

**GASTON COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session**



943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

August 17, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Agenda Adoption

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Consideration of Formal Agenda for Monday, August 17, 2026

Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) adoption of Agenda for meeting sequence and structure.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

Adoption of Agenda

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 2350 Board Meeting Agenda.

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Submitted by: Dr. Morgen A. Houchard

Department: Superintendent

GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Morgen A. Houchard, Superintendent
943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054
Monday, August 17, 2026
5:30 p.m.
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Regular Meeting

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Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Good News

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

Each month, the Communications/Public Information Department compiles “Good News” about our schools, students, employees, and community partners. See attachment.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Submitted by: Todd Hagans
Chief Communications Officer

Department: Communications
(Superintendent’s Office)

BOARD AGENDA INFORMATIONAL ITEM

DEPARTMENT: Communications/Public
Information Department

TOPIC: GOOD NEWS

FOR THE MONTH OF: August 2026

1. For the fourth consecutive year, **Gaston County Schools** received the Golden Eagle Award from the United Way of Gaston County for having the highest fundraising total of any business/organization participating in the 2025-2065 campaign. Nearly \$119,000 was raised by our schools and central level departments. The funds will go toward the United Way's efforts to support programs related to three areas: education, health and wellness, and financial stability.
2. Once again, **Gaston County Schools** nutrition staff coordinated a successful summer meals program to help make sure students had access to nutritious meals during the summer months. The program served a total of 139,766 meals to children across Gaston County, including 75,239 lunches and 64,527 breakfasts. School sites operating for three weeks in June served 6,178 lunches and 5,062 breakfasts. Community sites, including camps, daycares, parks and pools, served 36,161 lunches and 26,565 breakfasts during the summer. Rural non-congregate sites operating for seven weeks served 32,900 lunches and 32,900 breakfasts.
3. Gaston County Schools held its annual Convocation (in video format) on August 7. The video premiere served as a back-to-school welcome for employees, and it featured messages from Superintendent **Morgen Houchard**, Board of Education Chairman **Josh Crisp**, Gaston County Teacher of the Year **Erica Baird** of **Forestview High School**, and Gaston County Principal of the Year **Jessica Mellon** of **W.P. Grier Middle School**. The video featured a sports theme with "Game On!" as the slogan; the video's halftime segment featured a performance by the **South Point High School** marching band, which is directed by Gaston County New Teacher of the Year **Connor Settlemyre**.
4. **MaKenzie Strader** of **North Gaston High School** and **Avery Stevens** of **North Gaston High School** were recognized at the Gaston County Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards annual banquet. MaKenzie was named the Jaycees Outstanding Student, and Mrs. Stevens was chosen as the Jaycees Outstanding Teacher for 2026. The awards are given based on outstanding community service and commitment to volunteerism.
5. **Gaston County Schools** partnered with the Gaston County Early Literacy Collaborative, CaroMont Health, Kintegra Health, and other community agencies to stage the "Ready, Set, Grow: A Community Back-to-School Event" on August 1 at Eastridge Mall. The program focused on celebrating education, empowering families, and supporting students as they began a new school year.

6. **Gaston County Schools** athletic director **Chad Duncan** was recognized as a Morgan & Morgan Spotlight Educator by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.
7. **Gaston County Schools** Director of Health Services **Hillary McSwain** received the Endowment Education Scholarship from the National Association of School Nurses.
8. **Madison Potter** of **Forestview High School** and **Mason Powers** of **Cherryville High School** have been named Region VI representatives to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) Student Advisory Council for the 2026-27 year.
9. **South Point High School** senior **Rex Dover** and **Ashbrook High School** Class of 2026 graduate **Tupelo Guzauskas** were named recipients of the 2026 Governor's Volunteer Service Award. The United Way of Gaston County serves as the official award coordinator, processing local nominations for individuals, businesses, and community groups.
10. The following schools were recognized with the Program of Distinction honor from the North Carolina Bandmasters Association for the 2025-2026 school year. At the middle school level, **Belmont Middle School**, under the direction of **Carrie Lineberger**, and **W.C. Friday Middle School**, led by **Cindy Owens**, received the award. At the high school level, **Cherryville High School**, directed by **Cole Crawford**, **East Gaston High School**, led by **Brandon Taylor**, **South Point High School**, under the direction of **Connor Settlemyre**, and **Stuart Cramer High School**, directed by **Kameron Radford**, were recognized for earning the distinction.
11. The following educators received the Jennie Stultz Grant for Art Education presented by the Gaston County Education Foundation: **Andrew Morgan**, **Forestview High School**; **Olivia Hedrick**, **Ashbrook High School**; **Elisha Mitschke-Lamanna**, **Cherryville High School**; **Elizabeth Covington**, **East Gaston High School**; **Marjorie Bone**, **Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**; and **Shelley Campbell**, **Gardner Park Elementary**.
12. **H.H. Beam Elementary** received a \$46,000 donation from City Church in Gastonia.
13. **Belmont Central Elementary** custodian and bus driver **Wendy Snyder-Salazar** received special recognition from The Firefighters, one of the teams in The Savannah Bananas baseball league.
14. The **Belmont Middle School** chorus was selected as a 2026 NCMEA (North Carolina Music Educators Association) Middle School Choral Conference Performance Choir. The prestigious honor is awarded to only two middle school choirs each year and recognizes exemplary choral achievement, outstanding musicianship, and a sustained commitment to excellence in music education. The chorus will perform November 9 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem as part of the middle school choral conference. **Benjamin McKinnon** is the chorus teacher.
15. **Addy Morehead** of **Bessemer City High School** was named to the 2026 3A all-state softball team.

16. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** students **Sawyer Mahin** and **Natalia Korytkowski** marched with the Spirit of Atlanta Drum Corps and Music City Drum Corps, respectively. Drum corps is one of the highest levels of marching band and requires a significant amount of hard work and dedication. Students audition for a spot, spend weeks rehearsing, and travel across the country performing. **Kameron Radford** is the school's band director.
17. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** girls basketball coach **Carey Pohlman** was named head coach for the East-West All-Star game in 2027.
18. **Ella Malone**, a senior at **East Gaston High School**, became the first student in school history to perform with a World Class Drum Corps International organization while still in high school. She is a student of **Brandon Taylor**, the Gaston County 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year.
19. **Lily King** of **East Gaston High School** cheered at the East-West All-Star basketball games on July 20. Cheerleaders were chosen for the all-star squad by the N.C. Cheerleading Coaches Association.
20. **Philip Johnson**, a junior at **East Gaston High School**, has qualified for the Junior National Championships in four events: the 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke, and the 100-meter freestyle. In addition to his success in swimming, Johnson, who has a 4.0 grade point average, will be recognized as a USA Swimming Academic All-American.
21. **Molly Kuproski**, **Madi Perrigo**, and **Lexi Wheeler** of **East Gaston High School** were named to the 2026 4A all-state softball team.
22. The Collegiate Prep Academy at **Forestview High School** celebrated an outstanding year of academic achievement. Among the 39 graduates in the Class of 2026, students earned impressive recognition through the Advanced Placement (AP) program. Thirty three students earned the AP Capstone Diploma by successfully completing AP Seminar, AP Research, and four or more additional AP courses. Five students earned the AP Capstone Certificate by completing AP Seminar and AP Research. Thirty-four students earned the AP Scholar Award for achieving scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. Twenty-four students earned the AP Scholar with Honor Award, and 15 students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award.
23. **Brandon Davis**, wrestling coach at **Forestview High School**, was recognized as the VETSports Motivator of the Year.
24. **Gaston Virtual Academy** teacher **April Wilson-Goodwin** was named a Wayground Certified Educator. The Wayground Certified Educator program, also known as the Game Changer certification, is a professional recognition program for teachers who have mastered the Wayground platform, formerly known as Quizizz. It focuses on using advanced tools to improve student learning.

25. **Highland School of Technology** students **Prudence Hammond** and **Lily Johnson** were named to the 2026 2A all-state softball team.
26. **Highland School of Technology** presented a workshop at the 2026 National Model Schools Conference.
27. **Holbrook Middle School** athletic director **Bryan Nichols** achieved the Certified Master Athletic Administrator credential from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). Earning the credential is a challenging process, and it shows that Mr. Nichols has established himself as a leader in the profession by mastering the principles and practices for effective leadership in interscholastic athletics.
28. **Hunter Huss High School** student **Nicholas Adair** had a night to remember as he signed a one-day contract with the Charlotte Knights and was honored during Levine Children's Hospital Night.
29. The **Mount Holly Middle School** football team received brand-new Adidas cleats from Braylon Clark, a former student and top 2028 high school football prospect who has an NIL deal with Adidas. Braylon spent time with the students, handing out cleats, talking with the team, taking pictures, and signing autographs.
30. **Warlick Academy** principal **Meghan LeFevers** was featured in a New York Post series in partnership with the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream. In the series, Milken Educator Award recipients shared what the American Dream meant to them. LeFevers received the honor in 2017 while serving as an assistant principal at **Bessemer City High School**.
31. **Webb Street School** received a \$20,000 donation from First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia.
32. **Woodhill Elementary School** dean of students **Cherie Feemster** was invited to share her perspective on the telehealth program being implemented at the school through the National Education Association.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Public Expression

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

The Board of Education agenda has been made available to the public for review. Citizens wishing to speak before the Board about an agenda item or other topic may do so during Public Expression.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

The Board of Education will establish time (30 minutes) during the regular monthly meeting for Public Expression. Any citizen not heard during this time may be heard at the end of the business session.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 2310 Public Participation at Board Meetings.

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Submitted by: Todd Hagans
Chief Communications Officer

Department: Communications
(Superintendent's Office)

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Approval/Correction of Minutes

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Approval of Minutes from:

June 15, 2026 (Regular Meeting)

Efficient consideration of matters pertinent to the successful operation of the school system.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

The Board will approve accurate minutes consistent with the Open Meetings Law.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 2320 Compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Submitted by: Dr. Morgen A. Houchard

Department: Superintendent

Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
June 15, 2026
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office Boardroom at 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Josh Crisp, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Lee Dedmon who joined via phone from 5:30 P.M. to 5:51 P.M., Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace, Brent Moore, Jeff Ramsey, Janna Smith, and A.M. Stephens III.

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. Morgen A. Houchard, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Assistant Superintendent Bessie Harvey, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, and Board Clerk Cindy Beck.

Chairman Crisp called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Chairman Crisp requested a moment of silence in memory of Kemp Michael, who served on the Board of Education for 14 years from 1992–1996 and 1996–2008 and served as Board Chairman from 2000–2002.

It was noted that Mr. Michael's dedication to Gaston County, its schools, and the Mount Holly community. The Board expressed its deepest sympathy to Mr. Michael's family, friends, and colleagues.

A moment of silence was observed.

Invocation

Laura Aubreey from Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Belmont, NC. led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Brady Hubers, from Highland School of Technology, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adoption - Action

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

Mr. A.M. Stephens III asked the Board to consider removing the School Closing/Consolidations item from the Agenda.

Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended without the School Closing/Consolidations item was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry, motion carried (7-2) Mr. Lee Dedmon and Mrs. Robbie Lovelace opposed.

