

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

The Gaston County Board of Education Policy Committee met on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:36 p.m. at the Linda Rader Staff Development Center, Cramerton, NC. Members in attendance were Chair Dot Cherry, Janna Smith, and A.M. Stephens III.

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 5:36 p.m. (Immediately following the Curriculum & Instruction Meeting).

Approval/Correction of Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes of March 30, 2026, as presented was made by Mrs. Janna Smith, seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III, motion carried. (3-0)

Agenda Adoption

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Ms. Janna Smith, seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III, motion carried. (3-0)

Policy Review - Action

The Committee members reviewed the following technology policy:

3226 Internet Safety - Action

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

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 3226: Internet Safety** with revisions by the full Board on the May 18, 2026, Consent Agenda, was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith; the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Policy Review - Action

The Committee members reviewed the following athletic policies.

Assistant Superintendent Rebekka Powers was present to engage in conversation and offer assistance to the committee.

Policy 3103: Home School Dual Enrollment for Athletes

Upon completion of a thorough evaluation, Board members determined that the policy did not require any amendments. A review date of May 4, 2026, will be appended to the policy.

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

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 4315: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy for Student-Athletes** with revisions by the full Board on the May 18, 2026, Consent Agenda, was made by Mrs. Janna Smith and seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry; the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Policy 4316: Eligibility For Transfer Athletes - Action

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 4316: Eligibility For Transfer Athletes** with revisions by the full Board on the May 18, 2026, Consent Agenda, was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III and seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith; the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Policy 4395: Suspension from Participating In Extracurricular Activities

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 4395: Suspension from Participating In Extracurricular Activities** with revisions by the full Board on the May 18, 2026, Consent Agenda, was made by Mrs. Janna Smith and seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Policy 2350: Board Meeting Agenda

Motion to recommend approval of **Policy 2350: Board Meeting Agenda** with revision by the full Board on the May 18, 2026, Consent Agenda, was made by Ms. Dot Cherry and seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith; the motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Policy: 2360 Parliamentary Procedures - Action

Motion to recommend approval of Policy 2360: Parliamentary Procedures with revision by the full Board on the May 18, 2026, Consent Agenda, was made by Ms. Dot Cherry and seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith; the motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

Policy 3430: School Improvement Plan - Information

Policy 3430: School Improvement Plan will be held for future review and discussion.

Policy 4010: Equal Education Opportunities - Information

Upon completion of a thorough evaluation, Board members determined that the policy did not require any amendments. A review date of May 4, 2026, will be appended to the policy.

Policy 4200: School Safety - Information

Policy 4200: School Safety will be held for further review and discussion.

Policy 3230/7370 Technology Responsible Use- Information
Policy 3230/7370 will be held for further review and discussion.

All business being conducted, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Janna Smith and seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens; the motion carried. (3-0)

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be on June 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. or immediately following the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting.

Adjournment

The Policy Committee adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved:

