

Minutes of the Vance County Board of Education Special Called Meeting
March 9, 2026

The Vance County Board of Education met in regular session on March 9, 2026, at 4:00 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, Mrs. Ruth M. Hartness, Mrs. Dorothy W. Gooche, and Mr. Jerry Stainback, School Board Attorney.

Mrs. Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and shared that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss and determine the process for the superintendent search.

Mr. Stainback shared the process of the superintendent search from the last three superintendents. The North Carolina School Board Association (NCSBA) was used a couple of times and also the Board appointed an interim at certain periods. There is a fee associated with the assistance of the NCSBA. The Board had further discussion on the process of obtaining an interim/superintendent.

To be a North Carolina public school superintendent, candidates generally need to hold an active NC principal license, an advanced degree (masters or doctoral) in educational leadership, and have experience as a school principal or other high-level administrative/management roles. Local boards of education have the final authority to elect superintendents through contracts of up to four years, typically ending on June 30. Selected superintendent must reside in the district but the Interim superintendent is not required.

The current superintendent officially retires July 31, 2026 and the Board wants to name an interim late May.

Mrs. Lewis will contact NCSBA representative, Sam Thorp, to come and share their superintendent search process with the Board at a future special called meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR, AYANA F. LEWIS

SECRETARY, CINDY W. BENNETT