Good News – Information

Mr. Todd Hagans presented the Good News for June:

School Nutrition

The following School Nutrition Employees were recognized for the Summer Meals Program, which is facilitated during the Summer months:

- Summer Dellinger, Sadler Elementary Cafeteria Manager
- Sheila Hoyle, Central Kitchen
- Stephanie Riddle, Bessemer City Middle Cafeteria Manager
- Margaret Cameron, School Nutrition

Ms. Dot Cherry presented a recognition plaque to the School Nutrition Team.

Scholar Athlete Teams

Two schools were recognized for earning team scholar-athlete state awards from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. These awards honor excellence in both academics and athletics and recognize teams competing during the Spring 2025 through Winter 2026 sports seasons. Teams participating in the Spring 2026 season will be recognized next summer.

The NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete Program recognizes individual varsity student-athletes who achieve a weighted grade point average of at least 3.5 during the participating semester. Varsity teams earn scholar-athlete recognition by achieving an unweighted team GPA of 3.1 or higher. Schools receive team certificates, and individual student-athletes receive recognition for their academic achievements.

Additionally, the varsity team with the highest GPA in the state in its respective sport, regardless of classification, is recognized at the annual NCHSAA Awards Celebration. The awards are sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Program through its "Click It or Ticket" campaign. First-place teams receive \$250, second-place teams receive \$150, and third-place teams receive \$100.

Highland School of Technology earned first-place scholar-athlete team honors in baseball, boys' golf, boys soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, and girls swimming and diving. The school also received second-place honors in softball, girls' golf, and boys' basketball, as well as third-place honors in football.

Principal Susan Redmond, Athletic Director Cheryl Word, and the following Coaches and student representatives were recognized:

Volleyball

- Daniel Poole, Head Coach
- Madeline Helton
- Hazel Ritter
- Carsyn Redmond

Swim

- Kelly Tabor, Head Coach
- Tabatha Spake, Assistant Coach
- Kenzie Hollingsworth
- Sydney Falls
- Nate Miller

South Point High School earned first-place honors in boys' tennis. The school also received second-place honors in girls' soccer, boys' cross country, volleyball, girls' basketball, and boys' wrestling, along with third-place honors in cheerleading.

Principal Josh Allen and members of the boys' tennis team were recognized.

Mr. Tod Kinlaw presented the team with a plaque of recognition.

Hunter Huss High School Alumni Association

The Board recognized the Hunter Huss Alumni Association for its ongoing support of Hunter Huss High School. Over the past ten years, the association has contributed to student enrichment activities, athletic programs, teacher appreciation efforts, senior celebrations, college scholarships, and other initiatives benefiting students and staff.

The Board expressed appreciation for the Alumni Association's commitment to supporting Hunter Huss High School and enhancing opportunities for students through its continued service and involvement.

The members in attendance were:

- Chéz Adams, Founder/President
- Michael Meeks, Vice President
- Larrisha Smith, 2nd Vice President
- Cameron Hope, recent grad
- Jackie Crawford, Class of 82

Chairman Crisp presented a plaque of recognition to the group.

Class of 2026 Academic Honors and Scholarships

The Board recognized the 26 students in the Class of 2026 who earned valedictorian or salutatorian honors and were recognized during their high school graduation ceremonies for their academic excellence.

The Board also recognized Madison Watson of Highland School of Technology for achieving 13 years of perfect attendance.

In addition, the Board congratulated the Class of 2026 for earning more than \$36 million in scholarships from colleges and universities across North Carolina and the nation.

Leadership Conference

The Board received information regarding the two-day Leadership Conference for principals and assistant principals held June 3–4 at Stuart W. Cramer High School. Coordinated by the Academic Services Department, the professional development focused on academic performance and student proficiency and aligned with the district theme, "GAME ON, The GCS Playbook for Leading, Teaching, and Learning."

A video was presented featuring Principal Shawn Hubers, who shared his perspective on the conference and its impact on school leadership and student achievement.

Classroom Moment – Information

The June Classroom Moment was led by Dr. Shannon Hullett, who provided an overview of the ongoing Summer Reading Camp. This program is both required and funded by the NCDPI via the Fund/PRC 085 allocation.

(View Presentation)

Public Expression – Information

Brittany Elkin

3012 High Ridge Ct.

Gastonia, NC 28056

Re: Support for BOE to continue pushing for funds. Questions about decisions made thus far in this budget crisis.

Mekenzie Drum

1013 Clineview Dr.

Cherryville, NC 28021

Re: My time as a student at Cherryville Elementary, my work there, and relationships built with teachers and staff.

Heather Holt

111 Woodvale St.

Cherryville, NC 28021

Beam Intermediate proposed closure.

Jamie Sherrill

1340 Requa Rd.

Cherryville, NC 28021

Beam Intermediate potential closure.

Ella Sherrill

1340 Requa Rd.

Cherryville, NC 28021

Beam Intermediate potential closure.

Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes as presented for the May 18, 2026, Regular meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Ramsey; seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith, motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Operations Committee Report – Information

Brent Moore is chair of the Operations Committee, and members are Ms. Dot Cherry, Mr. Lee Dedmon, and Mr. Tod Kinlaw. Ms. Dot Cherry provided a summary report of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report – Information

Mr. Jeff Ramsey is chair of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee, and the members are Mrs. Robbie Lovelace, Mrs. Janna Smith, and Mr. A.M. Stephens III. Mr. A.M. Stephens III provided a summary report of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Policy Committee Report - Information

Ms. Dot Cherry is chair of the Policy Committee, and the other members are Janna Smith and A.M. Stephens III. Mrs. Janna Smith provided a summary report of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Consent Agenda – Action

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda – Action

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A. Recommended Personnel

B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers

C. Construction/Repair Change Orders

D. Board Policy Updates

E. CTE Grant Application

F. Insurance Renewal

G. Out of County/Out of State Tuition

H. Contracts

- School Nutrition Bid Approvals
- Amendment to Zone 6 Lawncare
- Belmont Central Intercom Replacement
- Catawba Heights Intercom Replacement
- Chavis Middle Chiller Replacement
- Cherryville Elementary Intercom Replacement
- Hunter Huss Upper B Abatement
- Kiser Elementary Intercom Replacement
- Landscaping Services Zone 4
- Renewal of Contract for Flower Bed Mulch Installation
- Finalsite Web
- Catapult Learning

Motion

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith. Motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Superintendent's Comments

Graduation Ceremonies

Superintendent Houchard recognized the successful completion of 15 graduation ceremonies held in recent weeks, during which more than 2,000 students received their high school diplomas. Congratulations were extended to the Class of 2026, with best wishes for their future endeavors.

Job Fair - June 18

Gaston County Schools will host a job fair on Wednesday, June 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gaston County Public Library for prospective candidates interested in middle and high school teaching positions, school nutrition roles, and bus driver positions. The purpose of the job fair is to fill vacancies created through retirements and resignations for the 2026–2027 school year.

Summer Work Schedule

The district has transitioned to its summer work schedule. Schools and central office locations are open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays through July 31. The district will also observe the Independence Day holiday on July 2 and 3, during which all schools and offices will be closed.

Enrollment Reminder

Families are reminded that new student enrollment and kindergarten registration remain open throughout the summer. Online registration is encouraged to assist with the start of the school year, which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12.

Closing Remarks

Chairman Crisp thanked everyone for their support of the Board of Education and Gaston County Schools. Congratulations were extended to the 2026 graduating class.

He wished students and staff a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on July 20, 2026.

Mrs. Janna Smith requested permission from Chairman Crisp to share her remarks. Mrs. Smith provided comments regarding the County budget and accountability.

Chairman Crisp asked the Board to consider going into Closed Session under, N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel, and N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) Consultation with Attorney.

Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Mrs. Janna Smith; motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:41 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

Superintendent Houchard recommended the following Assistant Principals for 4-year contracts:

- Waheebah al-Uqdah McCray
- Alice Ballard
- Treva Boone
- Kelly Brown Thompson
- Katherine Cochran
- Stephanie Crump
- Stephanie Denton
- Charlotte Friday
- Shanti Hinkle
- Logan McGuire
- Emily Morton
- Akeria Patteson
- Gloria Powell
- Andrea Thompson
- Kathi Withers

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. Tod Kinlaw; seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III, that the Board Award a four-year Assistant Principals contract for the listed individuals.

A vote was taken, and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (8-0)

Superintendent Houchard recommended the following Principals for 4-year contracts:

- Staci Bradley
- Glenn Cook
- Kelsey Elms
- Miriam Harvey
- Melissa Knick
- Nicole Lawson
- Anna Miller
- Allison Rhyne
- Matt Rikard
- Courtney Williams
- Rebecca Wilson
- William Winston

Motion

The Motion was made by Mrs. Janna Smith; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry, that the Board Award a four-year Principal contract for the listed individuals.

A vote was taken, and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (8-0)

Superintendent Houchard recommended the following Principal for a 2-year contract:

- Mary Clark

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. A.M Stephens III. ; seconded by Mr. Tod Kinlaw, that the Board Award a two-year Principal contract.

A vote was taken, and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (8-0)

Administrative Placements

Superintendent Houchard announced that:

Mary Clark would be the Principal of North Belmont Elementary.

Stephainie Gust will be the Principal at Kiser Elementary.

Jennifer Lancaster will be retiring in October.

Adjournment

All business having been conducted, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tod Kinlaw, seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III, and the motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Approved:

Josh Crisp, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]

Morgen A. Houchard, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Operations Committee Report

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

The Gaston County Board of Education's Operations Committee meets regularly to discuss operations-related projects and issues. Brent Moore is Chair of the committee, and members are Dot Cherry, Lee Dedmon and Tod Kinlaw. A report of the Operations Committee's actions and discussions will be made at the Board meeting by a member of the Committee.

Fiscal Implications:

As indicated in the report.

Recommendation:

Committee recommendations are reflected in the report.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 2230 Board Committees

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

The Gaston County Board of Education's Curriculum & Instruction Committee meets regularly to discuss curriculum and instruction-related topics and issues. Jeff Ramsey is chair of the committee and members are Robbie Lovelace, Janna Smith and A.M. Stephens III. A report of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee's actions and discussions will be made at the Board meeting by a member of the Committee.

Fiscal Implications:

As indicated in the report.

Recommendation:

Committee recommendations are reflected in the report.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 2230 Board Committees

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Submitted by: Tonya Kales, **Department:** Academic Services
Associate Superintendent of Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Policy Committee Report

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

The Gaston County Board of Education's Policy Committee meets regularly to discuss policy updates and revisions. Dot Cherry is chair of the committee, and members are Janna Smith and A.M. Stephens III. A report of the Policy Committee's actions and discussions will be made at the Board meeting by a member of the Committee.

Fiscal Implications:

As indicated in the report.

Recommendation:

Committee recommendations are reflected in the report.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 2230 Board Committees

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Effective Communication and Partnerships

Submitted by: Policy Committee

Department: Legal

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 08/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Budget Updates

Type of Item: ☐ **Consent** ☐ **Action** ☒ **Information**

Main Points: The 2026-27 fiscal year state budget became law on July 7, 2026. The Gaston County Commissioners allocated additional funds to Gaston County Schools on July 14, 2026. The presentation will explain preliminary impacts of both actions.

Fiscal Implications: The passage of a state budget and allocation of additional local funds will directly impact the GCS5 Budget Resolution for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Recommendation: None

Policy Implications:

Section 8000 - Fiscal Management

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Sustainable Financial Stewardship

Submitted by: Bryan Denton,
Interim Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 08/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Official Depository Designation

Type of Item: ☐ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☐ **Information**

Main Points: The Board of Education shall designate as the official depositories of the local school administrative unit one or more banks, savings and loan associations, or trust companies in this State as required by G.S. 115C-444(a).

