

Minutes of the Vance County Board of Education Meeting

April 13, 2026

The Vance County Board of Education met in regular session on April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Service Center Boardroom. Board members present were Mrs. Ayana F. Lewis, Chair, Mrs. Linda S. Cobb, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Gloria J. White, Dr. Omega T. Perry, Mr. Randy M. Oxendine, and Mr. Jerry Stainback, School Board Attorney. Senior staff present were Dr. Cindy Bennett, Superintendent, Mrs. Aarika Sandlin, Chief Officer of Communication and Innovative Support, Ms. Chelsa Jennings, Chief Human Resources Officer, Mr. Rey Horner, Executive Director for Student Services, Mr. John Suther, Chief Finance Officer, Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, Chief Officer of Instruction and Innovation, Mr. Kevin Perdue, Chief Operations, and Dr. Stephanie Ayscue, Executive Director of Secondary Education, Mrs. Marsha Abbott, Chief Technology Officer and Mrs. Jacqueline Batchelor-Crosson, Executive Director of Federal Programs & Elementary Education. Board members absent were Mrs. Ruth M. Hartness, and Mrs. Dorothy W. Gooche.

Mrs. Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. A moment of silence was observed.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the March 9, 23 and 26, 2026 minutes was motioned by Mrs. White and seconded by Dr. Perry, with a unanimous (5-0) vote.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Approval of the meeting agenda and the following additions were motioned by Mrs. Cobb, and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the agenda with additions.

- Public Comments
- Personnel Addendum
- Transfers/Releases Revised

Recognitions/Announcements

Monthly Areas of Focus

Month of the Military Child, Administrative Professionals Day (4/22), and Earth Day (4/22).

April 2026 is the Month of the Military Child, recognizing the resilience of nearly 2 million military-connected youth. Key highlights include **Purple Up Day on April 15, 2026**, honoring children with events, specialized curriculum, and by wearing purple to symbolize the combined colors of all military branches.

Administrative Professionals Day is Wednesday, April 22, 2026. This day honors secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other office professionals for their vital contributions to organizational success. It is a time to show appreciation through gifts, recognition, or team events. It highlights the essential role these professionals play in keeping organizations organized and productive.

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22, focusing on the theme "Our Power, Our Planet" to promote renewable energy and a sustainable, equitable future. People worldwide are expected to participate in actions like cleanups, tree planting, and lobbying for climate policy.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month, focusing on community-based efforts to support families and prevent child maltreatment before it occurs. The 2026 theme is "Pinwheels of Possibility," with the pinwheel representing a joyful, healthy childhood. Each Friday in the month, staff are encouraged to wear blue attire and a ribbon.

Assistant Principals Week

April 6-10 this week honors Assistant Principals for their crucial role in student achievement, school safety, and maintaining positive school cultures. It is a time to recognize their work in leadership, guidance, and daily operations.

Recognizing them for handling student discipline, supporting teachers, managing crises, and implementing schoolwide initiatives. The Board presented 26 Assistant Principals a token of thanks.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week. This week focuses on recognizing the vital contributions of volunteers and encouraging community service, with 2026 highlighting a major push to make it the largest year of service in U.S. history to coincide with the nation's 250th anniversary. To celebrate, recognize, and thank volunteers for their time and effort, aimed at boosting volunteer retention for non-profits. Mrs. Regina Rainey, Carver Elementary principal and Mr. Donald Johnson, Aycock Elementary principal, shared the impact of volunteers at their schools and how important volunteers are.

Student Spotlight

The 2025–2026 Spotlight Students, representing one exceptional student from each school across the district, were recognized by the Board. Students participated in the memorable Experience Raleigh field trip and were honored at the Red-Carpet Soirée. This program was made possible through the support of the Vance County Public School Foundation. Below are the Student Spotlights.

School	Student	Grade
VCEC	Destiny Timberlake	11
EM Rollins STEAM	Joseph Vida	5
VCHS	Kimberly Isidro	9
Zeb Vance	Ayden Massey	5
LB Yancey	Rosa Lopez	4
Pinkston Street	Adriana Lopez-Villatoro	5
VCMS	Allison Rincon-Pereida	7
Carver	Abner Hernandez-Perez	3
EO Young	Penelope Simmons	5
STEM Early High	Ariana Solomon	8
Vance Virtual Village Academy	Ty'Rihanna Holden	10
Advance Academy	Madison Collier	8
New Hope	Mia Watkins	1
Dabney	Paisley David	4
Clarke	Salomon Cuevas	5
Aycock	Torrance Terry	5

ISTE+ASCD Certification

The International Society for Technology in Education recognized Mrs. Marsha Abbott for achieving the distinction of becoming an ISTE Certified Educator. Mrs. Abbott has proven herself as an innovator, leader and mentor for other members in the district.

