CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 29, 2026

The Caswell County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. The meeting did not begin until 9:15 a.m. due to unforeseen circumstances. 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, Brook Underwood, Jane Frazier, John Berdine, Alan Poteat, Dr. Medina Jones, Lisa Lassiter, Shannon Moretz, and Board Attorney Ron Bradsher. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes. (***Note: Others were present but did not sign the roster***).

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mel Battle. A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mel Battle moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to deviate from the agenda schedule in order to swear the superintendent in. The motion carried unanimously.

Honorable Erica S. Brandon, District Court Judge for Caswell/Rockingham Counties swore Lance Stokes is as Superintendent of Caswell County Schools.

The meeting resumed at 9:30 a.m.

I. B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Johnson-Knight moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026 regular meeting and June 1, 2026 work session minutes along with June 8, 2026 special called meeting and June 8, 2026 work session minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Lance Stokes recommended approval of agenda as presented.

Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Dr. Nicole McGhee, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Lance Stokes shared updated information on infinite campus which will launch online registration on July 1, 2026.

I. E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

II. REPORTS

None at this time.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy # 1740/4010-E – Parent or Student Appeal Form
Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Lisa Johnson-Knight, to remove Policy # 1740/4010-E from the table. The motion carried unanimously.

Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Lisa Johnson-Knight to approve second reading of Policy # 1740/4010-E as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Spring Policy Updates
Lisa Johnson-Knight moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to remove spring policy updates from the table. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Nicole McGhee moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve the spring policy updates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1310/4002 – Parental Involvement
- 2330 – Board Meeting Agenda
- 2340 – Parliamentary Procedures
- 3225/4312/7320 – Technology Responsible Use
- 5071/7351 – Electronically Stored Information Retention
- 6220 – Operation of School Nutrition Services
- 7130 – Licensure
- 1510/4200/7270 – School Safety
- 3430 – School Improvement Plan
- 3565/8307 – Title I Program Comparability of Services
- 4001 – Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7530 – Military Leave

Oakwood/South Plan for 2026-2027

David Useche shared updated information to the board since the June 25, 2026 work session/tour held at South Elementary. An updated plan was given to the board and was shared. This information will be presented to NCDPI (NC Department of Public Instruction) for planning purposes and they will share feedback if needed.

Joel Lillard questioned the release times for the bus riders and asked if they could be released possibly 20 minutes earlier to assist with the car rider lines and noted we have time to work with. David Useche shared that this is possible and may be needed.

Mel Battle asked if all this information will be clearly shared with parents prior to school and questioned what staff will be there on the first day of school. David Useche shared information will be given to parents and additional central office staff will be utilized on the first day of school.

Trudy Blackwell shared after the tour last week and speaking with both principals she felt the plan they have is the best fit for the students and thanked all who assisted with the tour and additional information shared with the board.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to approve the plan to be presented to NCDPI and if approved by NCDPI, the plan will be brought back to the board for final approval.

Trudy Blackwell questioned if this will allow enough time and David Useche confirmed he should have confirmation prior to the July 13th board meeting.

Upon no further discussion, the motion made by Joel Lillard, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to approve the plan to be presented to NCDPI and if approved by NCDPI, the plan will be brought back to the board for final approval carried unanimously.

Other questions were addressed regarding the excessive amount of surplus furniture and other items. David Useche shared that a list will be brought to the board at the July 13th meeting for surplus approval.

Coaching Supplements

Superintendent Lance Stokes shared at the last meeting lengthy discussion took place on coaching supplements and budgetary concerns. When Dr. Douglas Barker was here last, the board asked for a new coaching scale to be implemented and this is the current scale we are using. A draft scale was shared with the board for review which includes having a flat rate.

Upon discussion, it was agreed that with the timing of sports and school starting this may be difficult to implement this year but needed further discussion and suggested to move to a work session.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to stay with the current coaching salary scale for the 2026-2027 school year and revisit this at an upcoming work session in order to have something in place for the next school year. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

It was discussed that an open house may be needed for Oakwood/South on two separate days to allow parents and students to have more time to tour the school and for information to be shared with parents regarding traffic, etc.