Fiscal Implications: N/A

Recommendation: Approval of the attached listing of official depositories for each school/department.

Policy Implications:

Section 8000 - Fiscal Management ▾

Policy Code: 8320 Depositories

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Sustainable Financial Stewardship ▾

Submitted by: Bryan Denton,
Interim Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Gaston County Schools	
Fiscal Year 2026-2027	
Official Depositories	
School/Office	Bank Name
Bessemer City High	Bank OZK
Bessemer City Middle	Bank OZK
Bessemer City Primary	Bank OZK
Belmont Middle	Truist Bank
Bessemer City Central	Truist Bank
Brookside Elementary	Truist Bank
Carr Elementary	Truist Bank
Catawba Heights Elementary	Truist Bank
Chapel Grove Elementary	Truist Bank
Cherryville Elementary	Truist Bank
Cherryville High	Truist Bank
Costner Elementary	Truist Bank
Cramerton Middle	Truist Bank
East Gaston High	Truist Bank
Forestview High	Truist Bank
Gaston County Schools-Food Service	Truist Bank
Gaston County Schools-Local	Truist Bank
Gaston County Schools-Payroll Acct.	Truist Bank
Gaston County Schools-Self-funded Dental	Truist Bank
Gaston Early College	Truist Bank
Gaston Early College of Medical Science	Truist Bank
Gaston Virtual Academy	Truist Bank
Grier Middle	Truist Bank
H H Beam Elementary	Truist Bank
Hawks Nest STEAM Academy	Truist Bank
Holbrook Middle	Truist Bank
Hunter Huss High	Truist Bank
John Chavis Middle	Truist Bank
Kiser Elementary	Truist Bank
Lowell Elementary	Truist Bank
McAdenville Elementary	Truist Bank
New Hope Elementary	Truist Bank
North Belmont Elementary	Truist Bank
Page Primary	Truist Bank
Pinewood Elementary	Truist Bank

School/Office	Bank Name
Pleasant Ridge Elementary	Truist Bank
Rankin Elementary	Truist Bank
Robinson Elementary	Truist Bank
Sadler Elementary	Truist Bank
Sherwood Elementary	Truist Bank
Southwest Middle	Truist Bank
Springfield Elementary	Truist Bank
Stanley Middle	Truist Bank
Tryon Elementary	Truist Bank
W Blaine Beam Intermediate	Truist Bank
Warlick Academy	Truist Bank
WC Friday Middle	Truist Bank
Webb Street	Truist Bank
Woodhill Elementary	Truist Bank
York Chester Middle	Truist Bank
Ashbrook High	First Horizon
Belmont Central Elementary	First Horizon
South Point High	First Horizon
Lingerfeldt Elementary	Fidelity Bank
Gardner Park Elementary	PNC Bank
WA Bess Elementary	South State Bank
Highland School of Technology	South State Bank
Mount Holly Middle	South State Bank
North Gaston High	South State Bank
Stuart Cramer High	South State Bank
Gaston County Schools	State Treasurer Investment Fund

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 08/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Appointment of School Treasurers

Type of Item:

☐ **Consent**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Information**

Main Points: The Board of Education shall appoint a treasurer for each school within the local school administrative unit that handles special funds as required by G.S. 115C-448(a).

Fiscal Implications: N/A

Recommendation: Appoint the individuals identified in the attached listing as treasurer for their respective school.

Policy Implications:

Section 8000 - Fiscal Management

Policy Code: 8520 School Treasurer

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Sustainable Financial Stewardship

Submitted by: Bryan Denton,
Interim Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Gaston County Schools	
Fiscal Year 2026-2027	
List of Treasurers/Financial Secretaries	
School/Office	Treasurer/Financial Secretary
Ashbrook High	Emma Patrick
Belmont Central Elementary	Teresa Whitesides
Belmont Middle	Vacant
Bessemer City Central	Jarae Boykin
Bessemer City High	Kathleen MacDonald
Bessemer City Middle	Morgan Bowen
Bessemer City Primary	Vacant
Brookside Elementary	Tonya Wiggins
Carr Elementary	Sherrie Angstadt
Catawba Heights Elementary	Wendy Hawkins
Chapel Grove Elementary	Vacant
Cherryville Elementary	Jessica Hudson
Cherryville High	Jennifer Owens
Costner Elementary	Deborah Stines
Cramerton Middle	Vicki Welch
East Gaston High	Holly Donelon
Sadler Elementary	Patricia Clay
Forestview High	Margarita Cranke
Gardner Park Elementary	Doris Rogers
Gaston Early College	Brittany Lucas
Gaston Early College of Medical Science	Vacant
Gaston Virtual Academy	N/A (Merged w/ Stuart Cramer)
Grier Middle	Jennifer (Lynn) Wooten
H H Beam Elementary	Jennifer Humphrey
Hawks Nest STEAM Academy	Angela Weaver
Highland School of Technology	Lori Hamm
Holbrook Middle	Paige Royston
Hunter Huss High	Tina Seibeck
Rankin Elementary	Kimberly Rhodes
Page Primary	Jessica Thomas
John Chavis Middle	Graclynn Cash
Kiser Elementary	Tami Braddy
Lingerfeldt Elementary	Iva Hayes
Lowell Elementary	Sara Scott
McAdenville Elementary	Toni Wilson
Mount Holly Middle	Shannon Wright

Fiscal Year 2026-2027	
List of Treasurers/Financial Secretaries	
School/Office	Treasurer/Financial Secretary
New Hope Elementary	Kelly Hoagland
North Belmont Elementary	Donna Bowman
North Gaston High	Candy Reynolds
Pinewood Elementary	Aenita Hudspeth
Pleasant Ridge	Abby Hawkins
Robinson Elementary	April Dawkins
Sherwood Elementary	Melissa Knox
South Point High School	Carol Ratliff
Southwest Middle	Megan Hall
Springfield Elementary	Amy Cobb
Stanley Middle	Jamie Shepker
Stuart Cramer High School	Kellie Auten
Tryon Elementary	Stephani Frady
WA Bess Elementary	Amy Mistry
Warlick Academy	Kim Haas
WB Beam Intermediate	Leah Lasco
WC Friday Middle	Amanda Nichols
Webb Street	Cyndi Hibbler
Woodhill Elementary	April Walker
York Chester Middle	KeyAzhia Hoyle

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Summer Projects Update

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

Presenting a review and update of the 2026 summer projects from the various Operations Departments.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Information only.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology ▾

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey

Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Annual Surplus Sales Report

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

Each year we report the annual surplus sales to the Board of Education. The sale of GCS surplus items is conducted using the website govdeals.com. Attached is the report of the annual surplus sales from the Auxiliary Services Department for the 2026-2027 school year.

Fiscal Implications:

We received \$17,760 from the sale of 36 surplus items during the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation:

Information only

Policy Implications:

Board Policy 9500 – Disposal of Surplus Property

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

GovDeals Sales 2025-26

\$17,760.00

Asset	ID	Category	Description	VIN / Serial	Make	Model	Total	Address
300	25630	Mowing Equipment	John Deere Riding Tractor	1M0X600CCDM081031	John Deere	X500 Tractor	\$645.00	Spring Lake, NC 28390
301	25124	Consumer Goods	Air Purifier (Lot of 10)	Various	Allen	BreathSmart Classic	\$430.00	Madison, NC 27025
302	25628	Tractor - Farming	Ford Tractor	O691072	Ford	EA314C "6610"	\$6,600.00	Alma, GA 31510
303	25829	Tractor - Farming	Ford Tractor	BB44745	Ford	CA414C "3910"	\$2,524.00	Alma, GA 31510
304	25002	Tractor - Farming	John Deere Tractor	LV4500C250020	John Deere	4500 Tractor	\$2,525.00	Winston-Salem, NC 27127
305	25216	Kitchen Equipment	Open Air Chiller	16012692976	Federal Industries	IMS584SC-3	\$82.00	Wilmington, NC 28411
306	25215	Scrap	Tumble Chiller	J131422-1	Groen	CKTC-320	\$110.00	Ladson, SC 29456
307	26225	Mowing Equipment	Troy-Bilt Chipper/Vac	4.7286E+11	Troy-Bilt	47286	\$310.00	York, SC 29745
308	26226	Janitorial Equipment	Nobles SpeedDry Water Vacuum	V 22750	Nobles SpeedDry	V24B	\$54.00	Kennersville, NC 27284
310	26303	Janitorial Equipment	NSS Battery Burnisher	19915215	NSS Enterprises, Inc.	6402014 A	\$232.00	Summerville, SC 29486
311	26304	Janitorial Equipment	Tennant Battery Burnisher	B5 - 10932822	Tennant	B5	\$192.00	Summerville, SC 29486
312	26305	Janitorial Equipment	Minuteman Battery Burnisher	17050324	Minuteman	M28036QP	\$27.00	Suwanee, GA 30024
313	26306	Janitorial Equipment	Tennant Battery Scrubber	900367 - 10699767	Tennant	T3	\$735.00	Richmond, KY 40475
314	26309	Janitorial Equipment	Tennant Battery Burnisher	B5 - 10902921	Tennant	B5	\$52.00	Charlotte, NC 28277
315	26310	Janitorial Equipment	Tennant Battery Scrubber	SS5 - 10321731	Tennant	Model SS Scrubber	\$1,025.00	Buford, GA 30519
316	26318	Scrap	Despatch Oven	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$25.00	Ladson, SC 29456
317	26312	Consumer Goods	Air King Pro-Ceramic Utility Heater	N/A	Air King	8900	\$23.00	Charlotte, NC 28211
318	26319	Scrap	Various Motors	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$130.00	Spartanburg, SC 29303
319	26408	Batteries	Used Batteries (x17)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$240.00	Spartanburg, SC 29303
320	26424	Air Handling	Lennox Air Handler	5613G04196	Lennox	TAA090S4D-1Y	\$30.00	Gaston, SC 29053
321	26427	Scrap	Various Power Tools	Various	Various	Various	\$92.00	Newton, NC 28658
322	26429	Batteries	Used Batteries (x19)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$250.00	Spartanburg, SC 29303
323	26430	HVAC Equipment	Lot of Air Scrubbers (x6)	Various	Abatement Technologies	PAS-1000	\$52.00	Mooreville, NC 28117
324	26501	Janitorial Equipment	Tennant Floor Scrubber	T300E - 10905029	Tennant	Model T300E	\$1,375.00	Kennersville, NC 27284

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Consent Agenda

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Approval of the Consent Agenda by the Board for the following items:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Board Policy Updates
- E. Academic Services-District Literacy Intervention Plan
- F. AIG Plan 2025-2028 Revision
- G. Beginning Teacher Support Program (BTSP) Plan
- H. Contracts
 - Academic Services Resources and Contract Services
 - Amendment- Cropper GIS Contract
 - Amendment to South Point HS Header Repairs
 - Mt Holly Middle Shop Building Demolition
 - North Gaston Boiler Replacement
 - School Nutrition Request to Pay Sole Source Vendor
 - AHU Controller Upgrade at Stuart Cramer High School
 - 1st Amendment - Fire Alarm Panel, Inspections & Certification at WC Friday
 - Temporary Construction Easement Stuart Cramer HS
 - Trash Removal at All GCS Locations (Intent to Renew)
 - Pest Control Contract Services
 - Minor Roof Repairs - Carver & Sons Roofing, Inc
 - Installation of IPEMA-Certified Mulch at All GCS Playgrounds
 - Renewal of Landscaping contract services for the 2026-2027 school year for Zone 2
 - Renewal of Landscaping Contract Services for Zone 5
 - Renewal Zone 6 Lawncare
 - Landscaping for Zone 1
 - Renewal for 2026-2027 Landscaping for Zone 3

Fiscal Implications:

As stated in each Agenda item.

