

Hamlet, North Carolina
June 30, 2026

The Richmond County Board of Education met in regular session on June 30, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Central Office in Hamlet, North Carolina.

The members present were Cory Satterfield, Chairman; Scotty Baldwin, Vice-Chairman; Bobbie Sue Ormsby; Jerry Ethridge; Ronald Tillman; Daryl Mason; and Bess Shuler.

The administrators present were Dr. Joe Ferrell, Superintendent; Melvin Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of School Safety and Support Services; Dr. Tesha Isler, Executive Director of Human Resources; Dawn Jordan, Executive Director of Finance; and Eva Dubuisson, Board Attorney. Dr. Kate Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructions; and Cameron Whitley, Executive Director of Communications, were absent.

Meeting Commencement

After noting that a quorum was present, Cory Satterfield, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Daryl Mason requested a Moment of Silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Jerry Ethridge, seconded by Bobbie Sue Ormsby, the open session minutes of June 9, 2026, were unanimously approved.

Oath of Office for Re-Elected Board Members

Ashley Gore, Superior Court Judge in Superior Court Judicial District 13A, administered the oath of office to re-elected Board member Bobbie Sue Ormsby.

Vickie Daniel, Clerk of Court administered the oath of office to re-elected Board members Cory Satterfield, Daryl Mason and Scotty Baldwin.

Election of Board of Education Chairman

Dr. Joe Ferrell opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chair of the Richmond County Schools Board of Education.

Nominees were:

- Cory Satterfield – nominated by Cory Satterfield
- Bobbie Sue Ormsby – nominated by Bess Shuler

Ronald Tillman made a motion to close the nominations for Chair. Following the close of nominations, the Superintendent called for a show-of-hands vote on the nomination of Cory Satterfield for Chair of the Richmond County Schools Board of Education. Chairman Satterfield, Jerry Ethridge, Daryl Mason, Ronald Tillman, and Scotty Baldwin voted in favor of Cory Satterfield. Bobbie Sue Ormsby and Bess Shuler did not vote for Cory Satterfield, indicating their support for Bobbie Sue Ormsby. With five votes in favor, Cory Satterfield was re-elected Chair of the Richmond County Schools Board of Education by a 5-2 vote.

Election of BOE Vice-Chairman

Chairman Satterfield opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Richmond County Schools Board of Education.

Nominees were:

- Bobbie Sue Ormsby – nominated by Jerry Ethridge
- Scotty Baldwin – nominated by Ronald Tillman

Daryl Mason made a motion to close the nominations for Vice Chair. Following the close of nominations, Chairman Cory Satterfield called for a show-of-hands vote on the nomination of Scotty Baldwin for Vice Chair of the Richmond County Schools Board of Education. Chairman Satterfield, Scotty Baldwin, Daryl Mason, and Ronald Tillman voted in favor of Scotty Baldwin. With four votes in favor, Scotty Baldwin was elected Vice Chair by a 4-3 vote. Bobbie Sue Ormsby, Bess Shuler, and Jerry Ethridge did not vote for Scotty Baldwin, indicating their support for Bobbie Sue Ormsby.

2026-2027 Traditional Calendar Changes

Dr. Joe Ferrell presented a request to amend the previously approved 2026–2027 Traditional School Calendar. He explained that the graduation dates had been listed incorrectly and recommended revising the calendar to reflect Ashley Chapel Educational Center's graduation on June 3, 2027, and Richmond Senior High School's graduation on June 4, 2027.

On a motion by Jerry Ethridge, seconded by Scotty Baldwin, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to the 2026-2027 Traditional School Calendar, changing the graduation dates to June 3, 2027, for Ashley Chapel Educational Center and June 4, 2027, for Richmond Senior High School.

Policies for Adoption

Melvin Ingram presented the conclusion of the 30-day review period, asking the Board to adopt amendments for the following policies.

Policy Numbers/Regulation Code:

- Policy: 1310-4002 Parental Involvement
- Policy: 2330 Board Meeting Agenda
- Policy: 2340 Parliamentary Procedures
- Policy: 3225-4312-7320 Technology Responsible Use
- Policy: 4318 Use of Wireless Communication Devices
- Policy: 4342 Student Searches
- Policy: 5071-7351 Electronically Stored Information Retention
- Policy: 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services
- Policy: 7130 Licensure

25-26 Budget Amendments

Dawn Jordan presented the following 25-26 budget resolutions for board approval.

- State Funds
 - The budget appropriation has been revised from \$59,020,249.98 to \$59,616,311.08 representing an increase of \$596,361.10.
- Local Funds
 - The budget appropriation has been revised from \$11,916,055.43 to \$11,979,106.43 representing an increase of \$18,051.00.
- Other Local Funds
 - The budget appropriation has been revised from \$4,630,866.92 to \$4,937,325.19 representing an increase of \$306,438.27.

On a motion by Ronald Tillman, seconded by Jerry Ethridge, the board voted unanimously to approve the budget resolution as presented.

Dawn also requested authorization to operate under a continuation budget for the 26-27 school year to ensure uninterrupted services of any services or essential operations.

On a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Daryl Mason, the board unanimously approved the authorization to operate under a continuation budget for the 2026–2027 school year, ensuring uninterrupted delivery of essential services and operations.

Dawn Jordan reported that the district is projected to end the fiscal year without using fund balance to balance the budget. She noted that, unlike the previous year when more than \$1 million in fund balance was used, the fund balance is projected to remain at approximately \$1.6 million.

Chairman Cory Satterfield commented that the cost-saving measures implemented by the superintendent, cabinet, and Board are now producing positive financial results, allowing the district to avoid using fund balance this year. Board members expressed their appreciation to everyone whose efforts contributed to this achievement. Dr. Ferrell extended praise to both the central office staff, and to educators throughout the system, for budget-savings measures to make this possible.

Partnership for Children

Bobbie Sue Ormsby made a motion to amend the June 30 agenda to add Partnership for Children. Scotty Baldwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Bobbie Sue Ormsby informed the Board that she serves on the Partnership for Children Board and noted that the term limit is six years, and she is currently serving her seventh year. She stated she is seeking a Board member to replace her. Bess Shuler nominated Scotty Baldwin to serve in this role. The Board expressed support for the nomination, and Scotty Baldwin accepted.

Cory Satterfield citing NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1), and (6) requested a motion to go into closed session.

On a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Jerry Ethridge, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session at 12:35 p.m.

On a motion by Ronald Tillman, seconded by Scotty Baldwin, the board voted unanimously to reconvene into open session at 1:08 p.m.

Personal

Dr. Tesha Isler presented the personnel report for Board approval.

On a motion by Jerry Ethridge, seconded by Bess Shuler, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel report.

Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Jerry Ethridge, Chairman Satterfield adjourned the meeting at 1:11p.m.