CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WORK SESSION @ South Elementary
June 25, 2026

The Caswell County Board of Education met in a work session on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 4:15 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 David Useche, John Berdine, Alan Poteat, Terri Parker, and Michelle Robinson. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mel Battle.

The agenda was to discuss the plans for Oakwood and South during the transition year. Handouts were shared that included a plan for students with floor plans for classrooms as well as parking, bus flow, and student drop off.

Discussion took place on the tentative plans and reasoning of the proposed layout. It was requested that notification be received from NCDPI noting there will be no issues with funding as the board had requested it be run as two separate schools. Based on the dynamics of restrooms and available rooms the proposed plan was recommended to use and both principals were in agreement.

The board took a tour of the school and concerns were shared regarding the excessive amount of unused furniture. It was discussed that someone needs to determine if this needs to be declared surplus and have a sale and after that dispose of it.

It was also shared that additional support will be needed from the sheriff's office to assist with traffic during the first two weeks of school.

Upon discussion it was shared that students were to go to the cafeteria to have breakfast; however, the principal at South indicated she was not aware and this was not the plan that they are going to use. It was shared that the board discussed this as the last meeting and perhaps it has not been relayed to the principals but this was a request that was made and the earlier timing for students who are dropped off at 7:50 would be able to eat in the cafeteria.

Discussion was had regarding the Oakwood teachers receiving two traded days to use (for the winter holiday break) and South felt like they should have them as well as they are also being affected. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Upon touring the outside areas, continued discussion took place and a few changes may need to be made regarding bus pickup and parking. Buses should not be loading directly in front of the school due to safety concerns. South Principal Terri Parker shared she was not aware and they have been doing this at South since she has been there and it has worked well.

ADJOURN

Trudy Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 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.

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Mel O. Battle	Lance Stokes
Chairman	Superintendent