Recommendation:

Consent items will be adopted with a single motion, second, and vote, unless a request for removal from the Consent Agenda is heard from a Board member.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 1010 Board Authority and Duties.

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology
& Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success

Submitted by: Dr. Morgen A. Houchard

Department: Superintendent

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Recommended Personnel

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

In accordance with the provisions of G.S. 115C-276(j), "It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to recommend and the Board of Education to elect all principals, teachers, and other school personnel in the administrative unit." It is also within the powers of the Board to hear requests for approved leave, retirement and resignations or terminations in accordance with employment and dismissal regulations.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Approve personnel as recommended.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 7100 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel.

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Talent and Workforce Development

Submitted by: Dr. Morgen A. Houchard

Department: Human Resources

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Budget Amendments and Budget Transfers

Type of Item: ☒ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☐ **Information**

Main Points:

Budget amendments are needed to adjust the approved budget to reflect actual changes in revenue and budget transfers are needed to transfer money to proper expenditure codes as requested by fund managers.

Fiscal Implications:

Makes adjustments to the 2025-2026 budget.

Recommendation:

Approval of the attached listing of recommended budget amendments and transfers.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 8300 Fiscal Management Standards

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: James Beckford
Assistant Director of Finance/Business Services

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2025-2026 Budget Resolution - June
Transfers Between Functions

State Public School Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
51000	Regular Instructional Services		475,135
52000	Special Population Services		506,738
53000	Alternative Programs and Services	570,033	
54000	School Leadership Services	1,356,677	
55000	Co-Curricular Services	171,860	
58000	School-Based Support Services	643,713	
61000	Support and Development Services	30,289	
64000	Technology Support Services		452,000
65000	Operational Support Services		1,373,111
66000	Financial and Human Resource Services		65,000
67000	Accountability Services	27,800	
68000	System-Wide Pupil Support Services		16,800
69000	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services	88,413	
		<u>2,888,785</u>	<u>2,888,785</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2025-2026 Budget Resolution - June
Transfers Between Functions

Local Current Expense Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
51000	Regular Instructional Services		683,996
52000	Special Population Services	100,000	
54000	School Leadership Services	500,000	
55000	Co-Curricular Services	2,000	
61000	Support and Development Services	143,746	
63000	Alternative Programs and Services - Support and Development Services	5,000	
64000	Technology Support Services	17,500	
65000	Operational Support Services	508,944	
66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	247,720	
68000	System-Wide Pupil Support Services	30,000	
69000	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services	29,087	
81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units		900,000
		<u>1,583,996</u>	<u>1,583,996</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2025-2026 Budget Resolution - June
Transfers Between Functions

Federal Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
52000	Special Population Services		101,040
53000	Alternative Programs and Services	9,385	
58000	School-Based Support Services		15,485
62000	Special Population Support and Development Services	99,096	
63000	Alternative Programs and Services - Support and Development Services	14,700	
81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units		6,656
		<u>123,182</u>	<u>123,182</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2025-2026 Budget Resolution - June
Transfers Between Functions

Restricted Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
51000	Regular Instructional Services	3,360	
52000	Special Population Services		630
53000	Alternative Programs and Services		39,033
54000	School Leadership Services	400	
58000	School-Based Support Services		3,360
62000	Special Population Support and Development Services	230	
65000	Operational Support Services	39,033	
		<u>43,023</u>	<u>43,023</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2025-2026 Budget Resolution - June
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue

State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		1,117,052
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	585,396	
	52000	Special Population Services	175,439	
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	41,251	
	54000	School Leadership Services	64,227	
	58000	School-Based Support Services	181,386	
	65000	Operational Support Services	45,086	
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	24,267	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Non-Contributory Emp Benefits Allotment - FY26 (PRC0009)			
2	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		4,076
	54000	School Leadership Services	4,076	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Staff Development allotment - DPI Allotment - FY26 (PRC0028)			
Total State Public School Fund Amendments			<u>1,121,129</u>	<u>1,121,129</u>

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2025-2026 Budget Resolution - June
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue

Federal Current Expense Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	36000	Federal Revenue		1,881
	52000	Special Population Services	1,881	
	This amendment adjusts funds for the IDEA - Section 611 Children with Disabilities Grant Allotment - FY26 (PRC0060)			
2	36000	Federal Revenue		20,210
	61000	Support and Development Services	20,210	
	This amendment adjusts funds for the ESEA Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality Grant Allotment - FY26 (PRC0103)			
Total State Public School Fund Amendments			22,091	22,091

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Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue

Restricted Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	37000	Restricted		24,558
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	24,558	
		This amendment budgets funds for the ROTC Teachers allotment - FY26 (PRC0001)		
2	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		12,000
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	12,000	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Central Office Administration allotment - FY26 (PRC0002)		
3	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		26,780
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	26,780	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Drivers Education allotment - FY26 (PRC0012)		
4	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		4,950
	52000	Special Population Services	4,950	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Academically or Intellectually Gifted allotment - FY26 (PRC0034)		
5	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		(2,300)
	72000	Nutrition Services	(2,300)	
		This amendment budgets funds for the School Nutrition allotment - FY26 (PRC0035)		
6	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		(98,973)
	58000	School-Based Support Services	(98,973)	
		This amendment budgets funds for the County Safety and Security allotment - FY26 (PRC0039)		
7	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		3,725
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	3,725	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Classroom Instructional Supplies allotment - FY26 (PRC0061)		
8	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		3,250
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	3,250	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Instructional/Student Support allotment - FY26 (PRC0216)		

9	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		2,180
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	2,180	
This amendment budgets funds for the Instructional Support Services allotment - FY26 (PRC0220)				
10	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		400
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	400	
This amendment budgets funds for the Administrative Training Partnership Program allotment - FY26 (PRC0360)				
11	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		(70,743)
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	(70,743)	
This amendment budgets funds for the E-Rate Technology allotment - FY26 (PRC0519)				
12	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		7,931
	55000	Co-Curricular Services	(4,919)	
	65000	Operational Support Services	12,850	
This amendment budgets funds for the Positions From School Funds allotment - FY26 (PRC0540)				
13	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		500
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	500	
This amendment budgets funds for the Teacher of the Year allotment - FY26 (PRC0608)				
14	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		350
	65000	Operational Support Services	350	
This amendment budgets funds for the Facilities Remembrance Fund allotment - FY26 (PRC0885)				
15	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		34,333
	69000	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services	34,333	
This amendment budgets funds for the Print Shop allotment - FY26 (PRC0900)				

Total Restricted Grants Fund Amendments

<u>(51,060)</u>	<u>(51,060)</u>
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Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2026-2027 Budget Resolution - July
Transfers Between Functions

State Public School Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
51000	Regular Instructional Services		4,117,945
53000	Alternative Programs and Services	4,117,945	
		<u>4,117,945</u>	<u>4,117,945</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2026-2027 Budget Resolution - July
Transfers Between Functions

Local Current Expense Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
51000	Regular Instructional Services		55,385
54000	School Leadership Services		501
65000	Operational Support Services	56,255	
66000	Financial and Human Resource Services		1,833
69000	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services	1,465	
		<u>57,720</u>	<u>57,720</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
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Transfers Between Functions

Federal Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
52000	Special Population Services		500,000
53000	Alternative Programs and Services		635
58000	School-Based Support Services	500,000	
65000	Operational Support Services	635	
		<u>500,635</u>	<u>500,635</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
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Transfers Between Functions

Restricted Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
52000	Special Population Services		500,000
58000	School-Based Support Services	500,000	
		<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
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Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue

State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		7,939,567
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	7,939,567	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Classroom Teachers allotment - FY27 (PRC0001)		
2	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		227,232
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	227,232	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Central Office Administration allotment - FY27 (PRC0002)		
3	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		418,600
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	418,600	
		This amendment budgets funds for the K-5 Program Enhancement Teachers allotment - FY27 (PRC0004)		
4	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		524,360
	54000	School Leadership Services	524,360	
		This amendment budgets funds for the School Building Administration allotment - FY27 (PRC0005)		
5	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		452,130
	58000	School-Based Support Services	452,130	
		This amendment budgets funds for the School Health Personnel-Position allotment - FY27 (PRC0006)		
6	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		457,595
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	457,595	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Instructional Support Personnel - Certified allotment - FY27 (PRC0007)		
7	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		19,999
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	4,157	
	52000	Special Population Services	3,046	
	65000	Operational Support Services	8,733	
	69000	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services	4,063	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Non-Contributory Emp Benefits Allotment - FY27 (PRC0009)		
8	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		25,734
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	25,734	

This amendment budgets funds for the Drivers' Education allotment - DPI Allotment - FY27 (PRC0012)			
9	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	1,059,867
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	1,059,867
This amendment budgets funds for the Career Technical Education - Months allotment - FY27 (PRC0013)			
10	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	6,772
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	6,772
This amendment budgets funds for the Career Technical Education - Program Support allotment - FY27 (PRC0014)			
11	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	31
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	31
This amendment budgets funds for the School Technology allotment - FY27 (PRC0015)			
12	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	303,542
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	267,542
	65000	Operational Support Services	36,000
This amendment budgets funds for the Summer Reading Camps allotment - FY27 (PRC0016)			
13	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	113,753
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	113,753
This amendment budgets funds for the Disadvantage Students Supplemental allotment - FY27 (PRC0024)			
14	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	384,436
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	384,436
This amendment budgets funds for the Teacher Assistant allotment - FY27 (PRC0027)			
15	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	5,366
	54000	School Leadership Services	5,366
This amendment budgets funds for the Staff Development allotment - DPI Allotment - FY27 (PRC0028)			
16	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	208,452
	54000	School Leadership Services	208,452
This amendment budgets funds for the Low Wealth Counties Supplemental Funding allotment - DPI Allotment - FY27 (PRC0031)			
17	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	1,716,621
	52000	Special Population Services	1,716,621
This amendment budgets funds for the Children with Disabilities allotment - FY27 (PRC0032)			
18	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund	105,384
	52000	Special Population Services	105,384

This amendment budgets funds for the Academically or Intellectually Gifted allotment - FY27 (PRC0034)

19	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		1,276,486
	65000	Operational Support Services	1,276,486	

This amendment budgets funds for the Restart Schools allotment - FY27 (PRC0037)

20	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		376,287
	52000	Special Population Services	376,287	

This amendment budgets funds for the Limited English Proficiency allotment - FY27 (PRC0054)

21	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		1,096,465
	65000	Operational Support Services	1,096,465	

This amendment budgets funds for the Transportation of Pupils allotment - FY27 (PRC0056)

22	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(199,814)
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	(199,814)	

This amendment budgets funds for the Classroom Materials/Instructional allotment - FY27 (PRC0061)

23	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		355,734
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	355,734	

This amendment budgets funds for the At-Risk Student Services/ Alternative Schools allotment - FY27 (PRC0069)