Request for Transfer

Briggs, Lucas	Caswell	to	Person (5th)
Jacobson, Madeline	Caswell	to	ABSS (K)
Johnson, Imani	Caswell	to	Guilford (K)
Herndon, Carley	Caswell	to	ABSS (11th)
Hill, Rollins	Caswell	to	Person (2nd)
Stewart, Julian	Caswell	to	Person (5th)
Yarbrough, Kayden	Caswell	to	Person (7th)

Interim Assistant Principal Contract (Board was polled)
Mr. Davis Graves = Interim Asst. Principal @ BYSHS
June 12, 2026 to June 30, 2026
Funding = PRC 05/019 (Purpose Code 5420)

Title II Funds Tuition Reimbursement
FY 27 Title II Allotment = $145,435 (an increase of $14,451.00)

Title II Funds Mentor Pay & Orientation Stipends
FY 27 Title II Allotment = $145,435 (an increase of $14,451.00)

Second Step
(Elementary Schools)
Cost = $12,293.76
Funding Source = PRC 108, Title IV Funds

Eureka Math (renewal)
Cost = $56,059.59
Funding Source = PRC 131 – Textbooks

Kindergarten Staggered Entry
Fall 2026

Kindergarten students will be staggered for three days (August 17, 18, 19) at the start of the school year.

Parents will be notified in advance of the assigned day their child will attend.

All newly enrolled ELL students will attend for staggered entry on Wednesday, August 19th.

Kindergarten teachers will complete assessments and record behavior/social observations during the first three days. This information will be used to determine class placement.

Kindergarten students will not attend school on Thursday, August 20th. On this date, school administrators and kindergarten staff will convene at each school to review assessment and observational data and create kindergarten rosters. Families will be invited to attend an evening event on Thursday, August 20th at each school to learn of their child's classroom placement, visit their assigned classroom and meet with the teachers and instructional staff. This event will be facilitated by each principal and school level kindergarten team.

All kindergarten students will report to school on Friday, August 21, 2026.

The plan for staggered entry and the first day of school will be communicated by each principal to school staff and families.

Interim Spending Resolution

Date: June 29, 2026

To: Caswell County Board of Education

From Brook Underwood

Re: Interim Spending Resolution

In accordance with NC GS 115C-434, a resolution is required to permit expenditure of all funds between July 1 and the adoption of budgets by the Board of Education. This will allow for the paying of salaries and usual operating expenses of the school system until such time as the Budget Resolution can be adopted. This request is to authorize expenditures at the same level as previously approved for the 2024-2025 school year. Recommending a resolution at this spending level early in the fiscal year should not cause problems if additional cuts are required.

RESOLUTION: Be it, therefore, resolved that the Caswell County Board of Education authorizes an appropriation of funds at the same level as 2025-2026 for the purpose of paying salaries and usual and ordinary expenses for the period of July 1, 2026 until adoption of the Budget Resolution for 2026-2027.

EC Contracts

Audiologist
John Sexton & Associates
Cost = $625/month plus travel from office & battery replacements
Est. Annual Cost = $7,800
Responsibilities: Sexton & Assoc. will conduct audiological evaluations for students that failed hearing screenings, provide training/supervision to our staff that conduct hearing screenings, monitor hearing equipment needs for our students, and develop summaries of their findings.

Physical Therapy (two contracts)
Ann Ramey, Physical Therapist
Cost = $73/hour
Est. Annual Cost = $26,000
Responsibilities: Ann Ramey is a physical therapist that provides direct therapies for students with gross motor needs, supervision for the physical therapist assistant on a monthly basis, develops physical therapy goals and evaluations, and attends IEP meetings when necessary.

Rosie Kirby, Physical Therapist Assistant
Cost = $50/hour
Est. Annual Cost = $25,000
Responsibilities: Rosie Kirby is a physical therapist assistant that works under the supervision of Ramey therapies to provide direct therapies for students with gross motor needs.

Occupational Therapy
Speech & Occupational Therapists Specialists
Cost = $84/hour
Est. Annual Cost = $45,360
Responsibilities: The provider will provide an Occupational Therapist for approximately 15 hours of support weekly. The therapist will supervise our COTA, conduct evaluations, write reports, attend IEP meetings when necessary, and provide direct services.

Speech Therapy
Cheshire Center
Cost = $70/hour
Est. Annual Cost = $221,000
Responsibilities: Cheshire Center will provide the system with speech therapist (full/part time) to serve students at Oakwood Elementary School and the community pre-school settings. They will provide direct speech/language instruction, complete evaluations, and develop/hold IEP meetings.

Speech Stars, PLLC
Cost = $65/hour
Est. Annual Cost = $255,000
Responsibilities: Speech Stars (a local provider) will provide the system with speech therapists (full/part time) to serve students at North, South, Stoney Creek, NL Dillard and BYSHS, and local preschool settings. They will provide direct speech/language instruction, complete evaluations, and develop/hold IEP meetings.