Comments from the Public

NCAE members, Sharita Jones and Ryan Wegener did not provide comments.

Superintendent's Report

The Fiscal Oversight Monthly Report was shared for information only. The department is working on year end close out and the local budget request for 2026-2027 has been drafted and will go under public comment before the May school board meeting.

School Consolidation

The event, A Walk Down Memory Lane for New Hope and Carver is April 21, 2026 from 4:30-6:00. Students will visit their new schools and a Rodeo Roundup will be held at CFI so student can meet new friends and educators. Below is the timeline of the consolidation and closure of the facilities.

- January 2026: Students, staff, and community notified of the beginning of the consolidation discussion
- January 13, 2026: Meetings with staff at Carver & New Hope Elementary Schools
- January 20, 2026: Meetings with staff at Carver & New Hope Elementary Schools
- January 21, 2026: Consolidation Public Hearing
- January 2026: New Hope & Carver staff members receive priority for transferring to other school positions
- January 2026: New Hope & Carver students select their school of choice for the 26-27 academic year
- June 2026: School year ends
- June 30, 2026: New Hope and Carver close
- August 2026: Students and staff start at new schools

Board of Education Standing Committees

Personnel

Mr. Oxendine shared information from the April 7, 2026 meeting.

I. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
VCMS	Jonny Watkins	B/F	Tutor	4/07/26

II. RESIGNATION(S)

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Carver	Tori Reavis	W/F	Teacher Assistant	2/25/26
Clarke	Tonia Purvis	B/F	Teacher	4/03/26
Dabney	Ginger Glover	W/F	Teacher	4/30/26
Maintenance	Derron Reece	B/M	Custodian	2/27/26
Pinkston	Tanisha Terry	B/F	EC Teacher	2/20/26
Transportation	Harvey Smith	B/M	Bus Driver	2/20/26
Transportation	Lydia Fowler	W/F	Bus Driver	3/27/26
VCHS	Eugenia Crews	B/F	Cafeteria Assistant	3/27/26
Zeb Vance	Jennifer Rogers	W/F	Teacher	2/20/26

III. LEAVE(S) – For Information Only

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	LEAVE TYPE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Aycock	Kelly Smith	W/F	FMLA	Teacher	3/17/26-3/25/26
Clarke	Nicola Thompson-Whitely	B/F	FMLA	Teacher	3/16/26-4/27/26
EO Young	Hailey Ford	W/F	FMLA	Teacher	3/09/26-3/23/26
Pinkston	Mollie Terrell	B/F	FMLA	Cafeteria Assistant	3/16/26-4/01/26
Transportation	Shirley Burwell	B/F	FMLA	Bus Monitor	2/12/26-4/06/26
VCHS	Angela Cruz	B/F	FMLA	Cafeteria Assistant	4/09/26-5/22/26
Clarke	Janie Timberlake	B/F	FMLA	Instructional Support Assistant	4/02/26-4/26/26
VCHS	Orlando Terry	B/M	FMLA	Assistant Principal	3/10/26-3/30/26

***Note:** Extended Medical Leave does not qualify as FMLA.

IV. SUBSTITUTE(S)

NEW LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
All Schools	Angela Ryan	W/F	Substitute Teacher	4/06/26

V. RETIREMENT(S)

NEW LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	RACE/SEX	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Pinkston	Barbara Davis	B/F	Teacher Assistant/Bus Driver	6/11/2026

VI. TRANSFER/PROMOTION(S)

NEW LOCATION	EMPLOYEE NAME	NEW POSITION	OLD POSITION/LOCATION		EFFECTIVE DATE
Pinkston	Aleisha Lewis	Teacher Assistant	Substitute	Pinkston	3/23/26
EO Young	Malia Simmons	Teacher Assistant	Instructional Support Assistant	EO Young	3/23/26

The district has 38 current vacancies. The employee absence report for February-March showed a total of 654 absences across the district with 438 absences filled. Three schools recorded fewer than ten staff absences during the period and were commended for high attendance: VCMS, AA, and L.B. Yancey.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the personnel summary and addendum.

