CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
July 27, 2026

The Caswell County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Mel Battle, Vice Chair Joel Lillard, Vennie Beggarly, Nicole Smith, Lisa Johnson-Knight, Dr. Nicole McGhee, and Trudy Blackwell. Others present include Superintendent Lance Stokes, Brook Underwood, Jane Frazier, Shannon Moretz. and Board Attorney Ron Bradsher. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes. (*Note: Others may have been present but did not sign the roster or names were not legible*).

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.

I. B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicole Smith moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

I. D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Lance Stokes shared we are 21 days out from the start of school. He shared that that last week our teams came together on moving Oakwood to South and everyone worked well and things went very smoothly. Mr. Stokes is working on a video to do a timeframe of the work being done at Oakwood. It was a cooperative effort including maintenance, transportation and technology departments.

I. E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

II. REPORTS

Budget Report – A draft copy of the local and capital outlay budgets was shared with the board. It was shared, when questioned, that we have approximately $900,000 to $1Million in the current fund balance and approximately $500,000 in capital outlay fund balance.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy # 7325, Video & Audio Recordings by Employees

Discussion took place with an updated copy of Policy # 7325 based on updates from the North Carolina School Board Association. It was shared that the changes would reflect how to handle situations on the bus.

Board Attorney Ron Bradsher did not have any further input and shared that if a situation arises, the transportation director needs to be informed so the video can be secured and downloaded.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to approve the second reading of Policy #7325, Video and Audio Recordings by Employees as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

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

   Request for Transfer

Pride, Akyra	Stoney Creek	to	North (2nd)
Vaughan, Ivy-Rose	Oakwood	to	North (5th)
Robson, Gary	Caswell	to	Person (9th)
Rudd, Jude	Caswell	to	Person (6th)
Rudd, Sofia	Caswell	to	Orange (11th)
Sartin, Weston	Caswell	to	Pittsylvania County (1st)
Stephens, Perry	Caswell	to	Rockingham (10th)

   PTEC Invoice
   Cost = $16,200 (this was approved at July 13th meeting but price was incorrect)
   Funding = Memberships (Title II)

   Lexia Core 5
   Cost = $38,791.66
   Funding = PRC 085 (State Funds)

   AIG Professional Development = Dr. Chris Godwin
   Cost = $4,800
   Funding = PRC 034 (AIG State Funds)

CCS/CC Health Department = Nurses Contract for 2026-2027

Fundraisers for BYSHS / NLD

BYSHS = Football Scrimmage = ($10.00/tickets) = August 14, 2026
Donations (Vertical Raise) = for Senior Fund = September

NL Dillard Middle
Double Good Popcorn = August
Back to School Dance

Contract – ProCare Therapy

Special Education Teacher = ProCare Therapy = Nakia Avery
Cost = $70.00/hour
Estimated Contract Cost = $101,850.00
Responsibilities: Nakia Avery will have a caseload of 25-30 students in grade 7-8 at NLD, which she will be in charge of providing daily specially designed instruction (in both the Resource and Inclusion settings, which includes implementing IEPs, management of student behavior, facilitation of instructional duties, administrative tasks associated with special education (progress monitoring, data collection, developing IEPs and holding IEP meetings in a timely manner, progress reports) and collaboration with students, parents, and all CCS staff, when appropriate.

2. Kindergarten Requests 2026-2027

Kindergarten requests were reviewed as well as numbers currently enrolled for each elementary school. Upon discussion, it was shared that it is very difficult to move forward with kindergarten requests with not knowing if all students in the district have enrolled and typically North and Oakwood are known for having extra students enroll on the first day of school. The numbers will need to be reviewed at each meeting. At this time, it is difficult to approve the requests for Stoney Creek as the need for combo classes will need to be reviewed.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole McGhee, to approve all kindergarten requests as presented except for Stoney Creek. The motion carried 5-2 with Beggarly and Smith voting "No."