Vision Support Services
Invision Services, Inc.
Teacher of the Visually Impaired/Orientation/Mobility
Cost $95/hour for TVI/O&M Direct Services ($100/hour if virtual)
$63/hour for Braille Production
$125/hour for special services (i.e., reviewing paperwork of students not on caseload)
Est. Annual Cost = $34,100
Responsibilities: Invision Services, Inc. provides specialized instruction for EC students with vision impairments with direct instruction on Braille and other visual supports, development of visual materials, consultation with staff, participation in IEP meetings.

School Psychologist Services
Little Johnny, LLC
PRN School Psychologist
Cost = As outlined in the PRN agreement
Mileage reimbursement if psychologist travels between sites after arriving in Caswell
Est. Annual Cost = $12,000
Responsibilities: Little Johnny, LLC will provide PRN school psychology services for Caswell County Schools as needed, when our school psychologist is unavailable or has too many referrals. This contract will also give us access to a Spanish speaking psychologist when needed.

2. Budget Resolution 2025-2026 (Board was polled for approval of the resolution)

Mel Battle questioned the finance officer on where she is now with finance operations. Brook Underwood shared she is closing out. It was questioned if a draft budget will be ready for the board to review knowing the allotments the commissioners have approved. Brook Underwood shared she should have something for the board to review; however, it is difficult to have it ready by Tuesday when items are needed for the board packet.

Joel Lillard shared he would like to see something sooner than later knowing the amount we used last year from fund balance for planning purposes.

Joel Lillard also read aloud information regarding polling:

Under Robert's Rules of Order, informal "polling" of members – whether by phone, email, or casual surveying – to make official decisions is strictly prohibited. All formal action requires a motion, a second, debate, and an official vote, during a properly convened meeting where a quorum is present. The Board of Education goes by Robert's Rules of Order and if a decision is urgent, you should call a special called meeting rather than polling the board. This ensures the legal notice requirements, quorum rules, and open-meeting laws are all properly satisfied.

Joel Lillard shared the board has been polled twice since the last meeting and he shared his concerns both times. He questioned the board attorney on input. Board Attorney Ron Bradsher shared that the board is subject to open meetings law and polling is frowned upon for taking action other than a true emergency. Mel Battle questioned what "frowned upon" meant. Attorney Bradsher shared that you should not do it and would not look good if someone was to call you out on it and noted why Robert's Rules of Order says to avoid it.

Trudy Blackwell shared in the past the board has been polled and has been stated by other members that the board should be polled on certain circumstances that have occurred. Board Attorney shared that they have; however, the board should not get in the habit of polling and noted the concerns have been voiced before regarding polling.

Lisa Johnson-Knight moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve the budget resolution for 2025-2026. The motion carried 5-2 with Lillard and Beggarly voting "No."

CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS
BUDGET RESOLUTION
2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Caswell County Schools:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,2025 and ending June 30,2026

5100 Regular Instruction Services	330,487.59
5200 Special Population Services	29,950.37
5300 Alternative Programs and Services	9,938.66
5400 School Leadership	62,793.96
5500 Co-Curricular Services – Athletics	265,031.25
5800 School Based Support Services	24,805.08
6100 Support & Development Services	4,986.68
6400 Technology Support	149,701.33
6500 Operational Support Services	1,817,514.45
6600 Financial & Personnel Services	406,349.74
6700 Accountability Services	696.33
6800 Student Support Services	0
6900 Policy, Leadership & Public Relations Services	351,198.05
7100 Community Services	
7200 School Schools	
8100 Charter Schools	450,160.12
Total Local Current Expense Fund Appropriations	**3,903,514.61**

***See Exhibit A for Object Detail**

Section 2. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30,2026.

Sales & Use Tax	40,000
County Appropriations	3,078,092
Fines & Forfeitures	70,000
Interest Earned	
Fund Balance Appropriated	715,422.61
Total Local Current Expense Fund Revenue	**3,903,514.61**

Section 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30,2026.

5000 Instruction Services	17,699,580.01
6000 System-Wide Services	4,659,095.95
8000 Ancillary Services	45,000
Total State Public School Fund Appropriations	**$ 22,403,675.96**

Section 4. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and June 30,2026.

State Funds	21,868,509.72
Textbook Allocation	535,166.24
Total State Public School Fund	**$22,403,675.96**

Section 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30,2026.