Dot Cherry

Dot Cherry, Chairman

Date Approved: June 1, 2026

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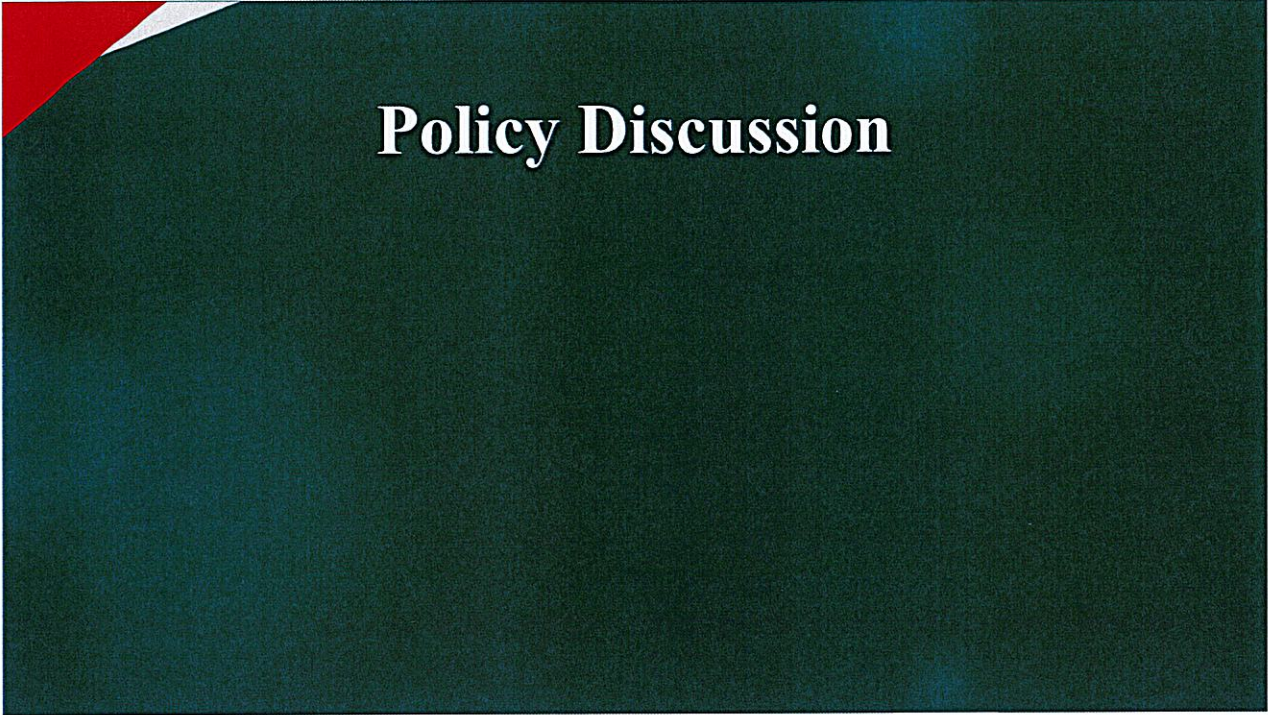
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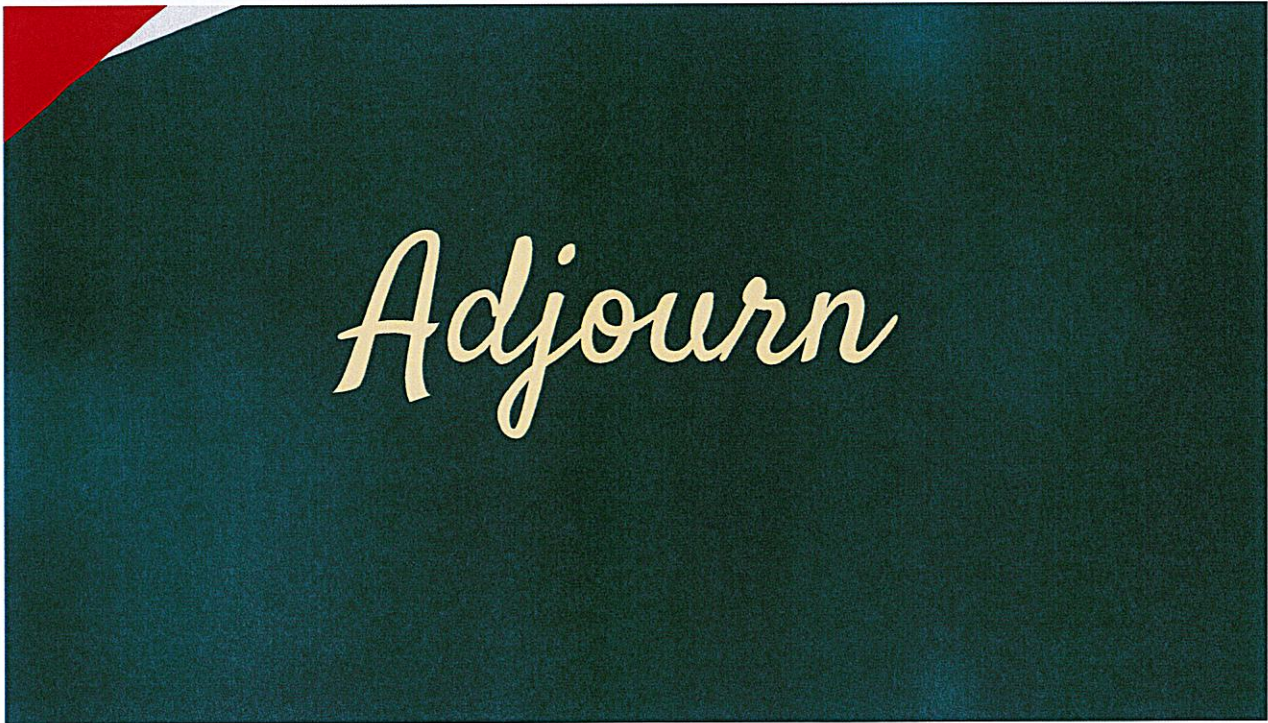
Policy Review



Discussion



Policy Discussion



Adjourn