CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WORK SESSION
June 8, 2026 – (followed Special Called Meeting that began at 4:30 p.m.)

The Caswell County Board of Education met in a work session on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Mel Battle, Vice Chair Joel Lillard, Vennie Beggarly, Nicole Smith, 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 to discuss athletics.

Discussion took place regarding the coaching supplements, the coaching levels, and the coaching salary scale.

Concerns were brought up with the recent payments for last school year that amounts do not match the coaching salary scale. It was questioned if finance is not checking this once they receive it.

Nicole Smith shared a copy of coaching salaries for Dan River and it was much higher than what Caswell is paying. It was suggested that we may need to look at paying a flat rate for head coach and assistants. It was also questioned how the levels were distinguished. It was shared that upon questioning Dr. Barker (as these levels have been in place for a long time) he shared it was based on the length of the sport and input from the principal and athletic director when he was here. It was also shared that the board asked Dr. Barker to look at the levels for middle school when he was here the last time and the new levels were put in place at that time. At that time, we were in a better financial situation than we are now and this may need to be revisited.

It was suggested that we may need to look at having one of the assistant principals at the high school serve as athletic director and receive an extra month of employment. This was done in years past.

Interim Superintendent Lance Stokes will bring back recommendations to the board regarding the coaching supplement scale. He shared that he felt the current scale is working.

(Joel Lillard left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.)

<u>Budget Resolution</u>
Interim Superintendent discussed the budget resolution and shared we are in limbo due to the resolution that was requested and all spending is halted. Finance Officer Brook Underwood shared she was told to create a new resolution which included all the information for the budget amendments that would have come to the board.

It was questioned with less than thirty days of school why the resolution that was in effect from October cannot be used and budget amendments continue to be brought to the board. Finance Director Brook Underwood shared that the new resolution would replace any amendments.

No decision could be made at this time.

Mel Battle said that the policies the board had questions on will be revisited as this may effect changes in the handbook. Plans are to review at the July 29th meeting. Interim Superintendent Lance Stokes shared these are recommendations from the North Carolina School Boards Association and we use them to keep us in alignment with the laws.

Nicole Smith questioned if the board members were interested in having a board retreat at the summer conference referencing the email that was sent to them. Nicole McGhee shared she wasn't sure an hour would work. No decision was made at this time.

ADJOURN

Trudy Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m., Nicole Smith 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