5000 Regular Instruction Services	3,096,543.38
6000 Alternative Programs and Support Services	312,295
7000 School Bases Support Services	
8000 Non Programed Charges	112,201.74
Total Federal Grant Fund Appropriations	**$ 3,521,040.12**

Section 6. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grant Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,2025 and ending June,30,2026

Total Federal Fund	**$ 3,521,040.12**

Section 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the schools administrative unit in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,2025 and ending June 30,2026

5110 Furniture & Equipment	
5500 Co-Curricular Services – Band	
6300 Admin Furniture	
6500 Operational Support Services	175,290.76
7200 Child Nutrition Equip	64,75.16
8000 Contingency	37,815.42
9000 Capital Outlay	384,073.89
9100 Building Improvement	5,144.77
Total Capital Outlay Appropriations	**$ 556,800**

Section 8. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,2025 and ending June 30,2026.

Local Funds – County Appropriation	400,000
Miscellaneous	67,500
Fund Balance Appropriated	89,300
Total Capital Outlay Revenue	**$ 556,800**

***See Exhibit B for Object Detail**

Section 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the schools administrative unit in the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

7200 Nutrition Services	$1,959,910.47
8100 Payments to Other Gov. Units	
Total Child Nutrition Fund Appropriations	**$1,959,910.47**

Section 10. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

3250 Sales Tax Revenue	1,700
3811 USDA Grants	1,560,000
4311 Breakfast Sales	3,000
4314 Lunch Sales	60,000
4318 Supplemental Sales	60,000
4322 Catered Lunches	7,500
4910 Fund Balance Appropriated	222,710.47
4921 Transfer from SPSF	45,000
Total Child Nutrition Fund	**$1,959,910.47**

Section 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the schools administrative unit in the Before & After School Care Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

7100 Community Services	65,742
Total Before & After School Care Fund Appropriations	**$65,742**

Section 12. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Before & After School Care Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

4210 Tuition & Fees	50,800
4450 Interest	500
4910 Fund Balance Appropriated	14,442
Total Before & After School Fund	**$65,742**

Section 13. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the schools administrative unit in the Restricted Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

5000 Instructional Services	1,234,021
6000 System Wide Services	220,382
7000 Community Services	80,876
Total Grant Revenue Fund Appropriation	**$ 1,535,279**

Section 14. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Grant Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

3200.007 School Nurse Revenue	200,000
3200.413 NC Pre-K Revenue	250,000
3700.305 Medicaid Reimbursement	40,000
3700.306 Medicaid Fee for Service	174,309
3700.353 SFS Federal Grant	4,180
4210 Tuition	3,000
4880 Indirect Cost	270,000
4910.306 Medicaid Fund Balance	503,419
4910.413 Pre-k Fund Balance	90,371
Total Grant Revenue Fund	**$ 1,535,279**

Section 15. All appropriations shall be paid first from revenues restricted as to use, and secondly from general unrestricted revenues.

Section 16. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund under the following conditions:

A. He/she may transfer amounts between sub-functions and objects of expenditures within a function without limitations with a report to the Board of Education being required quarterly.

B. He/she may transfer amounts not to exceed $10,000 between functions of the same fund with a report on such transfers being required quarterly.

C. He/she may transfer amounts not to exceed $10,000 from any contingency appropriation within a fund with a report on such transfers being required quarterly.

Section 17. Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the Superintendent and Finance Officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

Budget Resolution
Adopted by the Caswell County Schools Board of Education
June 1,2026

Mel Battle, Board Chair

Lance Stokes Int. Superintendent.

3. EC Pre-K and K-12 Adaptive Curriculum

EC Director Calla Wilson reviewed information for the launch for Pre-K program from TeachTown. She shared that teachers are excited about this program and will be responsible for implementing. Teachers participated in a demonstration with TeachTown and all wanted to move forward with this opportunity. Calla Wilson shared she will pursue grant opportunities to assist with funding and felt the State will reimburse at least some of it.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve TeachTown for Pre-K and K-12 Adaptive Curriculum as presented. The motion carried 6-1 with Beggarly voting "No."

Total Cost = $139,338.34
First Year = $64,298.33 (7/1/26)
Second Year = $18,760 (7/1/27)
Third Year = $18,760 (7/1/28)
Fourth Year = $18,760 (7/1/29)

Fifth Year = $18,760 (7/1/30)

Funding Source = PRC 060 (rollover) and PRC 118 (grant)

4. CTE Local Plan

   Dr. Medina Jones and Lisa Lassiter reviewed the CTE Local Plan.

   Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Joel Lillard, to approve the CTE Local Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. New CTE Course Offering = Emergency Management (EMT)

   Dr. Medina Jones reviewed the new course that will be offered for the high school. The course will allow students to explore fundamentals of Emergency Management Operations (EMT). Develop knowledge and skills to lead all emergency resources in a public safety emergency. Perform basic communication skills required to coordinate with all other public safety agencies during an emergency. Gain the knowledge, skills, and industry credentials for careers in emergency management.

   The class will be offered in second semester for the 2026-2027 school year.

   Vennie Beggarly moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve the new Emergency Management course as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Policy # 4318/Option A – Use of Wireless Communication Devices
7. Policy # 7325 – Video & Audio Recordings by Employees

   Discussion took place on both policies noting that they both intertwine and decisions needs to be agreed upon before voting on either policy. Upon discussion of cell phones and the recent changes made at the middle school, it was suggested to proceed with the policies as written and include K-12 (instead of K-8) for cell phone usage.

   Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Lisa Johnson-Knight, to approve Policy # 7325 for first reading and policy will lay on table for second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

   Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Lisa Johnson-Knight, to approve Policy # 4318 with changes from K-8 to K-12 as presented for first reading and policy will lay on table for second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Requests for Transfers = Oakwood Renovations

Discussion took place regarding the transfer requests received. Upon questioning, it was felt it would be best to see the actual numbers at North before the board can make an accurate decision.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to move this item until later in the meeting and data can be retrieved and shared with the board. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Brady – Task Order

Kevin Lynn with Brady shared that they are ready to begin the phase as listed:

- Demolish and dispose of all ceiling tile and grid in all areas of the school
- Tie up lights to maintain lighting throughout the building
- Provide ramboard floor protection
- Scope and camera targeted areas of plumbing to identify any potential blockages or breaks in the plumbing system.

Task Order 1 Cost = $164,450

10. Five-Year Facility Needs Survey

David Useche shared information regarding the five-year facility needs survey noting this allows us to look at everything that is happening. Superintendent Lance Stokes shared that he mentioned in his updates that this needs to go to the Board of Commissioners and the chair will sign off noting that we have shared this information with them. The deadline to submit is July 31, 2026. The Board of Commissioners will not be committing to anything but certifying they received the needs survey on what is needed to maintain the facilities.

Questions were asked regarding the old gym and the water situation that was damaged when the new high school was built. Pricing was based on previous quotes and calculations that were given to use. Upon making any renovations, the bidding process will be utilized and quotes will be brought to the board. This gives us a better picture of what is needed overall for the district facilities.

Joel Lillard shared he realizes this is a wish list but would like to see a spreadsheet listing the priorities with possible funding as soon as possible as this will give the board information when looking at the budget and allocating funding. He shared that there are some items that need repairing; however, the board is not made aware and noted the excess furniture at South that they just found out about. It would help that the board be informed in advance. He also noted that at the recent summer conference, information was shared in

which a company can assist schools in finding funding to make necessary repairs/updates and felt like we need to contact this company to inquire.

Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to approve the five-year facility needs survey as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Budget Amendments # 7-12

Finance Director Brook Underwood reviewed the budget amendments as presented.

Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to approve budget amendments # 7-12 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS **BUDGET AMENDMENT # 7**

Caswell County Board of Education made the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the
Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 31,2026

#	Account Code								Description	Debit	Credit
1	2	6940	801	3131	000	000	00		Ads		100.00
	2	6920	028	312	000	000	00		Supt Workshop	100.00	

1 invoice for womack for advertisement (caswell business direct)

Funding Source: Local

Total appropriation in current budget:	**$3,971,015**
Amount of increase/decrease of amendment:	**$0**
Total appropriation in amended budget:	**$3,971,015**

CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS **BUDGET AMENDMENT # 8**

Caswell County Board of Education made the following resolution:
Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the
Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 31,2026

#	Account Code								Description	Debit	Credit
1	4	4910	000	000	000	000	00		Balance	776,935.92	0.00
	4	9000	000	000	000	000	00		Capital Outlay Project	-	776,935.92

1 For outstanding invoice for county 888. Needed to balance fiscal year

Funding Source: CapOut

Total appropriation in current budget:	**$556,800**
Amount of increase/decrease of amendment:	**$766,936**
Total appropriation in amended budget:	**$1,323,736**

CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS **BUDGET AMENDMENT # 9**

Caswell County Board of Education made the following resolution:
Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the
Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 31,2026

