

**WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**July Personnel Report
Board Meeting – July 13, 2026**

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Dustin Adams	WHS	Math Teacher	Other Employment (6/19/26)
Caroline Bryson	Hardin Park	After School Group Leader	Resignation (7/7/26)
Mallory Caraway	Valle Crucis	After School Group Leader	Continue Education (6/3/26)
Scott Carter	Cove Creek	Principal	Other Employment (6/11/26)
Molly Giles	Mabel	After School Program Coordinator	Resignation (7/2/26)
Kerrigan Hoffield	Parkway	After School Group Leader	Resignation (5/5/26)
Elizabeth McClellan	Blowing Rock	Grade 3 Teacher	Employment w/ Avery County Schools (6/30/26)
Charlotte Mitchell	Valle Crucis	After School Group Leader	Resignation (7/7/26)
Laila Myers	Hardin Park	After School Group Leader	Resignation (7/7/26)
Ali Pace	Hardin Park	EC Teacher	Resignation (6/25/26)
Cheyenne Ross	Bethel	Middle Grades Teacher	Employment w/ Avery County Schools (6/30/26)
Annalise Slough	Cove Creek	After School Group Leader	Resignation (7/7/26)
Erin Smith	Green Valley	After School Group Leader	Other Employment (7/1/26)
Ricky Ward	Bethel	Principal	Employment w/ Avery County Schools (6/11/26)

Certified Personnel

New Employment

Tiffany Brisbin	Blowing Rock	AIG Specialist
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Ms. Brisbin earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in 1998. She completed the requirements for a Master's degree in Instructional Technology and Media Education from Appalachian State University in 2011. Tiffany was employed as an Elementary Teacher with Lincoln County Schools during the 1998-1999 school year. Ms. Brisbin taught Elementary Education from 1999 until 2015 and has served as an AIG Specialist with Gaston County Schools since 2015. Tiffany holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the following areas: 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6), 00077 – Instructional Technology Specialist: Computers, and 88087 – Academically or Intellectually Gifted.

Lilia Ghiorzi	WHS	Spanish Teacher
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Ms. Ghiorzi earned a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from Higher Institute of Teacher and Technical Training in Argentina in 2000. From 2000 until 2022, Lilia was an English as a Second Language Teacher in Argentina. She was employed as a Spanish Teacher with Gaston County schools from 2022 until 2026. Lilia is a native speaker of Spanish. Ms. Ghiorzi holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the following areas: 00110 – English as a Second Language and 0052 – Spanish (K-12).

Nicholas Hathaway	Hardin Park	Music Teacher
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Mr. Hathaway earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Old Dominion University in 2024. He completed the requirements for a Master's degree in Music from Appalachian State University in 2026. Nicholas was a Marching Band Technician at First Colonial High School in Virginia during the 2022-2023 school year. During 2025, Mr. Hathaway was a Low Brass Instructor at White Oak High School and a Tuba and Euphonium Instructor with Cannon Music Camp. He served as Graduate Assistant with the Appalachian State University Marching Mountaineers. Nicholas has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at Caldwell Community College since January 2026. Mr. Hathaway will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00800 – Music (K-12).

Simone Perry**Mabel****Grade 3 Teacher**

Ms. Perry earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Lenoir-Rhyne University in 2014. From 2013 until 2016, Simone was a Third Grade Teacher with Rowan-Salisbury Schools. She was a Substitute Teacher with Watauga County Schools from January to May of 2017. Ms. Perry was employed by Watauga County Schools as a Teacher Assistant from August 2017 until September 2021. She completed the 2021-2022 school year as a Second Grade Teacher at Blowing Rock Elementary School. Simone has been employed as a teacher with Johnson County Schools in Tennessee since August 2022. Ms. Perry will apply for a validated North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Dr. Donald Presnell**CC, GV, MA, PK****ESL Teacher**

Dr. Presnell earned a Bachelor's degree in 1991 from Appalachian State University. He earned a Master's degree in English in 1993 and an additional Master's degree in Romance Languages in 2007 from Appalachian State University. Don earned a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Appalachian State University in 2012. Dr. Presnell taught Spanish with Watauga County Schools from 2002 until 2004. During the 2004-2005 school year, he was a faculty member in the English Department at Caldwell Community College. Since 2005, Donald has been employed with Appalachian State University in a variety of positions including Transfer Coordinator, Adjunct Faculty for Spanish and English, Associate Director of Academic Advising, Faculty for First Year Seminar, Adjunct Faculty for Curriculum/Instruction, and Director of the Common Reading Program. Dr. Presnell will apply for a validated North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00521 – Spanish (K-12) and a provisional license in the area of 00110 – English as a Second Language (K-12).

