

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

**April Personnel Report
Board Meeting – April 13, 2026**

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Celia Agee	Parkway	Grade 1 Teacher	Relocation (6/30/2026)
Lorene Baird	Valle Crucis	Cafeteria Employee	Retirement (6/30/2026)
Dr. Coleman Bailey	WHS	Assistant Principal	Retirement (6/30/2026)
David Braswell	WHS	CTE Teacher	Other Employment (6/30/2026)
Denise Brodeur	Parkway	Grade 2 Teacher	Retirement (6/30/2026)
Catherine Cannon	Valle Crucis	After School Group Leader	Resignation (12/10/2025)
Hakisha Crawford	Hardin Park	Bus Driver	Other Employment (3/20/2026)
Annemarie Figueroa	Parkway	Reading Specialist	Relocation (6/10/2026)
Jeremiah Ford	Bus Garage	Mechanic	Other Employment (4/1/2026)
Blakeley Hansen	Cove Creek	Grade 4 Teacher	Relocation (6/30/2026)
Cogie Reed	Parkway	Middle Grades Teacher	Retirement (6/30/2026)
Sandra Ruppert	Green Valley	School Counselor	Retirement (6/30/2026)
Heather Teeters	Mabel	Middle Grades Teacher	Family Responsibility (4/14/2026)
Wanda Welch	Hardin Park	Bus Monitor	Resignation (6/30/2026)

Administrative Personnel

New Employment

Leslie Pope	WHS	Assistant Principal
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Ms. Pope earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1998. She completed the requirements for a Master's degree in Library Science 2019 and an Instructional Technology Facilitator Master's degree in 2021 from Appalachian State University. Leslie completed the requirements for a third Master's degree in School Administration from Gardner-Webb University in 2025.

Ms. Pope was an Elementary Teacher with Union County Schools from 1999 until 2005. During the 2025-2026 school year, she was an Elementary Teacher with Johnston County Schools. From 2006 until 2008 and again from 2013-2016, Leslie was an Elementary Teacher with Wake County Schools. Ms. Pope served as an Instructional Coach in Johnston County Schools from 2016 until 2018. She relocated to Franklin County Schools and was employed as a School Library Media Coordinator and STEM Leader from 2018 until 2022. She served as District Instructional Technology Facilitator and AIG Specialist from 2022 until 2025 with Craven County Schools. Leslie has been employed as an Assistant Principal at Trent Park Elementary School in Craven County Schools since the fall of 2025.

Ms. Pope holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the following areas: 00012 – School Administrator: Principal, 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6), 00076 – Media Specialist, 00077 – Instructional Technology Specialist: Computers, 00190 – Reading (K-12), 18079 – Computer Education Endorsement, 88087 – Academically Gifted, and 88091 – Special Education: General Curriculum.

Extended Employment for Remainder of 2025-2026 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Employment Extension</u>
Angela Bland	Assistant Principal at Parkway	Bus Driver at Parkway

Certified Personnel**Transfer of Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year</u>
Amanda Stamper	Health Occupations Teacher at WHS	Foods & Nutrition Teacher at WHS

Classified Personnel**New Employment**

Megan Bullock	Blowing Rock	Data Manager
Regina Meyer	Parkway	After School Group Leader
Lora Nash	Blowing Rock	Part-Time Tutor

Re-Employment of Previous Employees

Mandi Miller	Green Valley	Bus Driver
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Transfer of Assignment for Remainder of 2025-2026 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2025-2026 School Year</u>
Riley Evans	After School Group Leader at Blowing Rock	After School Substitute

Extended Employment for Remainder of 2025-2026 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Employment Extension</u>
Gillian Brown	EC Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park	Bus Monitor at Hardin Park
Abigail Fox	Teacher Assistant at Blowing Rock	Bus Driver at Blowing Rock
Lisa Harmon	Bus Driver at Valle Crucis	Part-Time Custodian at Valle Crucis
Jullia Miller	Teacher Assistant at Blowing Rock	Bus Driver at Blowing Rock

Substitutes

Name

Thomas Brady
Harley Davis
Kathy Isaacs

Education

Bachelor's Degree
High School Diploma
College – 1 Years

Experience

Special Education Teacher in New York
Customer Service
Classroom Volunteer

Hospital/Homebound List

Alex Allen
Larry Mosley

Mabel
Mabel

Middle Grades
Middle Grades

Athletics

Michaela Price

County-Wide

Middle School Cheerleading Coach

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

****THE FOLLOWING DOES NOT REQUIRE A VOTE AT THE APRIL 13, 2026 MEETING****

In accordance with NCGS 115C-325.3(a), “A contract between the local board of education and a teacher who has been employed by the local board of education for less than three years shall be for a term of one school year. A contract or renewal of contract between the local board of education and a teacher who has been employed by the local board of education for three years or more shall be for a term of one, two, or four school years.” This law became effective on July 1, 2014. At this time, this is simply notice of the eligibility status for a one, two, or four-year contract for the following personnel.