#	Account Code							Description	Debit	Credit
1	5	4910	000	000	000	000	00	Fund Balance	75,000.00	0.00
	5	7200	000	000	000	000	00	Nutrition Services	-	75,000.00

1 delay in revenue for June

Funding Source: Child Nutrition

Total appropriation in current budget:	**$1,959,910**
Amount of increase/decrease of amendment:	**$75,000**
Total appropriation in amended budget:	**$2,034,910**

CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS **BUDGET AMENDMENT # 10**

Caswell County Board of Education made the following resolution:
Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the
Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 31,2026

#	Account Code							Description	Debit	Credit
1	7	4910	000	000	000	000	00	Fund Balance	28,000.00	0.00
	7	7100	000	000	000	000	00	BASF	-	28,000.00

1 To balance budget with expenditures

Funding Source: Before and After School Care

Total appropriation in current budget:	**$65,742**
Amount of increase/decrease of amendment:	**$28,000**
Total appropriation in amended budget:	**$93,742**

Caswell County Board of Education made the following resolution:
Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the
Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 31,2026

Account Code							Description	Debit	Credit
1	3100	000	000	000	000	00	State Rev.	117,208.00	
1	6000	000	000	000	000	00	Operational Services	-	117,208.00

State Revision

Funding Source: State

Total appropriation in current budget:	**$22,403,676**
Amount of increase/decrease of amendment:	**($117,208)**
Total appropriation in amended budget:	**$22,286,468**

	CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS									**BUDGET AMENDMENT # 12**	
	Caswell County Board of Education made the following resolution:										
	Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the										
	Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 31,2026										
#	Account Code								Description	Debit	Credit
1	1	3100	000	000	000	000	00		State Rev.		130,889.87
	1	5000	000	000	000	000	00		Instructional	92,356.21	0.00
	1	6000	000	000	000	000	00		Operational	38,533.66	
1	009 longevity										
	Funding Source: State										
									Total appropriation in current budget:		**$22,286,468**
									Amount of increase/decrease of amendment:		**$130,890**
									Total appropriation in amended budget:		**$22,417,358**

12. Resolution

Mel Battle read aloud the resolution for Ruth Chandler Lawson. Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution in Memorial and Appreciation
Of the Life of Ruth Chandler Lawson

WHEREAS, Ruth Chandler Lawson, was born on June 25, 1948, and resided in Yanceyville, North Carolina, until the time of her death on June 15, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lawson, was a faithful and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend and her family's welfare was her major and constant concern; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lawson, was educated in the Caswell County School System and received her General Education Diploma from Piedmont Community College in Roxboro, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lawson pursued her career in the textile industry where she worked at Gold Toe Brands Incorporated in Burlington, North Carolina. She also was employed with Caswell County Schools for a period of time as a custodian and bus driver at Highrock School; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lawson was a member of Sassafras Grove Baptist Church in Yanceyville, North Carolina. Ruth Lawson was also a member of the Eastern Star Leasburg Chapter, where she believed in helping her community through charitable and educational endeavors; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Caswell County Board of Education wishes to honor the memory of Ruth Lawson and expresses its sympathy to her family by causing a copy of

this Resolution to be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Education and a copy forwarded to the family.

This the 29th day of June 2026.

13. Audit Contracts

This item was requested to be on the agenda by Joel Lillard. He shared discussion was had on this topic at the summer conference and would like to put out bids for auditing companies noting that ever since he has been on the board we have used the same auditing firm.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to move forward with RFP for auditing companies. The motion carried unanimously.

V. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- Mr. Stokes read the letter received regarding the calendar law violation. He shared this is the first time we have received the letter; however, it is the first time we have been outside of the law regarding the calendar. Mel Battle shared that 30 plus districts have also received the letter and he reached out to Representative Renee Price and shared she has heard no rumblings or discussion from either party regarding the earlier start date. Mr. Stokes shared that he discussed this with other superintendents at the recent conference he attended and he was advised to share the letter and make sure it was duly noted. He also shared the information was included when the survey was sent out to the community for input.

VI. ATTORNEYS REPORT

None.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vennie Beggarly = None at this time

(Note: Vennie Beggarly left the meeting at this time – 11:50 a.m.)