Finance

Mr. Suther shared information from the March 26, 2026 meeting.

Amendment #2 Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The total Amended Appropriation is \$83,920,554 and currently 33% is restricted for Charter Schools. This is an increase from previous years of 30%. The Amended Budget Resolution for the current year does not require an appropriation from general fund balance at this time. The majority of the funds allocated by the Board are for Instructional Program purposes. As is common with all school district budgets, the majority of the funds are used for Salaries and Benefits. The state budget dictates the rates for salaries and benefits and has mandated a minimum pay of \$15 per hour. We are budgeting the retirement rate at 24.67% and the hospitalization rate per-person is \$8,500.

Vance County Schools									
Budget Resolution: Amendment #2 and Transfer #2 - Fiscal Year 2025-2026									
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Vance County Public Schools:									
		<u>INITIAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>		<u>Amendment</u> <u>Thru</u> <u>1.15.26</u>	<u>Amendments</u> <u>Thru 3.18.26</u>	<u>Amendments</u> <u>Thru</u>	<u>Final</u> <u>Amendment</u>	<u>FINAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	
Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
State Fund Expenditures									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	46,837,079	89.2%	356,045	112,426			47,305,550	87.7%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	5,694,297	10.8%	620,311	294,589			6,609,197	12.3%
7000	Ancillary Services		0.0%					0	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges		0.0%					0	0.0%
	Total State Funds Appropriation	52,531,376	100.0%	976,356	407,015	0	0	53,914,747	100.0%
Section 2: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
State Revenues:									
3100	State Public School Fund	51,950,952	98.9%	961,802	673,527			53,586,281	99.4%
3100-12	Driver Training	148,401	0.3%	784				149,185	0.3%
3100-15	School Technology Fund	165,511	0.3%	13,770				179,281	0.3%
3100-CRF	COVID Relief FUNDS (ALL CRF PRCs)		0.0%					0	0.0%
3200	State Textbook Fund	266,512	0.5%		(266,512)			0	0.0%

Fund 1	Total State Public School Fund Revenue	52,531,376	100.0%	976,356	407,015	0	0	53,914,747	100.0%
Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
Local Current Expense Funds:									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	2,020,095	19.3%	53,099				2,073,194	19.1%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	4,898,077	46.8%	250,280	35,657			5,184,014	47.8%
7000	Ancillary Services	3,500	0.0%	36,522				40,022	0.4%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	3,534,327	33.8%		17,562			3,551,889	32.7%
	Total Current Expense Appropriation	10,455,999	100.0%	339,901	53,219	0	0	10,849,119	100.0%
Section 4: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
Local Revenues:									
	County Appropriation - VCS	10,455,999	100.0%	17,019				10,473,018	96.5%
	Fines & Forfeitures & Misc Rev		0.0%	322,882	53,219			376,101	3.5%
	Fund Balance Appropriated		0.0%					0	0.0%
Fund 2	Total Local Current Expense Revenues:	10,455,999	100.0%	339,901	53,219	0	0	10,849,119	100.0%
Section 5: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
Federal Funds Expenditures									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	6,388,270	81.7%	361,291	423,025			7,172,586	79.1%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	607,585	7.8%	270,377	36,705			914,667	10.1%
7000	Ancillary Services		0.0%					0	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	823,442	10.5%	147,023	7,169			977,634	10.8%
	Total Federal Grants Fund Appropriation	7,819,297	100.0%	778,691	466,899	0	0	9,064,887	100.0%
Section 6: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
Federal Grant Funds Revenue									
17	Career Technical Education - Prog Imprv.	203,101	2.6%	18,487	648			222,236	2.5%
49	IDEA Title VI-B Preschool Handicapped	61,878	0.8%	56,155	745			118,778	1.3%
50	ESEA Title I - Basic Program	4,656,385	59.5%	37,127	2,588			4,696,100	51.8%
51	ESEA Title I - Migrant Education		0.0%		8,855			8,855	0.1%
59				25,374				25,374	0.3%