24	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		1,414
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	1,414	

This amendment budgets funds for the Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation allotment - FY27 (PRC0071)

25	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(1,120,779)
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	(1,120,779)	

This amendment budgets funds for the Textbook and Digital Resources allotment - FY27 (PRC0131)

26	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		1,120,778
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	1,120,778	

This amendment budgets funds for the Instructional Materials allotment - FY27 (PRC0133)

Total State Public School Fund Amendments

16,876,012	16,876,012
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Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2026-2027 Budget Resolution - July
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue

Federal Current Expense Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	36000	Federal Revenue		5,545
	52000	Special Population Services	5,545	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the IDEA - Section 619 Preschool Children with Disabilities Grant Allotment - FY27 (PRC0049)		
2	36000	Federal Revenue		2,122
	52000	Special Population Services	2,122	
		This amendment budgets funds for the IDEA Special Education State Improvement - FY27 (PRC0082)		
3	36000	Federal Revenue		43,600
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	38,397	
	65000	Operational Support Services	5,203	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Title IV, Part B - 21st Century Grant Allotment - FY27 (PRC0110)		
4	36000	Federal Revenue		3,151
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	3,151	
		This amendment budgets funds for the ESEA Title I-School Improvement Grant Allotment - FY27 (PRC0115)		
5	36000	Federal Revenue		135,735
	52000	Special Population Services	135,735	
		This amendment budgets funds for the IDEA - Special Needs - Target Assistance Allotment - FY27 (PRC0118)		
Total State Public School Fund Amendments			190,153	190,153

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations
2026-2027 Budget Resolution - July
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue

Restricted Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		2,967,173
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	2,967,173	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Central Office Administration allotment - FY27 (PRC0002)			
2	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		325,000
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	325,000	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Non-Contributory Emp Benefits allotment - FY27 (PRC0009)			
3	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		53,590
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	53,590	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Classroom Instructional Supplies allotment - FY27 (PRC0061)			
4	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		15,298
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	12,946	
	65000	Operational Support Services	2,352	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Title IV, Part B - 21st Century Grant Allotment - FY27 (PRC0110)			
5	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		100,000
	58000	School-Based Support Services	100,000	
	This amendment budgets funds for the County Safety and Security allotment - FY27 (PRC0438)			
6	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		2,500
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	2,500	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Human Resources Donations allotment - FY27 (PRC0528)			
7	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		5,378
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	5,378	
	This amendment budgets funds for the Commissioners' School Grant allotment - FY27 (PRC0607)			
Total Restricted Grants Fund Amendments			3,468,939	3,468,939

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Construction/Repair Change Orders

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Any change orders that were less than \$100,000 were approved by the Superintendent or his designee in accordance with Board Policy 9030 – Facility Construction. Change orders greater than \$100,000 must be approved by the Board.

Fiscal Implications:

All change orders were prefunded prior to recommendation for approval.

Recommendation:

Approval of the attached listing of construction/repair change orders.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9030 Facility Construction

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey, Assistant
Superintendent of Operations

Department: Facilities

GCS CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION

In accordance with GCS Board Policy 9030 - Facility Construction, all construction and repair change orders approved by the Superintendent, or his designee, shall be reported to the Board. In addition, any change orders that involve amounts over \$100,000 must be approved by the Board. This GCS Change Order Notification provides the required information for change orders \$100,000 or less that have already been approved by the Superintendent, or his designee, and change orders over \$100,000 that need Board approval.

Presented to BOE	Contractor's Name	Project name	Description of Change	Contract Amount	Change Order Amount
8/15/2026	None to Report				

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 08/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Board Policy Updates

Type of Item:

☒ **Consent**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Information**

Main Points: The Policy Committee reviewed several policies at its August 3, 2026 meeting and recommends revisions be approved by the full Board. The policies are:

Policy 4022 - Title I Program Comparability of Services

Policy 4318 - Use of Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs)

Policy 4342 - Student Searches

Policy 4381 - Student Code of Conduct

Policy 6220 - Operation of School Nutrition Services

Policy 7531 - Military Leave

These policies have been posted on the GCS website for review.

Fiscal Implications: N/A

Recommendation: Board of Education approval of proposed policy revisions.

Policy Implications: Board of Education Policies will be revised.

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Sonya McGraw, Attorney

Department: Legal

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Academic Services-District Literacy Intervention Plan

Type of Item:

☒ **Consent**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Information**

Main Points: In North Carolina, Local school administrative units (LEAs) must submit literacy intervention plans to the NCDPI, including plans for reading camps, by October 1st each year. The NCDPI then approves these plans, ensuring they align with the state's literacy intervention standards and provide instruction closely aligned with the goals of the program. These plans must also incorporate feedback from the previous year's plan and may include partnerships with other LEAs or community organizations.

Fiscal Implications: LEAs shall not receive literacy intervention funds until the LEA's Literacy Intervention Plan is approved by their board and has been submitted and approved by DPI's Office of Early Learning.

Recommendation:

Approve district literacy plan for the 2026-2027 school year

Policy Implications:

Section 3000 - Educational Program ▾

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success ▾

Submitted by: Dr. Shannon Hullett

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: AIG Plan 2025-2028 Revision

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Article 9B (NCGS.115C150.5) is North Carolina's governing legislation for gifted education. As required by law every three years, Gaston County Schools has developed our local AIG plan based on the NC AIG Program Standards. These Standards serve as a statewide framework and guide Public School Units (PSUs) to develop, implement, and monitor thoughtful and comprehensive AIG programs. The NC AIG Program Standards encompass six principle standards with accompanying practices. These standards articulate the expectations for quality, comprehensive, and effective local AIG programs aligned to NC's AIG legislation, Article 9B.

The AIG department in Gaston County Schools has worked with several stakeholder groups to improve and update our gifted plan. The proposed revisions for the 2026–2027 school year include:

- The addition of a K–1 identification pathway.
- Changing Talent Development to consultative services for potentially gifted students in grades K–2.

Both revisions were presented to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee prior to being brought to the Board for approval.

Recommendation:

Approve AIG Plan 2025-2028 revisions

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success

Submitted by: Kevin Doran,
Executive Director of Secondary Instruction

Department: Curriculum & Instruction

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: Aug 17, 2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Beginning Teacher Support Program (BTSP) Plan

Type of Item: ☒ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☐ **Information**

Main Points:

State Board Policy requires each LEA to develop a Beginning Teacher Support Program (BTSP) Plan and to provide a comprehensive program for beginning teachers. The BTSP Plan is aligned to the standards and provides a conceptual framework of support for beginning teachers.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Review of Plan.

Policy Implications:

Section 7000 - Personnel ▾

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Talent and Workforce Development ▾

Submitted by: Beth Suber,
Executive Director of Human Resources

Department: Human Resources

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Contracts and Expenditures >\$100,000

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

The attached listing of contracts and expenditures more than \$100,000 was reviewed by staff and recommended for approval by the Board, or are contracts less than \$100,000 but recommended to the Board for approval.

Fiscal Implications:

All contracts and expenditures will be paid using bond funding, capital proceeds or operational savings.

Recommendation:

Approval of Contracts with the Board.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 8640 Contracts with the Board.

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Sustainable Financial Stewardship

Submitted by:
Finance and Business Services

Department: Finance

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: Aug 17, 2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Academic Services Resources and Contract Services

Type of Item:

☒ **Consent**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Information**

Main Points:

Academic Services presented the following information on resources and contracts to be utilized during the 2026 - 2027 school year at the August 3, 2026, Curriculum & Instruction work session. These resources will provide staff members with the necessary research-based materials to support increased academic achievement, school safety, and improved student growth. The contracts also include personnel to provide appropriate support, services, and testing. In addition, the resources and personnel will also support the continued implementation of Academic Services practices, protocols, policies, and procedures.

DocuSign

IEP meetings are conducted in person or virtually, depending on the parent/guardian's preference. DocuSign is utilized to gain electronic signatures for all meetings as a way for stakeholders to show their participation and input for meetings and to support the district's utilization of a digital platform to house all documentation relating to the IEP. A one-year contract will be initiated not to exceed \$25,000.

Holy Angels-Community Residential Funds

Community Residential Funds are provided by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. These funds help provide services to children with disabilities placed in an approved residential center. Gaston County Schools partners with Holy Angels to provide services using these funds. A one-year contract will be initiated, not to exceed \$500,000.

Melmark

Melmark, Inc., is a national leader in educational, clinical, and residential services for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. Gaston County Schools will continue to partner with Melmark to meet the academic, behavioral, and social needs of students who require this level of support. One-year contracts will be initiated with a cap of \$250,000.

NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services helps students aged 14 and older with disabilities achieve their goals for employment and independence. They provide

services in schools that include: participating in IEP meetings to develop transition plans, providing Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to students with disabilities (with IEPs and 504 plans), completing educational, psychological, and vocational evaluations connecting students to job coaching agencies for job placement, connecting students to agencies for supportive employment, collaborating with Gaston County Schools Department for Exceptional Children to hold community resource and vocational training events, and providing financial support for eligible clients' work-related needs. A one-year contract will be initiated, not to exceed \$60,000.

Public Consulting Group

Public Consulting Group provides a multifaceted platform that enables teachers to conduct case management and progress monitoring. Staff can utilize the Easy IEP/504 system, MTSS Explorer, Early Warning System, Threat Assessments, and special funds management through the platform. Risk Pool Funds and Special State Reserves are funds received through special applications for some of our most needy students. A one-year contract will be initiated, not to exceed \$500,000.

Winthrop

Because of the increased demand for school psychologists to meet the needs of IEP initial referrals, re-evaluations, and other practices, psychologists have been contracted to work with the Department of Exceptional Children to provide services and support in testing, report writing, and IEP team meetings as needed. A one-year contract will be initiated not to exceed \$30,000.

Fiscal Implications:

Total: \$1,365,000.00

Federal, state, and local funds will be used to support instructional resources.

Recommendation:

Support Academic Services resources for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Policy Implications:

Section 4000 - Students

District Priority Alignment:

Comprehensive Student Support

Submitted by: Chris Mills

Department: Department for Exceptional Children

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Amendment to Cropper GIS Contract

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: Originally approved at the August 18th, 2026, Board Meeting,

Cropper GIS specializes in demographic analysis and facility planning for K–12 school districts, as well as cities, counties, and federal agencies. Gaston County Schools will utilize Cropper GIS to provide comprehensive demographic analysis and enrollment forecasting to support long-term facility planning and strategic decision-making. These services will enable the district and community stakeholders to make data-informed decisions, evaluate future growth, and build consensus around planning initiatives. Established in 2005, Cropper GIS has extensive experience serving school districts and communities across the United States.

Funding Source: Local Funds

Fiscal Implications: Original contract with Cropper GIS \$80,000. The price to perform services to include preparation and facilitation of advisory committee meetings is **(\$23,000.00)** will increase the total price to \$103,000..

Recommendation: Authorization of the amendment to original contract agreement \$80,000.00 to \$103,000.00 an increase of **\$23,000.00.**

Policy Implications:

Section 9000 - Facilities ▾

Strategic Plan District Priority: Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Superintendent of Operations

Department: Auxiliary Services Assistant

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Amendment to South Point Header Repairs

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: On April 20, 2026, the Gaston County Board of Education approved the replacement of the dual temperature header piping at South Point High School. While performing the initial scope, additional leaks were found and piping repairs would be needed in the ceiling and chiller in addition to those originally specified

Funding Source: Fund 4

Fiscal Implications: Original contract with Carolina Air Solutions awarded for \$228,898.11. The price to perform the additional repairs **(\$15,268.24)** will increase the total price to \$244,166.45.