Lisa Johnson-Knight

- Visited schools on the last day of school
- BYSHS Graduation
- Wished all staff a nice summer

Nicole Smith = None at this time

Dr. Nicole McGhee

- Congratulations to Mr. Stokes
- Hope everyone has a nice summer
- Hope that everyone can get on the band wagon for doing what is best for students

Trudy Blackwell

- Congratulations to Mr. Stokes
- Attended graduation
- Wanted to share information to the community and homeschoolers or those who are attending school out of district to please come back and noted we are making things happen and with Mr. Stokes as our leader she is looking forward to great things happening.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Mel Battle made a motion at 11:50 a.m. to go into closed session after a short recess for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6); and for the purpose of discussing information that is privileged, confidential or not a public record (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) and to confer with legal counsel and to discuss budget and allotments. Trudy Blackwell seconded the motion.

(Note: Vennie Beggarly returned to the meeting while closed session was taking place).

IX. OPEN SESSION

Joel Lillard made a motion to return to open session at 3:45 p.m. Nicole Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Requests for Transfers – Renovations at Oakwood

Superintendent Lance Stokes recommended approval of transfers as presented and to continue the process as normal (regarding renewals). Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith to approve the transfers as presented and continue with the normal procedure. The motion carried unanimously.

Oakwood Renovations (Needs Based Grant)

Barnett, Jamara	Oakwood	to	North (1st)

Dalton, Skyler	Oakwood	to	North (1st)
Kent, Josie-Lynn	Oakwood	to	North (1st)
Lipscomb, Cam'Arthur	Oakwood	to	North (1st)
Robertson, Kyree	Oakwood	to	North (1st)
Torain, Christopher	Oakwood	to	North (1st)
Miller, Zayne	Oakwood	to	North (2nd)
McFarling, Remi	Oakwood	to	North (2nd)
Velasquez, Malena	Oakwood	to	North (2nd)
Wimbush, Autumn	Oakwood	to	North (2nd)
Eanes, Anastasia	Oakwood	to	North (3rd)
Baize, Izaiah	Oakwood	to	North (3rd)
Henderson, Nicholas	Oakwood	to	North (3rd)
Holden, Natalie	Oakwood	to	North (3rd)
Preston, Liam	Oakwood	to	North (3rd)
Barnes, Logan	Oakwood	to	North (4th)
Purnell, Myra	Oakwood	to	North (4th)
Williamson, Landon	Oakwood	to	North (4th)
Ball, Aubrey	Oakwood	to	North (5th)
Johnson, Mariah	Oakwood	to	North (5th)
Kent, Zoey	Oakwood	to	North (5th)
Lakey, Cameron	Oakwood	to	North (5th)
Ricchioto, Isabella	Oakwood	to	Stoney Creek (1st)
Cambell, Cashton	Oakwood	to	Stoney Creek (2nd)
Holloway, Tameiya	Oakwood	to	Stoney Creek (2nd)
Bernard, Ivy	Oakwood	to	Stoney Creek (4th)
Ricchioto, Jameson	Oakwood	to	Stoney Creek (5th)
Allmond, Abbygayle	South	to	Stoney Creek (4th)
Jefferson, Tobias	South	to	Stoney Creek (4th)
Osborn	North	to	Stoney Creek (2nd)
Edwards, Liam	Rockingham	to	North (1st)
Miles, Kaedyn	Rockingham	to	Oakwood ***(tuition)
Pride, Akyra	Stoney Creek	to	Oakwood (1st)
King, Ava	Danville	to	North (3rd) (tuition)

King, Zoey Danville to North (3rd) (tuition)

XI. PERSONNEL LISTING

Mr. Stokes recommended approval of the personnel listing as presented with revisions as discussed. Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations	
BYSHS	Sydney Anderson, Interim History Teacher = Eff. 6/12/26
	Quinton Simpson, Custodian = Declined position
South Elementary	Mary Hannah Grubbs, Media Specialist = Eff. 6/12/26
Oakwood Elementary	Lindsey White, K Teacher = Eff. 6/12/26
North Elementary	Avery Artis, Principal = Eff. 6/30/26
	Sade Fountain, 2nd Grade Teacher = Eff. 6/12/26
Retirement	
Central Office	Geraldine Robinson, Custodian = Eff. 9/30/26
Transfers	
Oakwood Elementary	Andrea Anika, Teacher = Self Contained (moving from NL Dillard) = Eff. 8/10/26 (replacement of Dale Stewart)
Employment	
Central Office	Anna Foster, AIG Specialist Support Coordinator = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Annabelle Jones/Marcy Barefoot)
NL Dillard Middle	Jeannette Delva-Wiley, Math Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26
	Shaquille Bolden, Head Football Coach = Eff. 7/1/26 (7 years coaching)
	Laine Lockwood, School Nurse = Eff. 8/10/26

