

Gaston County Schools
Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, March 30, 2026
4:30 p.m.
MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education Policy Committee met on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 4:55 p.m. in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. Members in attendance were Chair Dot Cherry, Janna Smith, and A.M. Stephens III, who joined at 5:05 p.m. Mrs. Janna Smith left the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Additional attendees included: Superintendent Houchard, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Assistant Superintendent Rebekka Powers, Chief Technology Officer Curtis Poplin, and Board Clerk Cindy Beck.

Ms. Cherry called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. (Immediately following the Curriculum & Instruction Meeting).

Approval/Correction of Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes of March 2, 2026, as presented was made by Ms. Janna Smith, seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry, motion carried. (2-0)

Agenda Adoption

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Ms. Janna Smith, seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry, motion carried. (2-0)

Policy Review - Action

The Committee members reviewed revisions to the following technology policies: 3220, 3226, 3230/7370, 3280/7385.

Chief Technology Officer, Curtis Poplin was consulted to confirm that the reviewed policies align with technology use and policy requirements.

Policy 3220: Technology in the Educational Program

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 3220: Technology in the Educational Program** with revisions as presented by the full Board on the April 20 Consent Agenda was made by Ms. Janna Smith and seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry. Motion carried. (2-0)

Policy 3226: Internet Safety

Policy 3226: Internet Safety was tabled for additional review.

Policy 3230/7370 Technology Responsible Use

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 3230/7370: Technology Responsible Use** with revisions as presented by the full Board on the April 20 Consent Agenda, was made by Ms. Janna Smith, seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Policy: 3280/7385 Web Page Development

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 3230/7370: Web Page Development** with revisions as presented by the full Board on the April 20 Consent Agenda, was made by Ms. Janna Smith, seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry, motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Policy Review - Action

The Committee members reviewed the following athletic policies: 3103, 4315, 4316, 4395. Assistant Superintendent Rebekka Powers was present to engage in conversation and offer assistance to the committee.

Policy 3103: Home School Dual Enrollment for Athletes

After the discussion, the Policy review was tabled for further review.

Policy 4315: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy for Student-Athletes

After discussion, the Policy review was tabled for further review.

Policy 4316: Eligibility For Transfer Athletes

After discussion, the Policy review was tabled for further review.

Policy 4395: Suspension from Participating In Extracurricular Activities

After the discussion, the Policy review was tabled for further review.

Other Business

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be on May 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. or immediately following the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting.

Adjournment

All business being conducted, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III and seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry, motion carried. (2-0)

The Policy Committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved:

Dot Cherry

Dot Cherry, Chairman

Date Approved: 5-18-26