Nicole Adam Hailey Aldridge Stephanie Allen	Cove Creek Green Valley Hardin Park	Middle Grades Teacher Exceptional Children’s Teacher School Psychologist
Tracy Baker Toni Berke Laurie Blalock Jackie Blow Carrie Boone Sara Boyce Caleb Brannock Cori Braxton Jennifer Brown Sonya Burchell JC Byland	Hardin Park Green Valley Valle Crucis WHS WHS Parkway Valle Crucis WHS Blowing Rock Parkway WHS	EC Pre-K Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Media Specialist Science Teacher Social Studies Teacher Elementary Teacher Physical Education Teacher Exceptional Children’s Teacher Elementary Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Social Studies Teacher
Sarah Cardwell Jesse Carswell Charlene Chiarolanzio Lisa Clinard Krista Cohen Sheri Collier Bailey Cook Melody Cook-Bridges	Central Office WHS Parkway Blowing Rock Hardin Park Hardin Park Parkway Blowing Rock	Blended Learning Coordinator Alternative Learning Program Teacher Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Speech Pathologist Elementary Teacher Media Specialist
Lora Davis Roberto de la Cerda Andrea Decker Amber Dollyhigh-Kwong	WHS Blowing Rock WHS Hardin Park	Healthful Living & PE Teacher Elementary Teacher English Teacher Speech Pathologist
Chelsie Eldreth Olivia Emmert	Bethel & Valle Crucis Bethel	CTE Teacher Elementary Teacher
Dylaney Ferguson Joanne Ferhadi Celeste Fluchel Agnes-Marie Fox Moriah Franklin	Bethel Bethel Hardin Park Bethel Cove Creek, Green Valley	Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher Exceptional Children’s Teacher Speech Pathologist Music Teacher
Robin Gardner Douglas Glasgow Deanna Gragg Joseph Gragg Owen Gray Emma Kate Greene Kaitlin Griggs	Bethel Hardin Park Hardin Park WHS Parkway Valle Crucis Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher Music Teacher Elementary Teacher CTE Teacher Media Specialist Exceptional Children’s Teacher Elementary Teacher

Ryan Habich	WHS	Healthful Living & PE Teacher
Kane Hall	WHS	CTE Teacher
Tonya Hamby Ward	Blowing Rock	Elementary Teacher
Rockelle Hancock	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Lauren Harkey	Valle Crucis	Elementary Teacher
Shelby Hatton	Valle Crucis	Middle Grades Teacher
Courtney Hicks	Valle Crucis	Elementary Teacher
Phillip Hicks	WHS	Math & Science Teacher
Netta Sue Hill	Bethel	Middle Grades Teacher
Kirsten Hodges	Parkway	School Counselor
Heather Holbrook	Cove Creek, Green Valley	School Social Worker
Sarah Holt	Blowing Rock	Elementary Teacher
Joni Horine	Hardin Park	Intervention Specialist
Amanda Huff	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Emily Hurd	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Lauren Idol	Parkway	Elementary Teacher
Carrie Ingram	Blowing Rock	Middle Grades Teacher
Bill Ireland	WHS	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Claire Jensen	Hardin Park	School Counselor
Tyler Justo	Blowing Rock	Middle Grades Teacher
Sarah Kanipe	WHS	English Teacher
Jordan Kelley	Mabel	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Kellia Kidda	Parkway	School Counselor
McKinley Kunz	Bethel	Reading Specialist
Jennifer Lambert	Cove Creek	Elementary Teacher
Frankie Lancaster	WHS	Music Teacher
Megan Langdon	Bethel, Mabel, Parkway	School Social Worker
Sadie LaPointe	Green Valley	Middle Grades Teacher
Kathleen Larsen	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Katie LeGrand	Cove Creek, Mabel	Agri-Science Teacher
Katherine Lentz-Martin	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Hester Claire Linville	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Audrey Lipschutz	WHS	Mental Health Specialist
Derek Lisowski	WHS	JROTC Instructor
Blakely Lord	WHS	English Teacher
Brian Lynch	Mabel	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Terry Lyon	Bethel, Mabel	Music Teacher
Natasha Lyons	Valle Crucis	Middle Grades Teacher
Samantha Mauney	Blowing Rock	Middle Grades Teacher
Elizabeth McClellan	Blowing Rock	Elementary Teacher
Grace McClure	Hardin Park	Elementary Teacher
Courtney McWhorter	Blowing Rock, Cove Creek	Art Teacher
Alexandra Miller	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children's Teacher
Lisa Miller	Blowing Rock	Elementary Teacher
Emily Morris	WHS	Math Teacher
Mason Morris	Blowing Rock, Hardin Park	CTE Teacher
Larry Mosley	Mabel	Middle Grades Teacher
Braley Neal	Green Valley	Elementary Teacher
Dr. Laurie Nelson-Gill	Blowing Rock	Reading Specialist
Brittany Norris	Blowing Rock	Elementary Teacher
Crystal Norris	Hardin Park	Reading Specialist
Karen Norris	County-Wide	GEAR UP Coordinator