Kindergarten Requests Approvals

Broadnax, Asher	Oakwood	to	North
Canta, Kaison	Stoney Creek	to	North
Caudle, Jupiter	Oakwood	to	North
Coleman, James	Oakwood	to	North
Edmonds, Mari-Onna	South	to	North

Foxworth, Armani	Oakwood	to	North
Holt, Lacy	ABSS	to	Caswell / Oakwood **
Mims, Mary	Oakwood	to	North
Owen, Eleanor	Oakwood	to	North
Powell, Maddox	Oakwood	to	North
Spaulding, Isaiah	North	to	Oakwood
Williamson, Adonis	Oakwood	to	North
Watkins, Isaiah	Oakwood	to	North
Young, Logan	Oakwood	to	North

** = Tuition will apply

V. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- Mr. Stokes shared we have received information from Duke Energy in which energy bills will be increasing. We will be looking at opportunities to reduce costs and we are in the early stage of this.
- Work at Oakwood has begun and ceiling tiles are out. Maintenance is looking at repurposing what we can.
- Mr. Stokes commended the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners for the flexibility they have allowed with the work that is going on at Oakwood for our students. He shared that there are rumors that it will take two years to complete the updates at Oakwood; however, that is not the case and students should be returning to Oakwood for the 2027-2028 school year next fall.
- Capital 888 projects – The HVAC at the Civic Center is a work in progress and more work will be needed at South for the water filtration system.
- Mr. Stokes shared the state of Caswell County Schools is strong and shared the orientation for Beginning Teachers was held this week. He thanked the board for their support.

VI. ATTORNEYS REPORT

None.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members shared comments on events they had attended. Thanks were given to all employees/staff for what they are doing especially with the move for Oakwood.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Mel Battle made a motion to go into closed session 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. Nicole Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. OPEN SESSION

Joel Lillard made a motion to return to open session. Trudy Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X. PERSONNEL LISTING

Mr. Stokes recommended approval of the personnel listing as presented (1-9 & 11-14). Trudy Blackwell moved, seconded by Lisa Johnson-Knight. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stokes recommended approval of the personnel listing #10 (data manager) as presented Lisa Johnson-Knight moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell. The motion carried 4-3 with Lillard, Beggarly & Smith voting "No."

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to begin working with Brooks & Pierce as the board attorney effective August 1, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations	
Bartlett Yancey Sr. High School	Antwain Cook, History Teacher – Eff. 7/15/26
	Fletcher Fryczynski, CTE Teacher – Eff. 7/21/26
South Elementary	Lydia Adorno, Custodian = Eff. 7/27/26
Declined Position	
Bartlett Yancey Sr. High School	Davina Metts, EC Teacher
Employment	
Oakwood Elementary	Latoya Lee, Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Lindsey White)
	Elijah Bloom, Music Teacher Oakwood/South = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces = vacant position)
	Aliyah Ford, EC Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Kaytrah Connally)

Bartlett Yancey Sr. High School	Lillie Davis, CTE Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Fletcher Fryczynski)
	Chad Aharon, Social Studies Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Antwain Cook)
	Harrison Jones, Basketball Coach = Eff. 8/1/26
	Neatherly Harris, Data Manager = Eff. 8/1/26 (Replaces Jeff Stauber)
NL Dillard Middle School	Leslie Jenkins, ELA Teacher (80%) = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Jerica Brooks)
Stoney Creek / North	Mary (Elizabeth) Chambers – Music Teacher at Stoney Creek/North = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replaces Julia Fair)
Central Office	Mary Chavez, EL Coordinator = Eff. TBD (once her position has been filled) = (Replaces Vivianna Jaramillo)
OTHER	
Reclassify Vacant PE position at North for Media Specialist position at South for the 2026-2027 school year only (State funded)	
	Justin Scruggs – North/Stoney Creek = One year only
	Earl Glass – Oakwood/South = One year only
Contracts	Emily Helper = Contract & Limited License = One Year
Athletic Director	Ricky Blackstock = Stipend of $1,250/per month for 12-months = Locally funded
	Tyler Coleman = Stipend of $500/per month for 12 months for field maintenance = Locally funded
Before & After School Care position added to Stoney Creek Elementary	Whitney Boone – Paid from Fund 7 Daily Stipend

XI. ADJOURN

Vennie Beggarly moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 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 June 27 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Caswell County Schools Administration Building.

Mel O. Battle Chairman	Lance Stokes Superintendent