Oakwood Elementary	Tasha Lemke, 4th Grade Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26
	Chasity Abbot, NC Pre-K Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Vanezzia Claiborne)
	Alphie Battle, K Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Lindsey Hudson)
BYSHS	Decolia Carter, Principal = Eff. 7/1/26 (2-year contract) High School supplement = $15,000
	Wesley Horton, AP/AD (12 months) = Eff. 8/1/26 (Replacement of Megan Ray & Michael Preston)
	Dorcas Khavakali, Math Teacher (Participate Learning) = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Beverly Tidwell)
	Kevin Alston, Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach = Eff. 7/1/26 (Replacement of Lou Williams)
	Destiny Robinson-Henderson, Data Manager = Eff. 7/13/26 (Replaces Jeff Staubber)
North Elementary	Katie Louhoff, 2nd Grade Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26
	Vanezzia Claiborne, 1st Grade Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26
	David Graves, Interim Principal = Eff. 7/1/26 thru 7/31/26 (replaces Avery Artis)

Superintendent Lance Stokes recommended approval of the following:

- Additional Contract Recommendations
- Summer Work Requests
- Athletics

Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Lisa Johnson-Knight, to approve the recommendations for contracts, summer work requests and athletics as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional Contract Recommendations:

- Meredith Gregory = 10-month teacher /District Pre-K (8/10/26 – 6/4/27) (not on teacher scale – no benefits - $20.00 per hour per cap restrictions
- Tiffany Long = 10-month teacher / Oakwood (8/10/26 – 6/4/27)
- Emily Hepler = 10-month teacher / South = Pending Licensure

Summer Work Requests

Curriculum

Dawn Suitt & Joshua Recore
Up to 10 days
Est. Cost = $4,631.20
Creating Standards based curriculum guides, etc.
Funding = Title II

EC Department

Natalie Duncan
Up to 10 days
Est. Cost = $1,155.05 (5 stipend days plus benefits) plus 5 traded days to be used on AL days only
Working on PRC 029 grant to be submitted by August 3, 2026
Funding = PRC 306

Certified EC Teachers
One day
Est. Cost = $3696.16 (1 stipend day for each participant) plus any contract related service provider will be paid from their contract
Mandatory NCDPI Compliance Training = August 4, 2026
Funding = PRC 306

Certified EC Teachers (as needed for training)
One day or a ½ day
Est. Cost = Traded 1 day or a ½ day
Funding = N/A

BYSHS Athletics (Fall Sports 2026-2027)

Head Coach		Ryan Johnson (11-months' salary)
Asst. Coach	L10	Rickey Blackstock

Asst. Coach	L10	Quinton Simpson
Asst. Coach	L10	Quinton Cooley
Volunteer:		Chris Payton
JV Football Coach	L10	Justin Shumaker
Asst. Coach	L10	Armani Williams
Asst. Coach	L10	Mykel Williams
Athletic Trainer	L10	Crystal McCraw
Cheerleaders	L3	Brianna McCandies
JV Cheerleaders	L3	Trevor Smith
Volleyball Coach	L10	Angela Ouzts
Asst. VB Coach	L5	Ruth Miller
JV VB Coach	L5	Anna Foster
Cross Country	L5	Tia Foster
Men's Soccer	L10	Lynn Massey

<u>NL Dillard Middle Athletics – Fall</u>

Head Football Coach	L10	Shaquille Bolden
Asst. Football	L5	Kyle Walker
Asst. Football	L5	Vacant
Volunteer		Tony Durden, Jr.
Soccer Boys	L5	Josh Helm
Softball Girls	L5	Betty Helm
Softball Girls Asst.	L3	Melissa Poole
Baseball Boys	L5	Cody Johnson
Baseball Boys Asst.	L3	Larry Walker
Volleyball Girls	L5	Angela Ouzts
Volleyball Asst.	L3	Ruth Miller
Cheerleaders Fall	L3	Tondea McGee-Holder
Cheerleaders Winter	L3	Tondea McGee-Holder

Basketball Boys	L7	Jordan Morris
Soccer – Girls	L5	Josh Helm
Wrestling	L3	Julia Bowling

Superintendent Lance Stokes recommended approval of the allotments as presented. Nicole Smith moved, seconded by Joel Lillard, to approve the allotment recommendations for positions as changed and were discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS
None at this time.

XII. ADJOURN

Joel Lillard moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Lisa Johnson-Knight seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on July 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Caswell County Schools Administration Building.

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Mel O. Battle
Chairman

Lance Stokes
Superintendent