Gayle Oliver Kathryn Overcash	Mabel Parkway	Elementary Teacher Middle Grades Teacher
Victoria Parsons Hope Pegnottga Tiffany Perkins Patricia Pfister Lindsey Postlethwait Jessica Presnell-Greene Jennifer Privette Kimberly Pryor	Green Valley WHS Green Valley Cove Creek Bethel, Valle Crucis Hardin Park Cove Creek Parkway	Elementary Teacher Science Teacher Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher Art Teacher Elementary Teacher Middle Grades Teacher Middle Grades Teacher
Rachel Rector Olivia Reeves Meade Richter Beaver Robinette Elizabeth Rodden Melanie Rogers Joshua Roberts Shawn Roberts Cheyenne Ross Dr. Julie Rowland-Gross Riley Rozanski Annie Russ	Valle Crucis Parkway Blowing Rock Mabel Bethel Valle Crucis WHS Green Valley, Parkway Bethel Hardin Park Green Valley Green Valley	School Psychologist Elementary Teacher Music Teacher 40% Music Teacher Pre-K Teacher Elementary Teacher Science Teacher Band & Orchestra Teacher Middle Grades Teacher 50% Behavior Support Specialist Speech Pathologist Elementary Teacher
Lindsay Scarborough Hannah Schimpf Erin Scott Meghan Scott Kelly Seehorn Erin Selle Kristina Shableski Katrina Shook Amy Smith Christie Stafford Madison Stamey Amanda Stamper Victoria Stapleton Daniel Stark Adrienne Stumb Brianna Swartz Nora Sweeney Rebecca Sykes Megan Szep	Cove Creek, Mabel WHS Blowing Rock Hardin Park Valle Crucis Hardin Park Parkway Green Valley, Parkway WHS Green Valley Bethel WHS Hardin Park WHS WHS Parkway WHS Hardin Park Hardin Park	Band & Orchestra Teacher Math Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Elementary Teacher Middle Grades Teacher EC Pre-K Teacher Elementary Teacher CTE Teacher School Counselor Middle Grades Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher CTE Teacher Middle Grades Teacher CTE Teacher English Teacher Elementary Teacher CTE Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher Exceptional Children's Teacher
Deanna Taylor Amy Thomas Erin Thompson Maryam Thorpe-White Heath Tucker	Green Valley Parkway Valle Crucis WHS Mabel	Elementary Teacher Physical Education Teacher AIG Specialist Spanish Teacher Physical Education Teacher
Elizabeth Valois Chaselyn Vestal Sam Vining	Mabel WHS WHS	Elementary Teacher Science Teacher Social Studies Teacher
Zachary Walker Heather Ward Kelly Ward Amy Warren	WHS Green Valley Mabel Cove Creek	Theatre Arts Teacher Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher Elementary Teacher

Haleigh Waterman
Stacie Webb
Tammy Whichard
Cassie Wilhelm
April Wilkinson
Sumer Williams
Lindsey Wilson
Sarah Wilson
Rachel Wood
Sarah “Lane” Worrell Hoit
Austin Wright
Jessica Wyatt

Kathryn Yanacek
Ashlyn Yates

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School Counselor
Middle Grades Teacher
Physical Education Teacher
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