53	School Nutrition Equipment Grants		0.0%					0	0.0%
60	IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped	1,592,375	20.4%	6,227	112,651			1,711,253	18.9%
70	IDEA Title VI-B Early Intervening Services	274,832	3.5%					274,832	3.0%
82	IDEA Title VI-B State Improvement Grant	19,239	0.2%		10,000			29,239	0.3%
103	Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	523,159	6.7%	21,974	18,391			563,524	6.2%
104/111	Title III - Language Acquisition/Sig Inc	176,800	2.3%	4,571	887			182,258	2.0%
105	ESEA Title I - School Improvement	254	0.0%	278,012				278,266	3.1%
108	ESEA Title IV - Student Support	230,707	3.0%	82	5,832			236,621	2.6%
109	Rural & Low-Income Schools	11,940	0.2%	330,682	9,152			351,774	3.9%
110	21st Century Grant		0.0%					0	0.0%
115	ESEA Title I - Targeted Support		0.0%					0	0.0%
118/119	IDEA Title VI-B - Special Needs Targeted	17,180	0.2%		297,150			314,330	3.5%
145	Stronger Connections	51,447	0.7%					51,447	0.6%
163	ESSER 1.0 - Primary Funding		0.0%					0	0.0%
165-170	ESSER 1.0 - Supplement Grants		0.0%					0	0.0%
171	ESSER 2.0 - Primary Funding		0.0%					0	0.0%
172-180	ESSER 2.0 - Supplemental Grants		0.0%					0	0.0%
181	ESSER 3.0 - Primary Funding		0.0%					0	0.0%
184-206	ESSER 3.0 - Supplemental Grants		0.0%					0	
Fund 3	Total Federal Grants Funds Revenues	7,819,297	100.0%	778,691	466,899	0	0	9,064,887	100.0%
Section 7: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
Child Nutrition Fund Expenses									
7200	Nutrition Services	5,049,600						5,049,600	
	Total Child Nutrition Fund Appropriation	5,049,600	100.0%	0	0	0	0	5,049,600	100.0%
Section 8: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
Child Nutrition Revenues									
	State Funds		0.0%					0	0.0%
	Local Funds		0.0%					0	0.0%

	Federal Funds	5,049,600	100.0%					5,049,600	100.0%
	Fund Balance Appropriated		0.0%					0	0.0%
Fund 5	Total Child Nutrition Fund Revenue	5,049,600	100.0%	0	0	0	0	5,049,600	100.0%

Section 9: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the **Other Specific Revenue Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

Other Restricted Expenses									
5000	Instructional Program Funds	2,494,529	77.6%	410,413	(220,850)			2,684,092	71.1%
6000	Support Services Program Funds:	320,565	10.0%	90,117	680,324			1,091,006	28.9%
7000	Ancillary Services		0.0%					0	0.0%
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	398,795	12.4%		(398,795)			0	0.0%
	Total other Restricted Fund Appropriation	3,213,889	100.0%	500,530	60,679	0	0	3,775,098	100.0%

Section 10: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Other Specific Revenue Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

Other Restricted Revenues									
4110	Local Revenue - Restricted by County	1,193,000	37.1%		(1,193,000)			0	0.0%
3200	Other State Revenue	1,047,567	32.6%	327,102	(981,567)			393,102	10.4%
37xx/38xx	Other Federal Revenues (E-Rate, Medicaid, ROTC, misc.)	200,000	6.2%	24,156	(200,000)			24,156	0.6%
4210	Tuition & Fees	34,000	1.1%	3,990	(34,000)			3,990	0.1%
44xx/4910	Contributions/Misc. Revenues	306,341	9.5%	56,627	2,902,227			3,265,195	86.5%
4840	Insurance Proceeds			10,049				10,049	0.3%
4880	Indirect Cost Revenue	128,000	4.0%		(128,000)			0	0.0%
4890	Grant Revenues	304,981	9.5%	78,606	(304,981)			78,606	2.1%
	Fund Balances Appropriated		0.0%					0	0.0%
Fund 8	Total Other Restricted Fund Revenues	3,213,889	100.0%	500,530	60,679	0	0	3,775,098	100.0%

Section 11: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the public schools in the **Capital Outlay Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

Capital Outlay Expenses									
<u>Category I (Land & Buildings)</u>									
	General Supplies & Materials	100,000			40,000			140,000	
	General Contracts	50,000			(22,245)			27,755	
	HVAC/Boilers							0	