Tarren Pruitt, RN**WHS****Health Science Teacher**

Ms. Pruitt earned a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Lenoir-Rhyne University in 2001. From 2005 until 2009 and 2014-2015, Tarren was employed as a Registered Nurse at Ashe Memorial Hospital. From January 2010 until June 2010, she was employed by Ashe County Schools as Interim School Nurse. Tarren was a Registered Nurse with Appalachian Regional Healthcare System from June 2010 until May 2014. Ms. Pruitt served as a Registered Nurse with New Hanover Regional Medical Center from August 2015 until June 2020. She was a Clinical Instructor at Cape Fear Community College during the 2019-2020 school year in the LPN program. Tarren has been employed with Watauga County Schools as a School Nurse since October 2024. She will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00720 – Health Occupations Education.

WT "Ted" Stille**Hardin Park****Interim AIG Specialist**

Mr. Stille earned a Bachelor's degree in English from United States Air Force Academy in 1999. He earned a Master's degree in Education from Wake Forest University in 2009. From 2009 until 2011, he was employed as an English Teacher with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Ted was a Substitute Teacher and Volunteer with the Anchorage School District in Alaska from 2011 until 2023. Mr. Stille will apply for a validated North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00100 – English (grades 9-12) and a provisional in the area of 88087 – Academically or Intellectually Gifted.

Re-Employment: Contract Teachers – One (1) Year Contracts for 2026-2027 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Terri Hodges	Mabel	75% Middle Grades Math Teacher
Sydney Loftis	Green Valley	Grade 3 Teacher
Annie Russ	Green Valley	60% Reading Specialist
Shannon Stanbery	Green Valley	40% Reading Specialist

Classified Personnel

New Employment

McKenna Holman	WHS	EC Teacher Assistant
Julian King	Hardin Park	EC Teacher Assistant

Transfer of Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year</u>
Ashley Combs	Teacher Assistant at Cove Creek	EC Teacher Assistant at Green Valley & Hardin Park
Rebecca Dollar	68.75% Cafeteria Employee at Valle Crucis	87.5% Cafeteria Employee at Valle Crucis

Re-Employment 2026-2027 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Ben Rogers	WHS	EC Teacher Assistant

Extended Employment for Summer 2026

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Employment Extension</u>
Addison Aldridge	After School Group Leader at Parkway	ELC Summer Camp Group Leader
Mariah Saey	After School Group Leader at Hardin Park	ELC Summer Camp Group Leader

Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Mary "Irene" Delgado	Bachelor's Degree	EC PreK Teacher in Florida
Elizabeth Mayhew	Master's Degree	Speech Pathologist Intern
Cheyenne Millsaps	High School Diploma	Teacher Cadet at Cove Creek
Robert Poole	Master's Degree	Substitute Teacher in Davie County
Kathleen Agate*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Marsha Anderson	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Samad Ansari	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Erin Banks	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Sherry Baucom	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Judah Bawcombe	College – 2 Years	Previous Substitute
David Benson	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Katie Blackburn	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Tierney Boss	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Thomas Brady	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Kailyn Braswell	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Dr. Robert Broce	Doctorate Degree	Previous Substitute
Stacy Brooks	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Adrianna Brown	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Judy Brown*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Dr. Jackson Butler*	Doctorate Degree	Previous Substitute

Kathy Butler*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Chrissie Callejas	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Lisa Carlson*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Shay Casey	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Dr. Katherine Chesnutt	Doctorate Degree	Previous Substitute
Lorien Cockman	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Carrie Cogdill	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Amanda Coker	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Andrew Contafio	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Hogan Copeland	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Kathy Cottrell	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Emily Crain	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Hakisha Crawford	Early Childhood Credentials	Previous Substitute
Carol Critcher*	Education Specialist Degree	Previous Substitute
Caitlin Curatolo	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Louisa Currie	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Michelle Curry*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Harley Davis	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Melissa Dick*	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Anne Donadio*	Educational Specialist Degree	Previous Substitute
John Downs*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Erin Ellington	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Judith Erb	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Brenda Farthing*	Teacher Assistant Institute	Previous Substitute
Julie Farthing	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Dr. Karen Farthing*	Doctorate Degree	Previous Substitute
Mary Catherine Felts*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Nancy Ferguson	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jennifer Fox	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Emily Gentry	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Calista Giles*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Martha Godwin*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Monica Gowan	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Melissa Greaves	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Elizabeth Greene	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Dr. Melanie Greene	Doctorate Degree	Previous Substitute
Emma Greer	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Carolyn Gura	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Preston Hadley	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Steven Hagaman*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Tyler Hagan	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Leslie Hall	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
William Hans	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Mariel Harlow	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Robin Hawkins	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Leigh Heissel	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Angela Henderson	College – 3 Years	Previous Substitute
Patricia "Patti" Hensley*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Shawn Hodge*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Rebecca "Becky" Hoffman	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
David Hollis	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jesse Holmes	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Angela Honeycutt	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute

Melody Howell	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Curtis Hubbard	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Kathy Isaacs	College – 1 Year	Previous Substitute
Maria Jamell*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Mary Johnson	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jack Jordy	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Angela King	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Carol King*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Abby Koon	College – 2 Years	Previous Substitute
Kelley LaBedz	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jennifer Lacy*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Laura LaPointe*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Mitzi Ledford*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Charles Lentz*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Deborah Lentz*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jessica Lenz, RN	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Cynthia Lewis*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Sheri Littleson	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
DeAnne Loper	College – 2 Years	Previous Substitute
Camilla “Cam” Lopes	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Claudine Lovins*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Faye Martin	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Ralph “Bill” Mathews	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Tammy McClannon	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
TaraLene “Tara” McColgin	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Elyse McDaniel	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Janet McGuire*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
John Merritt	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Carrie Merschat	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jonathan Miller*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Michelle “Mandi” Miller	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Marguerite Moltz	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Melessa Moody*	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Louise “Lou” Moore*	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Freida Moore-Culler	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Hollie Moretz	Associate's Degree	Previous Substitute
Brielynn Myers	College – 1 Year	Previous Substitute
Sherrie Myers	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jeff Nash	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Lora Nash	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Gwen Nash-Stevens	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Jeff Newell	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Lottie Oliver*	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Anna Palma	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute
Myra Patterson	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
David Peeler	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Juliet Plue	College – 3 Years	Previous Substitute
Dr. Kevin Pressley	Doctorate Degree	Previous Substitute
Cheyenne Presnell	Early Education Certificate	Previous Substitute
Paula Presnell	Master's Degree	Previous Substitute
Stacey Presnell	Bachelor's Degree	Previous Substitute

Nina “Joy” Pritchett*	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Cassie Proctor	College – 2 Years	Previous Substitute
Susan Purser*	Master’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Michele Redmon	College -1 Year	Previous Substitute
Stacey Rex	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Terri Reynolds*	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Tucker Reynolds	College – 2 Years	Previous Substitute
Isaac Robinson	Associate’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Glory Rognstad	Master’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Paige Roten	College – 2 Years	Previous Substitute
Candace Rowan	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Sharon Rucker*	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Dr. Rebecca “Kathy” Schnirman	Doctorate Degree	Previous Substitute
Tanya Sherrill*	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Cameron St. Clair	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Shannon Stanbery*	Master’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Monica Styron	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Jeremiah Tarbutton	Master’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Paula Thomson	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Stacey Troisi	Master’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Peyton Walton	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Elizabeth Webster	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Dennis “DJ” West	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Jason West	High School Diploma	Previous Substitute
Merle “Janie” West	GED	Previous Substitute
William “Whit” Whitaker*	Master’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Sue Wilders	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Jennifer Williams	Master’s Degree	Previous Substitute
Piper Woodring*	Bachelor’s Degree	Previous Substitute

*Retired North Carolina Professional Educator

Hospital/Homebound List

JB Byrne	County-Wide	Behavior Specialist
Jesse Carswell	WHS	Exceptional Children
Randy Combs	WHS	Social Studies
Lora Davis	WHS	Healthful Living
Agnes-Marie Fox	Bethel	Speech-Language Pathologist
Corrie Freeman	Hardin Park	Elementary (K-6)
Haley Gowdy	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children
Emily Grogan	WHS	English
Jeanie Hicks	Mabel	Elementary (K-6)
Joni Horine	Hardin Park	Intervention Specialist
Amanda Huff	WHS	Exceptional Children
Sheri King	WHS	English
Jennifer Lambert	Cove Creek	Elementary (K-6)
Karla Lerner	Hardin Park	Exceptional Children
Hester Claire Linville	Hardin Park	Elementary (K-6)
Natasha Lyons	Valle Crucis	Middle Grades
Hope Millsaps-Combs	Cove Creek	Elementary (K-6)
Jerry Moretz	WHS	Math
Carmen Scoggins	WHS	Spanish
Kevin Shaw	WHS	Science

Robin Smith
Charlena Townsend
Jacob Wallace
Angela Watson
Donna Wellborn
Pam West
April Wilkinson
Sumer Williams

Parkway
Parkway
WHS
Blowing Rock
WHS
Bethel
WHS
WHS

Elementary (K-6), Middle Grades, AIG
Elementary (K-6)
Social Studies
Middle Grades
English
Elementary (K-6), Middle Grades
Exceptional Children
Math

Athletics

Andrew Wilson
Lane Worrell Hoit

WHS
Hardin Park

Head Flag Football Coach
Volleyball Coach