CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WORK SESSION
June 1, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

The Caswell County Board of Education met in a work session on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Mel Battle, Vice Chair Joel Lillard, Vennie Beggarly, Nicole Smith (arrived at 4:30), Nicole McGhee, Lisa Johnson-Knight, and Trudy Blackwell. Others present include Interim Superintendent Lance Stokes. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mel Battle.

The agenda was originally to discuss athletics; however, due to pressing issues with school start times, this was added to the agenda.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to amend the agenda to discuss school starting times. The motion carried unanimously.

School Starting Times / Tiered Bus Routes

Discussion took place with the numerous concerns board members have received with the approved starting times. It was shared that parents are unable to get to work on time with the new elementary school time and other concerns were shared with bus routes, the Oakwood transition and the driving time for parents to go to South. There were multiple factors that will effect parents and students.

Upon lengthy discussion, the following recommendations will be made:

Elementary Drop Off Time =	7:50 a.m.
Elementary School Day =	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Middle School Drop Off Time =	7:10 a.m.
Middle School Day =	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
High School Drop Off Time =	7:20 a.m.
High School Day =	7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Community Bus Stop (for Oakwood to South students)

Drop Off Time:	7:50 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Pick Up Time:	3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bus will depart from the Caswell County Civic Center

Transportation Director John Berdine confirmed these schedules will work and should be no issues.

Concerns shared included the amount of time an elementary student will be sitting if dropped off early. Mr. Stokes shared this would be a perfect opportunity to implement tutoring and board members shared this is a good opportunity for all students to go to the cafeteria upon arrival for breakfast.

The board requested that students go to cafeteria for breakfast when school starts and get away from eating in the classroom.

Vennie Beggarly shared that going forward we may need to look at redistricting. Transportation Director John Berdine shared he would need a year in advance notice before he could begin this.

ATHLETICS

Discussion took place with the coaching supplement levels and it was questioned how this was implemented with the specific levels. It was unsure noting these levels have been in place for a long time.

Concerns were noted regarding playoff games and state championship games as well as the amount of funds that were paid out.

It was requested to have the amount of what was paid out for all sports this past year.

Upon time constraints due to the regular meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. it was agreed to meet again on June 8th at 4:30 p.m. to continue discussion on the athletic coaching supplements.

ADJOURN

Joel Lillard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vennie Beggarly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on June 29, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Caswell County Schools Administration Building.

Mel O. Battle
Chairman

Lance Stokes
Interim Superintendent