Recommendation: Authorization o allow Carolina Air Solutions to perform the additional repairs needed to repair the South Point Header. **\$15,268.24**

Policy Implications: Section 9000 - Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment: Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey, Assistant **Department:** Auxiliary Services
Superintendent of Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Mt Holly Middle Shop Building Demolition

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: The former shop building at Mt. Holly Middle School has been vacant for several years. Due to significant deterioration, including extensive roof and flooring damage, the structure is no longer suitable for use and is recommended for demolition.

Funding Source: Bond Funds

Fiscal Implications: Three companies bid on the demolition project: Pinnex Corporation at \$127,300.00, Jones Construction Enterprises at \$136,891.00, and Catalyst Construction at \$219,990.00.

Recommendation: Authorization to move forward with Pinnex Corporation and the demolition of the former shop building at Mt Holly Middle School.

Policy Implications: Section 9000 - Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment: Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey, **Department:** Auxiliary Services
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: North Gaston Boiler Replacement

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: After failing state inspection for leaks caused by corrosion, it was deemed more prudent and economical to replace the 1988 boiler for the downstairs areas at North Gaston High School.

Funding Source: Bond Funds

Fiscal Implications: On May 20, 5 vendors signed into the mandatory prebid meeting with only 2 submitting bids: **Mitcham and Company at \$130,733.00** and Digitrol Industrial Services at \$138,969.00.

Recommendation: Authorization to move forward with Mitcham and Company and the replacement of the boiler at North Gaston High School for **\$130,733.00**.

Policy Implications: Section 9000 - Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment: Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey, **Department:** Operations
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: School Nutrition Request to Pay Sole Source Vendor

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: Approval for a single source procurement for the School Nutrition software operations and maintenance fee for the 2026-2027 school year. The operations and maintenance fee is based on the LINQ School Nutrition source code, and this specific service cannot be provided by any other vendor given the proprietary nature of the service.

Funding Source: School Nutrition

Fiscal Implications: The cost for this approval request is **\$98,149.85**.

Recommendation: Authorization for a single source procurement for the School Nutrition software operations and maintenance fee for the 2026-2027 school year.

Policy Implications:

Section 6220 - School Nutrition

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: AHU Controller Upgrade at Stuart Cramer High School

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: The HVAC air handler controllers at Stuart Cramer High School have reached the end of their service life and are obsolete, with replacement components no longer available. Due to ongoing performance issues and the increased risk of system failure, the controllers should be replaced proactively to prevent more significant mechanical failures and minimize disruptions to building operations.

Funding Source: Bond Funds

Fiscal Implications: Two vendors submitted bids on this project: **Facility Systems Services at \$165,828.60**, and Environmental Controls & Mechanical at \$187,250.00.

Recommendation: Authorization to move forward with replacement of the AHU controllers at Stuart Cramer **Facility Systems Services at \$165,828.60**.

Policy Implications: Section 9000 - Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment: Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: 1st Amendment - Fire Alarm Panel, Inspections & Certification at WC Friday

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: Between the time this project was originally estimated and its subsequent award, applicable building code requirements changed. As a result, the project scope now includes the installation of an addressable fire alarm control panel, voice evacuation/strobe notification devices, and all associated wiring necessary to ensure compliance with current building and fire safety codes.

Funding Source: Bond Funds

Fiscal Implications: Original contract was awarded at \$90,046.92, but after the required additions, total increased to \$133,083.39; **a difference of \$43,036.47.**

Recommendation: Authorization to move forward with the amendment of the fire alarm panel replacement contract at W.C. Friday Middle School.

Policy Implications: Section 9000 - Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment: Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Temporary Construction Easement Stuart Cramer HS

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA has requested a temporary easement for the purpose of construction, use, maintenance, and repair of the facilities and also to park equipment and store materials within the area located at **101 LAKEWOOD RD BELMONT, NC, Stuart Cramer HS. .03 Acres.**

Funding Source: N/A

Fiscal Implications: Gaston County School will paid \$500

Recommendation: Authorization temporary easement for the purpose of construction near **101 LAKEWOOD RD BELMONT, NC, Stuart Cramer HS**

Policy Implications: Section 9000 - Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priority: Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations **Department:** Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/26

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Trash Removal at All GCS Locations (Intent to Renew)

Type of Item: ☒ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☐ **Information**

Main Points:

Originally approved at the 9/15/25 Board Meeting. In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance.

Approved at the Weekly (or more frequent) solid waste collection and removal at all school sites. Roll-off containers provided as needed (billed separately).

Fiscal Implications:

Only two vendors bid: Republic Services was the lowest bidder.

Contract awarded at \$400,000 (includes estimated \$15,000 for roll-off usage).

Contract term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, with option for two one-year renewals

Renewing for the 2026-2027 School Year

Recommendation:

Approved the renewal for Republic Services for trash removal for the **26-27 school year**.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology -

Submitted by: Besie Harvey
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Pest Control Contract Services

Type of Item:

☒ **Consent**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Information**

Main Points:

Originally approved at the 8/18/2025 Board Meeting.

To implement a pest management control program to control and suppress populations of pests, such as rats, mice, cockroaches, flies, etc.

Fiscal Implications: On June 16, six vendors invited to submit bids, with three signing in at the pre-bid meeting: Home Paramount, Terminix, and Dodson Pest Control. All 3 submitted bids, which were opened on June 26. At that time, the bid was awarded to Home Paramount being the lowest bid at \$55,998.00. In addition, we are requesting \$47,000.00 for intensive pest control treatment in all schools prior to students return

\$160,000.00

Recommendation: For the approval to renew contract for Home Paramount to continue pest control contract services for all GCS facilities. **26-27 School year**

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology ▾

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Minor Roof Repairs - Carver & Sons Roofing, Inc

Type of Item:

☒ **Consent**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Information**

Main Points: Originally approved at the 8/18/2025 Board Meeting. In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance. **Renewal for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Fiscal Implications: Pre-bid meeting was held on June 12, 2025 with 8 contractors invited, with only 2 signing in: Carver & Sons Roofing and Radco Roofing. Bids were received and opened on June 24. At that time, the annual contract for minor roof repair was awarded to Carver & Sons Roofing, Inc. being the lowest bid at \$150,000.00.

Recommendation: Renewal for the 2026-2027 School Year for Carver & Sons Roofing, Inc. to continue providing service for minor roof repair services for all GCS facilities.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

District Priority Alignment:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Installation of IPEMA-Certified Mulch at All GCS Playgrounds

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Originally approved at the 9/15/2025 Board Meeting. In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance.

Mulch provides protection to our students from falls on the playground. All pre-K and elementary school playgrounds should have mulch certified by a professional expert, such as the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA). Mulch should be replaced annually, and if needed, additional mulch should be added during the year to maintain a safe depth.

Fiscal Implications:

The total contract cost \$115,961.25

Recommendation:

Approved the renewal of the **Installation of IPEMA-Certified Mulch at All GCS Playgrounds service contract for the 26-27 school year.**

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Healthy, Safe, and Responsible Schools

Submitted by: Besie Harvey
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Renewal of Landscaping contract services for 26-27 school year for zone 2 (Bessemer City Central, Bessemer City High, Bessemer City Middle, Bessemer City Primary, Chapel Grove, Forest Heights, Hunter Huss, Sadler and Southwest)

Type of Item: ☒ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☒ **Information**

Main Points: Originally approved on 7/21/2025. In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance. **Renew for the 26-27 School Year.**

All landscaping for GCS were re-bid for the 2025-2026 year.

Fiscal Implications: There were 21 vendors invited. Eleven (11) vendors were present for the mandatory pre-bid. Four (4) vendors bid on zone 2 with Heavner's Lawn & Landscaping being the lowest bid at \$113,850.00.

Recommendation: For the approval of the renewal of Heavner's Lawn & Landscape, Inc. to continue landscaping services for the **26-27 school year** zone 2 (Bessemer City Central, Bessemer City High, Bessemer City Middle, Bessemer City Primary, Chapel Grove, Forest Heights, Hunter Huss, Sadler and Southwest).

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Pland District Priority:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Besie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: **Renewal of Landscaping Contract Services** for Zone 5 (Belmont Central, Belmont Middle, Cramerton, Forestview, McAdenville, New Hope, Page, South Point and WA Bess).

Type of Item: ☒ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☒ **Information**

Main Points: **Originally approved on 7/21/25.** In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance.
Renew for the 26-27 School Year.

All landscaping for GCS were re-bid for the 2025-2026 year.

Fiscal Implications: There were 21 vendors invited. Eleven (11) vendors were present for the mandatory pre-bid. Five (5) vendors bid on zone 2 with Oak Ridge Lawn Care & Landscaping being the lowest bid at \$115,665.00.

Recommendation: For the approval to renew Oak Ridge Lawn Care & Landscaping to continue landscaping contract services for the 26-27 school year for zone 5 (Belmont Central, Belmont Middle, Cramerton, Forestview, McAdenville, New Hope, Page, South Point and WA Bess).

Policy Implications: Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Goal 5. Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey **Department:** Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Renewal Zone 6 Lawncare

Type of Item:

☒ **Consent**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Information**

Main Points: Originally approved 8/15/2025 on 6.15/2026 Amendment. In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance. **Renew for the 26-27 School Year.**

On August 21st, Home Turf Lawncare cancelled their contract for the landscaping services of Zone 4 schools (East Gastonia). They had subcontracted this zone out to Lawns Unlimited for these services as they were already familiar with the schools and staff. Since Lawns Unlimited already had the contract for Zone 6 schools and familiarity with this zone, we asked them to finish out the school year with Zone 4 schools at the already allotted rates. **Funding Source: Fund 2**

Fiscal Implications: Original contract with Home Turf Lawn & Landscaping was awarded for \$105,825.00. Remaining allotted funds of \$23,400.00 to cover six cuts, two chemical treatments, and one tree/shrub trimming will be awarded to Lawns Unlimited. Renewal of contract for the 2026-2027 School year For their already awarded contract amount of \$96,600.

Recommendation: To allow Lawns Unlimited to perform the landscaping services for Zone 4 schools for the remainder of the fiscal year at the already allotted [rates](#) to include their awarded contract amount of \$96,600

Policy Implications:

Section 9000 - Facilities -

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology -

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Landscaping for zone 1 (Carr Elementary, Chavis Middle, Cherryville High, Cherryville Elementary, Costner Elementary, Tryon Elementary, WB Beam Intermediate, and WC Friday Middle)

Type of Item: ☒ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☒ **Information**

Main Points: Originally approved on 7/21/2025. In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance.
Renew for the 26-27 School Year.

All landscaping for GCS were re-bid for the 2025-2026 year.

Fiscal Implications: Initial bids were received on June 18, 2025. With the top two bidders electing to keep other awarded zones, the Facilities Director elected to re-bid Zone 1, which was opened on June 25. At that time, Zone 1 was awarded to Mullis Lawn & Landscaping being the lowest bid at **\$80,013.00**.