	Electrical							0	
	Plumbing/Sewer							0	
	Architects Fees							0	
	Carpentry/Roofing	21,000			(17,691)			3,309	
	Other/General Maintenance	130,000			87,177			217,177	
	Improvements to Sites & Paving	224,000			(25,029)			198,971	
	Contingency/Unbudgeted							0	
	Total Category I Projects	525,000	45.6%	0	62,212	0	0	587,212	46.3%
<u>Category II (Furniture & Equipment)</u>									
	Technology Upgrades - Computer Devices	437,677						437,677	
	General Furniture & Equipment							0	
	Reserve - Not Designated							0	
	Total Category II Projects	437,677	38.0%	0	0	0	0	437,677	34.5%
<u>Category III (Motor Vehicles)</u>									
	Activity Bus Replacement							0	
	Yellow Bus Replacement (State)	114,714		114,712				229,426	
	Maintenance Vehicles	75,000			(62,212)			12,788	
	Reserve - Not Designated							0	
	Total Category III Projects	189,714	16.5%	114,712	(62,212)	0	0	242,214	19.1%
	Total Capital Fund Appropriation	1,152,391	100.0%	114,712	0	0	0	1,267,103	100.0%
Section 12: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:									
Capital Outlay Revenues									
	County Appropriation	850,000	73.8%					850,000	67.1%
	County Funding - CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Carryover		0.0%					0	0.0%
	State Funds (School Bus Purchases)	114,714	10.0%	114,712				229,426	18.1%
	Other Financing Sources		0.0%					0	0.0%
	Fund Balance Appropriated (PY Bal fund 4)	187,677	16.3%					187,677	14.8%
Fund 4	Total Capital Outlay Revenues	1,152,391	100.0%	114,712	0	0	0	1,267,103	100.0%
In summary, the following funding amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the Vance County Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.									
Fund 1	State Public School Fund	52,531,376	65.5%	976,356	407,015	0	0	53,914,747	64.2%
Fund 2	Local Current Expense Fund	10,455,999	13.0%	339,901	53,219	0	0	10,849,119	12.9%
Fund 3	Federal Grants Fund	7,819,297	9.7%	778,691	466,899	0	0	9,064,887	10.8%

Fund 4	Capital Outlay Fund	1,152,391	1.4%	114,712	0	0	0	1,267,103	1.5%
Fund 5	Child Nutrition Fund	5,049,600	6.3%	0	0	0	0	5,049,600	6.0%
Fund 8	Other Restricted Fund	3,213,889	4.0%	500,530	60,679	0	0	3,775,098	4.5%
	Total Appropriation for Vance County Schools	80,222,552	100.0%	2,710,190	987,812	0	0	83,920,554	100.0%

Section 13: All appropriations shall be paid first from revenues restricted as to use, and second from general unrestricted revenues.

Section 14: The Superintendent is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund under the following conditions:

	A. Amounts transferred between functions and sub-functions and objects of expenditures within a function without limitations and without a report to the Board of Education being required.
	B. Amounts may be transferred not to exceed 25% between functions of the same fund with a report and approval on such transfers being required of the Board of Education.
	C. Amounts may not be transferred between funds nor from any contingency appropriations within a fund.
	D. In addition the Board authorizes the Superintendent to fully maximize its resources and allows for the further amendment of revenues and expenditures by program report code as may be needed to meet those goals. Further should NCDPI, the State, or the Federal governments release additional CRF/COVID/CARES Revenues/Funding prior to the Board next approval of a budget amendment, the Superintendent has approval to use those resources for the benefit of the district and in accordance with any NC State Board of Education Policies, and/or State or Federal legislation/policies.

Section 15: Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the Superintendent and school Finance Officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

Adopted by the Vance County Board of Education, this the 13th day of April, 2026

Upon motion by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Cobb, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Amendment #2 Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

County Appropriation Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was shared for information only.

This request is to initiate discussion and public comment for general operating, local supplements and capital outlay funds. The Board is asking for a 5% increase in local funds for utility and operational costs and a 3% increase in salary costs along with matching benefits for FICA, hospitalization insurance and retirement contribution. This is a \$3,505,499 increase over current budget and the district continues to ask for local certified teacher/staff supplement increase for an additional \$1,500 to reach \$5,000 and an additional 8% for all non-certified staff. There are no state funds for technology capital outlay but a request of an additional \$25,000 was requested and will be added to the official request. Director will review the continuation budget to make sure 5% in operation is enough and will increase per recommendation.

