025-26 Pre-K – 12 STEAMA Customized Calendar and the 2025-26 DECHS STEAMA Customized Calendar (updates related to the March 16, 2026 inclement weather and the inclusion of the June 8, 2026 mandatory workday for RtA Camp staff only).
c. Approval of Budget Amendment #2 for the 2025-26 fiscal year (State, Local, Federal, Capital Outlay, Agency, Special Revenues).
d. Approval of the engagement letter and contract for the 2025-26 fiscal audit between the Duplin County Board of Education and Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC not to exceed $46,500.
e. Approval of the five-year agreement with Follett Software, LLC for the licensing and renewal of Follett Destiny Library Management solution for $22,605.12 (Year 1).
f. Approval of the 2026-27 Memorandum of Understanding between the Duplin County Board of Education and James Sprunt Community College for the Agribusiness Academy.
g. Approval of the 2026-27 agreement between the Duplin County Board of Education and University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina DBA ECU Health for the Duplin Agribusiness Academy.
h. Approval of the 2026-27 Memorandum of Understanding between the Duplin County Board of Education and Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern North Carolina.
i. Approval of the fundraiser request for Wallace Elementary.
j. Approval of the field trip request for North Duplin Elementary – BETA Busch Gardens Youth Physics/STEM/Earth Day.
k. Approval of the Head Start monthly reports and budget for February 2026.

l. Approval of the field trip request for Duplin Early College High School – Out of State and High Risk Trip – Family Amusement Park – Myrtle Beach, SC – April 17, 2026.
m. Approval of the Wallace Rose Hill High School FFA plant fundraising request for April.
n. Approval of the amended Memorandum of Agreements between the US Army and Duplin County Schools for the JROTC programs at East Duplin, James Kenan, and Wallace Rose Hill high schools.
o. Approval of the CTE Department to surplus and sell at fair market value the Live Project "Sheds" produced by students in the Construction Trades programs at East Duplin and James Kenan high schools.
p. Approval of the service contract between Duplin County Schools and Bayada Home Health Care (max. value $30,000) to meet IEP services for the 2025-26 school year.
q. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Duplin County Schools and VOICES Together (no expense to the district) to provide pre-employment transition services for the 2025-26 school year.
r. Approval of the Clinical Education Affiliation Agreement between Duplin County Schools and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Atrium Health Cabarrus (no expense to the district) to provide occupational therapy students with an opportunity to gain field hours during the 2025-26 school year.
s. Approve and sign the Floyd's Auction contract for selling the East Duplin High School modular units.
t. Approve and sign the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund North Carolina Education Lottery annual report for the East Duplin High School project.
u. Approval of the regular minutes from March 3, 2026.

8. 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

9. Personnel

10. Superintendent's Report

11. Board Information

a. Contribution-Based Benefit Gap Report.
b. Approved Undergraduate Research Project: "Investigating the Barriers to Collaborative Environmental Education and School – Community Partnerships in Middle Grades of Southeast North Carolina," Anna Patten, University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
c. Approved Graduate Research Project: "Middle School General Education Teachers' Knowledge, Perceptions, and Implementation of PBIS at Tier 2," Molly Russell, Anderson University.
d. Approved Graduate Research Project: "Exploring the Integration of Science and Engineering Practices: Teacher Experiences on Implementing North Carolina's New Science Standards," Christopher Stinson, North Carolina State University.
e. Approved Graduate Research Project: "Recruiting and Retaining Quality Educators Within the Education School System," Mario Barber, Trident University International.
f. Donation ($100.00) to Women in Ag from Piggly Wiggly Wallace.
g. Donation (under $100.00) to Women in Ag from Future Food Innovators Foundation.
h. Donation (under $100.00) to Women in Ag from Piggly Wiggly Warsaw.
i. Donation (under $100.00) to Women in Ag from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

j. Donation (under $100.00) to Women in Ag from the Friend'Chips.
k. Donation (over $100.00) to Women in Ag from Mr. John Kolozetski.
l. Donation (over $100.00) to Women in Ag from Christie Adams.
m. Donation (over $100.00) to Women in Ag from Food Lion, Kenansville.
n. Donation (over $100.00) to Women in Ag from Smithfield Foods/Jonathan Toms, Senior Community Development Manager.

12. <u>Adjourn</u>