Recommendation: For the approval to renew Mullis Lawn & Landscape, Inc. to continue landscaping contract services for the 26-27 school year for zone 1 (Carr Elementary, Chavis Middle, Cherryville High, Cherryville Elementary, Costner Elementary, Tryon Elementary, WB Beam Intermediate, and WC Friday Middle)

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priority Alignment:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Renewal for the 2026-2027. Landscaping for Zone 3 (Hawk's Nest STEAM, HH Beam, Highland Tech., Lingerfeldt, Pleasant Ridge, Robinson, Webb Street and York Chester).

Type of Item: ☒ **Consent** ☒ **Action** ☒ **Information**

Main Points: Originally approved 8/15/25 In accordance with the provisions outlined in each agreement, the administration recommends exercising the available renewal options to ensure continuity of services and maintain contractual compliance. **Renew for the 26-27 School Year.** All landscaping for GCS were re-bid for the 2025-2026 year.

Fiscal Implications: There were 21 vendors invited. Eleven (11) vendors were present for the mandatory pre-bid. Five (5) vendors bid on zone 3 with Clean Cuts Lawn & Landscaping, LLC being the lowest bid at **\$91,200.00**.

Recommendation: For the approval to renewal of Clean Cuts Lawn & Landscaping, LLC to continue landscaping contract services 26-27 for zone 3 (Hawk's Nest STEAM, HH Beam, Highland Tech., Lingerfeldt, Pleasant Ridge, Robinson, Webb Street and York Chester).

Policy Implications:
Section 9000 - Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priorities:
Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: **Bessie Harvey,**
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Closed Session

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

Closed sessions shall be held when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted by law.

– N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel

– N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) Consultation with Attorney

In order to consult with the Board's attorney and protect the attorney client privilege, and to receive advice with respect to the lawsuits captioned:

—19-CVS-3893 McKinney et al. vs. Goins and The Gaston County Board of Education

—21-CVS-5018 Brittain vs. Beason and The Gaston County Board of Education

—3:23-CV-643-RJC-DCK Roger Perkins vs. The Gaston County Board of Education

—Any other legal matters.

Fiscal Implications:

TBD

Recommendation:

Board to consider information provided in Closed Session in accordance with G.S. §143-318.11.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 2610 Board Attorney

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Sonya McGraw, Attorney **Department:** Legal/Superintendent's Office

Last Name	First Name	Category	School	Position
Ackerman	Jennifer	Resignation	Highland School of Technology	Health/PE Teacher
Akers	Amber	Resignation	Gaston Early College High School	Summer Clerical
Akers	Amber	Resignation	Gaston Early College High School	School Counselor
Alexander	Jada	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School	Sixth Grade Teacher - ELA
Armstrong	Anneke	Retirement	J.B. Page Primary School	Teacher Assistant
Arrowood	Joe	Hire	Forestview High School	Science Teacher
Arrowood	Kasey	Hire	Transportation	Fuel Truck Driver
Arthur Carper	Jennifer	Resignation	Highland School of Technology	Assistant Principal
Auten	Jeleta	Retirement	Tryon Elementary School	Art Teacher
Aziz	Zainab	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Cafeteria Assistant
Bailey	Jerri	Retirement	Catawba Heights Elementary School	Second Grade Teacher
Bailey	Shenice	Resignation	Counseling	Director of Student Wellness
Bame	Anne Marie	Retirement	Southwest Middle School	Chorus Teacher
Bame	Lisa	Retirement	Belmont Central Elementary School	Music Teacher
Barnette	Marcus	Promotion	Bessemer City High School	Custodian
Bates	Dana	Hire	North Gaston High School	Bus Driver
Beckford	James	Retirement	Finance and Operations	Director of Finance
Beckham	Brittany	Promotion	Belmont Middle School	Principal
Beckham	Jona	Retirement	Gardner Park Elementary School	Fifth Grade Teacher
Bell	Wanda	Retirement	Bessemer City Primary School	First Grade Teacher
Bermudez	Rasheed	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Driver
Birtwistle	Amy	Retirement	Mount Holly Middle School	Sixth Grade Teacher - MA
Black	Danyella	Resignation	Chapel Grove Elementary School	EC Teacher Assistant
Bolick	Tina	Retirement	Mount Holly Middle School	Eighth Grade Teacher - ELA
Bolton	Jacqueline	Retirement	W.A. Bess Elementary School	Teacher Assistant
Bradley	Felicia	Retirement	Student Assignment	Director of Student Assignment
Bradshaw	Aikeem	Resignation	South Point High School	Bus Driver
Brazzle	Dustin	Hire	Transportation	Transportation Mechanic
Brest	William	Hire	Facilities	HVAC Mechanic III
Brice	Brittani	Resignation	H.H. Beam Elementary School	First Grade Teacher
Brisbin	Tiffany	Resignation	Costner Elementary School	AIG Teacher
Bromley	Joshua	Transfer	Bessemer City High School	Principal
Brooks	Susan	Promotion	Finance and Operations	Director of Finance
Brooks	William	Promotion	Tryon Elementary School	Lead Bus Driver
Brown	Jason	Resignation	Southwest Middle School	Social Studies Teacher
Brown	Joshua	Hire	Cramerton Middle School	Custodian
Buchanan	Amanda	Resignation	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	Fifth Grade Teacher
Buchanan	Melissa	Transfer	Human Resources	Talent Management Coordinator
Bumgarner	Jennifer	Resignation	Tryon Elementary School	Tutor - Certified
Bynum	Kendall	Hire, Resignation	Superintendent's Office	Commissioners School Counselor
Cannon	Donna	Resignation	Ashbrook High School	EC Teacher - General Curriculum
Carlan	William	Hire	New Hope Elementary School	Custodian
Carpenter	Brenda	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Cafeteria Assistant
Carpenter	Julie	Retirement	School Nutrition	SN - Cafeteria Manager
Cash	Alex	Transfer	John Chavis Middle School	Sixth Grade Teacher - MA/SCI
Cash	Camryn	Hire, Resignation	Superintendent's Office	Commissioners School Counselor
Chapman	Yvonne	Resignation	Department for Exceptional Children	Facilitator Coach
Childers	Kristen	Involuntary Termination	Ashbrook High School	Social Studies Teacher
Christie	Christina	Involuntary Termination	Woodhill Elementary School	Fourth Grade Teacher - EPI
Clancy	Autumn	Resignation	Bessemer City Central School	EC Teacher - General Curriculum
Clark	Justin	Resignation	Stanley Middle School	Assistant Coach - Football
Clark	Mary	Hire	North Belmont Elementary School	Principal
Cline	Katelyn	Hire	Hunter Huss High School	Head Coach - Volleyball
Collins	Sharon	Resignation	Elementary Instruction	A.S.P.I.R.E. After School Tutor - Non Certified @ Woodhill
Connolly	Guln	Retirement	York Chester Middle School	School Counselor
Cook-Brewton	Tracy	Reduction in Force	Ashbrook High School	School Counselor
Correll	Tonya	Retirement	Stanley Middle School	Assistant Principal
Costner	Lois	Retirement	East Gaston High School	Receptionist
Costner	Lynn	Retirement	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	Fourth Grade Teacher
Cottingham	Allison	Resignation	Sherwood Elementary School	Intervention Teacher - REA/MA
Craig	Keely	Resignation	Forestview High School	School Counselor
Craig	Teresa	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Sub Cafeteria Assistant
Cranke	Margarita	Promotion	Forestview High School	Financial Secretary
Crawford	Benjamin	Resignation	South Point High School	Assistant Coach - Football
Currence	Charlene	Retirement	Edward D. Sadler, Jr. Elementary School	Fourth Grade Teacher
Cuthbertson	Sheba	Resignation	Brookside Elementary School	Fifth Grade Teacher
D'Avria	Nicholas	Hire, Resignation	Superintendent's Office	Commissioners School Counselor
Dale	Jonathon	Transfer	Forestview High School	Head Coach - Basketball - Boys Varsity
Davis	Michelle	Retirement	Chapel Grove Elementary School	Kindergarten Teacher
Dearing	Madison	Resignation	Forestview High School	Head Coach - Volleyball - JV
Dent	Lisa	Retirement	Cramerton Middle School	Seventh Grade Teacher - SS
Denton	Bryan	Promotion	Finance and Operations	Interim - Chief Financial Officer
Dixon	Ashley	Retirement	Cherryville Elementary School	First Grade Teacher
Dreher	Barbara	Demotion	School Nutrition	SN - Sub Cafeteria Assistant
Drum	Macie	Resignation	Cherryville High School	English Teacher
Eagle	Sabrina	Retirement	Mount Holly Middle School	School Counselor
Echevarria	Andres	Transfer	South Point High School	Head Coach - Soccer - Boys JV