Continuation Budget Request	
Operating	\$ 7,501,283 <i>current appropriation & increase</i>
Continuation	\$ 40,130 <i>student decline/state salary & benefits increase</i>
Local Supplement	\$ 3,181,651 <i>current appropriation & increase</i>
Expansion Budget Request	
Certified Teacher/Staff Supplement + benefits + Charter School portion	\$ 933,286 <i>expansion appropriation to increase supplement to \$5,000</i>
Non-Certified Staff + benefits + Charter School portion	\$ 2,205,149 <i>expansion appropriation to increase supplement to 10%</i>
Subtotal County Appropriation	\$ 13,861,498
Capital Outlay	
Maintenance & Instructional Technology	\$ 950,000 <i>continuation & expansion</i>
Total Appropriation Request FY 2026-27	\$ 14,811,498

Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation – PRC 071

The State passed the Appropriation Act of 2021 that allotted recurring funding to provide salary supplements to teachers and school administrators. This year's maximum amount to qualifying teachers/certified staff is \$3,550 which will be paid in June 2026 as a one-time lump sum.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cobb and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation.

Building & Grounds

Mr. Perdue shared information from the March 26, 2026 meeting. The maintenance gas tank has been replaced and the engineer is working on the VCMS roof replacement design. Routes are consolidating to help with driver vacancies and the current price of diesel fuel is rising. New district elementary school maps are being reviewed and will be presented at the next meeting. The ASC data room floor has deteriorated and is a safety issue and needs replacing. The department completed 2,270 work orders. The new district elementary school maps will be shared at the next committee meeting and at the May School Board meeting.

Policy – No Meeting

Curriculum

Dr. Ross-Putney shared information from the March 26, 2026 meeting. A total of 671 contact hours were logged with 1,619 staff members earning CEU credits for the month of February. The 2026 Summer Read to Achieve Camp will be at Zeb Vance from June 10-26 serving 250 students below grade level. The Extended School Year program runs from June 10-26, 2026 at Zeb Vance and VCHS for students requiring compensatory services or OCS hours. The MiCentro program for ESL Pre-K students and K-12 Summer Camp is June 9-30, 2026 at Zeb Vance serving 125 students. Credit Recovery sessions for Cohort 2027 and CTE credentials will also be available. The Transition Camp for 6th and 9th grade McKinney-Vento students will include academic support, enrichment field trips, school orientation, device deployment and a parent session. McKinney-Vento data will be shared at the next meeting. Updates to the secondary planning guide were shared including revisions to course offerings and the removal of the College and Career Ready Graduate program (CCRG) and clarification of exam exemptions. The CCRG has transitioned to the Career and College Promise (CCP) program and beginning 2026-2027, VGCC will offer these courses to support juniors and seniors with GPAs of 2.8 and below. The CTE Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) consists of four sections, noting that data for Section one has not been released. CLNA is required for all NC CTE programs every two years. The top three labor market areas identified were Healthcare, Logistics, and Information Technology. The committee suggested expanding offerings in Automotive and CNA programs but at this time the district does not have qualified educators to teach a full Health Science pathway. The discipline report focused on EC student offenses and the data indicated a high number of suspensions at certain schools, with a concentration among second and third grade students. Further analysis and additional data will be presented at the April 23, 2026 meeting.

Community & Business Relations – No Meeting

New Business - None

Field Trip Request

Vance County Middle School will travel to Washington, DC and Fredericksburg, VA to visit the Memorials, Statues and Mall. 160 students from 6th grade will be chaperoned by 15 adults on May 1, 2026.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Dr. Perry, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the Vance County Middle School May 1, 2026 field trip to Washington, DC and Fredericksburg, VA.

Transfer Requests

Dr. Bennett presented four requests to transfer into the district and three to be released from the district.

Upon motion by Mr. Oxendine and seconded by Mrs. Cobb, the Board unanimously (5-0) approved the seven transfer/release requests.

Executive Session

Upon motion by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to go into closed session pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 for the purpose of approving executive

session minutes and discussing legal, personnel, and property issues pursuant to subsection (a) of the said statute at 6:47 pm. Mr. Oxendine left at 7:51 pm.

The Board returned to the open session at 8:09 p.m.

Being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Cobb and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR, AYANA F. LEWIS

SECRETARY, CINDY W. BENNETT