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Estrada	Andreas	Resignation	Gardner Park Elementary School	Lead Custodian
Evans	Jordan	Resignation	Stanley Middle School	Media Specialist
Ewing	Taylor	Resignation	North Gaston High School	English Teacher
Fallin	Jennifer	Retirement	New Hope Elementary School	AIG Teacher
Falter	Carlene	Promotion	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	Principal
Fargher	Joseph	Hire, Resignation	Academic Services	Commissioners School Counselor
Feely	Kimberly	Resignation	Southwest Middle School	Sixth Grade Teacher - SCI
Fishman	Arianne	Resignation	Lingerfeldt Elementary School	EC Teacher - Adapted Curriculum
Floyd	Karly	Resignation	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School	Teacher Assistant
Franceschelli	Deborah	Retirement	J.B. Page Primary School	EC Teacher - General Curriculum
George	Romona	Resignation	Chapel Grove Elementary School	Fourth Grade Teacher - EPI
Gibson	Diane	Retirement	Career and Technical Education	CTE - Work-Based Learning Coordinator
Gilmore	Elizabeth	Resignation	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School	Art Teacher
Goins	LaVonya	Resignation	Student Support Services	Budget Analyst
Gonzalez	Mary	Hire	Student Assignment	Director of Student Assignment
Gore	Stephanie	Promotion	School Nutrition, Kiser Elementary School	SN - Cafeteria Assistant, Custodian
Grace	Jocelyn	Hire	Facilities	Custodian
Greene	Karen	Retirement	Gaston Early College of Medical Science	English/Journalism Teacher
Gunn	Kindall	Retirement	New Hope Elementary School	Third Grade Teacher
Gust	Stephanie	Transfer	Kiser Elementary School	Principal
Guyann	Benjamin	Hire	Bessemer City Central School	Lead Custodian
Halago	Emmanuel	Resignation	Costner Elementary School	EC Teacher Assistant
Hallman	Amanda	Resignation	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	Financial Secretary/Data Manager
Hamilton	Misty	Resignation	Ida Rankin Elementary School	EC Teacher Assistant
Hardin	Corine	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Cafeteria Assistant
Hargrove	Emily	Resignation	Student Support Services	MTSS Coordinator
Harris	Walter	Hire	Brookside Elementary School	Custodian
Henry	Alison	Retirement	Forestview High School	Math Teacher
Herbert Sr.	Tyvie	Hire	Lowell Elementary School	Lead Custodian
Hicks	Jeffery	Resignation	Bessemer City High School	Assistant Coach - Football
Hill	Cherrita	Promotion	North Gaston High School	Custodian
Hill	Donna	Retirement	School Nutrition	SN - Lead Cafeteria Assistant
Hill	Lezie	Retirement	Highland School of Technology	CTE - Business Education Teacher
Hollingsworth	Brandy	Retirement	Robinson Elementary School	First Grade Teacher
Hood	Dakota	Transfer	South Point High School	Assistant Coach - Football
Horne	Jeffrey	Retirement	Forestview High School	PE Teacher, Athletic Director
Houston	Ajasnee	Rehire an Employee	Elementary Instruction	A.S.P.I.R.E. Summer Camp Tutor - Non Certified
Hubbard	Tammy	Retirement	York Chester Middle School	School Counselor
Hudspeth	Beverly	Promotion	Sherwood Elementary School	Lead Custodian
Johnson	Deidre	Resignation	Stuart W. Cramer High School	Assistant Principal
Johnson	Doneen	Involuntary Termination	Bessemer City High School	Principal
Jordan	Susan	Promotion	Academically and Intellectually Gifted	AIG Coordinator Manager
June	Angela	Demotion	School Nutrition	SN - Sub Cafeteria Assistant
Justiss	Timothy	Resignation	Bessemer City Middle School	Band Teacher
Kale	Melissa	Retirement	York Chester Middle School	Teacher Assistant
Karis	Isabelle	Resignation	Bessemer City High School	CTE - Technology Education Teacher
Kitchin	Sherry	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Cafeteria Assistant
LaChance	Colleen	Demotion	Grier Middle School	Receptionist
Lackey	Desiree	Resignation	Gaston Early College of Medical Science	School Counselor
Laporte	Kathleen	Transfer	H.H. Beam Elementary School	Fourth Grade Teacher
Lasco	Leah	Transfer	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	Financial Secretary/Data Manager
Lee	Jennifer	Retirement	Gardner Park Elementary School	Second Grade Teacher
Leonard	Karen	Retirement	School Nutrition	SN - Area Supervisor
Leone	Lu Anne	Resignation	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School	Teacher Assistant
Littlejohn	Thomas	Hire	Carr Elementary School	Custodian
Long	Laura	Resignation	Carr Elementary School	Media Specialist
Lunsford	Chrissie	Resignation	Academic Services	Digital Learning Facilitator
Mark	Susanne	Resignation	Highland School of Technology	History Teacher
Marr	Jeanette	Retirement	North Gaston High School	Biology Teacher
Matzke	Amelia	Hire, Resignation	Superintendent's Office	Commissioners School Counselor
May	Kennedy	Hire	North Gaston High School	Assistant Coach - Volleyball
McDaniel	Julian	Resignation	Bessemer City High School	School Counselor
McElhanev	Catrina	Transfer	Facilities	Facilities - Custodian Floater
McKee	Bradlee	Resignation	North Gaston High School	Science Teacher
Medford	Jill	Retirement	Bessemer City Central School	AIG Teacher
Medlock	Amy	Retirement	Bessemer City Middle School	Media Specialist
Medlock	Robin	Resignation	Springfield Elementary School	Intervention Teacher
Meeks	Summer	Transfer	Holbrook Middle School	Head Coach - Cheerleading
Miller	Beryl	Retirement	Student Support Services	Social Worker
Miller	Carroll	Resignation	W.C. Friday Middle School	Seventh Grade Teacher - SCI
Miller	Erika	Resignation	Ashbrook High School	Bus Driver
Miller	Janice	Retirement	South Point High School	Math Teacher
Mills	Bobbie	Reduction in Force	Student Support Services	Director of School Social Work
Morant	Jerome	Resignation	Ashbrook High School	Custodian
Motsinger	Donna	Retirement	School Nutrition	SN - Lead Cafeteria Assistant
Nadler	Stephanie	Resignation	W.A. Bess Elementary School	Fifth Grade Teacher
Nance	Leigh	Retirement	South Point High School	CTE - Business Education Teacher

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Nencetti	Thomas	Retirement	Superintendent's Office	Chief of Staff
Norman	Tali	Rehire an Employee	Department for Exceptional Children	Coordinator
Norman	Todd	Promotion	North Gaston High School	Leadership Teacher
Nugent	Bonita	Retirement	Carr Elementary School	Fifth Grade Teacher
Olmsted	Angela	Transfer	North Gaston High School	Teacher Assistant - Instructional
Ommert	Crystal	Retirement	Gardner Park Elementary School	Kindergarten Teacher
Parker	Cheryl	Retirement	Springfield Elementary School	Second Grade Teacher
Parker	Debra	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Central Production Assistant
Parker	Stephanie	Retirement	New Hope Elementary School	Kindergarten Teacher
Parnell	Meredith	Retirement	J.B. Page Primary School	Kindergarten Teacher
Parris	Emily	Resignation	Cherryville Elementary School	Third Grade Teacher
Patterson	Jacob	Resignation	South Point High School	Assistant Coach - Football
Pavone	Dina	Retirement	W.A. Bess Elementary School	Second Grade Teacher
Payne	Dale	Retirement	Facilities	Carpenter/Locksmith
Pearson	Susan	Transfer	School Nutrition	SN - Training Manager Assistant
Pearson	Taylor	Resignation	Carr Elementary School	Teacher Assistant
Pekarek	Marianne	Retirement	Forestview High School	Financial Secretary
Peterson	Christopher	Resignation	North Gaston High School	Campus Security Associate
Phillips	Betty	Retirement	Kiser Elementary School	EC Teacher - General Curriculum
Phillips	Christy	Retirement	Catawba Heights Elementary School	Media Specialist
Potts	Sharon	Retirement	Gaston Virtual Academy	Principal
Powell	Sharae	Resignation	North Gaston High School	School Counselor
Pruett	Andrea	Retirement	Bessemer City Primary School	Kindergarten Teacher
Puryear	Pamela	Retirement	Chapel Grove Elementary School	First Grade Teacher
Queen	Jennifer	Resignation	Brookside Elementary School	Kindergarten Teacher
Ramos	Aislinn	Resignation	Tryon Elementary School	Music Teacher
Ramsey	Anna	Hire	North Gaston High School	Head Coach - Volleyball
Ramsey	Janet	Resignation	Robinson Elementary School	Assistant Principal
Ratchford	Lisa	Retirement	Cramerton Middle School	Band Teacher
Reep	Mark	Retirement	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	School Counselor
Reese	Kimberly	Transfer	Bessemer City Middle School	Principal
Reid	Catherine	Resignation	Gardner Park Elementary School	Custodian
Reid	Wanda	Retirement	Cramerton Middle School	Assistant Principal
Rhom	Tara	Hire	Academic Services	Curriculum Coordinator-Secondary ELA
Rice	David	Resignation	North Gaston High School	School Counselor
Richardson	Acquela	Resignation	Lingerfeldt Elementary School	Teacher Assistant
Roberts	Kimberly	Resignation	Ashbrook High School	Math Teacher
Roberts	Lashanda	Resignation	School Nutrition, Woodhill, Warlick	SN - Cafeteria Assistant, Bus Driver, Cust
Robinson	Sabrina	Retirement	W.C. Friday Middle School	Seventh Grade Teacher - ELA
Rollins	Rebecca	Retirement	School Nutrition, Lowell Elementary School	SN - Cafeteria Assistant, Custodian
Ross	Jill	Retirement	Student Support Services	School Nurse
Ross	Jonathan	Hire, Resignation	Superintendent's Office	Commissioners School Counselor
Sadler	April	Transfer	Human Resources	Educator Support & Development Coordinator
Schieres	Karen	Retirement	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School	Third Grade Teacher
Schultz	Mark	Retirement	Facilities	Operations Manager
Seisay	Barbara	Retirement	Robinson Elementary School	Second Grade Teacher
Shepherd Jr	Darrell	Promotion	Gardner Park Elementary School	Lead Custodian
Siders	Meghanne	Resignation	Carr Elementary School	Teacher Assistant
Sigmon	Robin	Retirement	Tryon Elementary School	Custodian
Sisson	Robert	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School	CTE - Career Exploration Teacher
Sloop	Donya	Retirement	Sherwood Elementary School	Fourth Grade Teacher
Smith	Aaron	Retirement	New Hope Elementary School	Custodian
Smith	Alexandra	Retirement	Human Resources	Director of Personnel Management Systems
Smith	Pamela	Promotion	Lowell Elementary School	Custodian
Smith	Ryan	Retirement	Forestview High School	Assistant Principal
Snipes	Christopher	Resignation	John Chavis Middle School	Assistant Coach - Football
Sparrow	Nicole	Resignation	Hunter Huss High School	Assistant Principal
Spencer	Pamela	Retirement	Carr Elementary School	EC Teacher Assistant
St. Romain	Jennifer	Resignation	Gaston Early College High School	Tutor - Certified
Steven-Stewart	Davia	Resignation	Woodhill Elementary School	Third Grade Teacher - EPI
Stevens	Quailazuyia	Resignation	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School	First Grade Teacher
Strader	Krystal	Resignation	Academic Services	Digital Learning Facilitator
Suddreth	Cecilia	Retirement	Stanley Middle School	Eighth Grade Teacher - ELA
Suggs	Leah	Retirement	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	Instructional Coach
Summey	Kristy	Retirement	Stanley Middle School	Sixth Grade Teacher - ELA - AIG
Taylor	Lindsey	Retirement	Hunter Huss High School	EC Teacher - Adapted Curriculum
Tessnear	Molly	Promotion	Pinewood Elementary School	Principal
Thornburg	Emily	Transfer	Hawks Nest STEAM Academy	EC Teacher - General Curriculum
Tippett	Susan Elizabeth	Retirement	Gaston Early College of Medical Science	Dean of Students
Toure	Chinatti	Reduction in Force	Ida Rankin Elementary School	School Counselor
Tremaine	Lorie	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Cafeteria Assistant
Varriale	Rachel	Retirement	Department for Exceptional Children	Speech Language Pathologist
Walker	Maude	Retirement	Webb Street School	EC Teacher Assistant
Wallace	Samanda	Promotion	Bessemer City High School	Data Manager
Walt	Paula	Retirement	Bessemer City Primary School	Teacher Assistant - ESL
Washington	Lee	Resignation	Robinson Elementary School	Teacher Assistant - Filling Vacancy
Watkins	Erica	Hire	Gaston Early College High School	Business Manager

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Watts	Ann	Retirement	Department for Exceptional Children	EC Teacher - Adapted Curriculum
Weathers	Meredith	Retirement	Cramerton Middle School	Sixth Grade Teacher - ELA/SS
Wheeler	Alisa	Retirement	W.C. Friday Middle School	School Counselor
Whiteside	Lynn	Retirement	W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School	Principal
Will	Debra	Retirement	Webb Street School	Speech Language Pathologist
Will	Steven	Retirement	North Gaston High School	EC Teacher - Adapted Curriculum
Williams	Dolly	Retirement	Ida Rankin Elementary School	Third Grade Teacher
Williams	Wavey	Resignation	Woodhill Elementary School	Health/PE Teacher
Wilson	Dharma	Resignation	Springfield Elementary School	Media Specialist
Wilson	Rebecca	Transfer	Gaston Virtual Academy	Principal
Wilson	Tammy	Retirement	Department for Exceptional Children	School Psychologist
Witherington	Harley	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - SFSP 37
Woods	Jaquayza	Resignation	School Nutrition	SN - Roving Cafeteria Assistant
Word	Sarah	Transfer	W.C. Friday Middle School	Seventh Grade Teacher - MA
Wright	Renee	Retirement	Costner Elementary School	Fourth Grade Teacher
Wudtke	Panagiota	Reduction in Force	Hunter Huss High School	School Counselor
York	Melanie	Resignation	Ashbrook High School	Media Specialist