CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 10, 2026

The Caswell County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Mel Battle, Vice Chair Joel Lillard, Vennie Beggarly, Nicole Smith, Dr. Nicole McGhee, and Trudy Blackwell. Lisa Johnson-Knight was absent. Others present include Superintendent Lance Stokes, Brook Underwood, Jane Frazier, Shannon Moretz, John Claggett, Faith Alexander, Holly Broadnax, and Board Attorney Jill Wilson with Brookes & Pierce. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes. (*Note: Others may have been present but did not sign the roster or names were not legible*).

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mel Battle.

I. B. CLOSED SESSION

Mel Battle made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6); and for the purpose of discussing information that is privileged, confidential or not a public record (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) and to confer with legal counsel and to discuss confidential student information protected by NC General Statute 115C.402. Nicole Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

I. C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

I. D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicole Smith moved, seconded by Nicole McGhee, to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026 work session and regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to approve the agenda as amended which removed the transfer requests and added additional fundraising requests. The motion carried unanimously.

I. F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Lance Stokes shared staff returned to school today. We are looking forward to the tiered bus routes and the new bell schedule. Mr. Stokes shared that Caswell was selected by the Governor as one of two districts to receive school supplies which will be going to South/Oakwood. Delivery is scheduled for September 3, 2026 and a time will be shared once confirmed. Finally, families need to get their children registered for school very quickly if they have not already done so. Reminder of Open House which will take place on August 12th and 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In conclusion, he shared he is honored to serve as Superintendent as we begin this school year.

I. G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Williamson with the Caswell Arts thanked the Board of Education and extended gratitude for partnering with them for Art's Unplugged. The students were very engaged ever so much as they asked that they not be allowed to use their entire lunch break as they wanted to get back to their activities.

Holly Broadnax spoke to the board on behalf of the football team in regards to an event that was planned for Friday night and was cancelled at the last minute. She shared she is not aware of all the policies and protocols. She is the leader of the booster club and needs to understand what can and cannot be done. She shared this is not about her but she is here for the kids. The event scheduled for this past Friday was cancelled hours prior to the event starting. The kids were crying and very upset. She shared that the Football Jamboree is planned and needs to be aware of any procedures to avoid this event being cancelled as well. She shared the principal told them everything was good and this didn't look good in the community.

II. REPORTS

Kevin Lynn with Brady shared an update on the renovations at Oakwood noting they are proceeding well. At this time, 90% of the ceilings are down. He will be bringing back next steps in October for the board to review. NCDPI has also been kept abreast of the plans.

Quarterly Reports were reviewed by Finance Director Brook Underwood.
It was suggested that column be added to include the adopted budgeted amount going forward.

Fundraising Summaries (All Schools 2025-2026)

Fundraising summaries were included for the board to review.

It was requested that the amount for pictures be shared with the board regarding what percentage the school receive.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel

Superintendent Lance Stokes recommended approval of the personnel listing # 1-12 with the exception of Item # 8. Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to approve the personnel as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations	
	Katherine Pinkleton (Retired Part Time Teacher) = Eff. 7/29/26
NL Dillard	Heather Franklin, CTE Teacher – Eff. 9/10/26
Declined Position	
NL Dillard	Joslynn Clark, Media Specialist
BYSHS	Harrison Jones, Basketball Coach
Employment	
North Elementary	Darrick Pettiford, Principal = Eff. ASAP (replaces Avery Artis)
	Mahogany King, 5th Grade Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replacement Kim Owen)
South Elementary	Heather Mabry, 2nd Grade Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replacement of Vacant position)
BYSHS	Tommy Crews, Jr. = CTE Teacher = Eff. 8/10/26 (Replacement of Richard Franklin)
Substitute	
	Katherine Pinkleton
Bus Drivers	
	Davida Dawson (20 hours per week) = Eff. 8/13/26
ATHLETIC UPDATES - BYSHS (Fall Sports)	
Varsity Football	
Head Coach	Ryan Johnson
Asst. Coach	Rickey Blackstock
Asst. Coach	Quinton Simpson
Asst. Coach	Rick Hill

Volunteer / Asst. Coach	Chris Payton
JV Football	
Head Coach	Justin Shumaker
Asst. Coach	Armani Williams
Asst. Coach	Mykel Williams
Athletic Trainer	Crystal McCraw
Cheerleaders	Brianna McCandies
JV Cheerleaders	Trevor Smith
Volleyball Coach	Angela Ouzts
Asst. Volleyball Coach	Ruth Miller
JV Volleyball Coach	Lillie Davis
Women's Tennis	
Cross Country	Tia Foster
ATHLETIC UPDATES - BYSHS (Winter Sports)	
Basketball	
Women's Coach	Marvin Wimbush
Women's Asst. Coach	LaQuita Warner
Men's Coach	Ian Witzgall
Cheerleaders	Brianna McCandies
JV Cheerleaders	Trevor Smith
Men's Indoor Track	Mykel Williams
Women's Indoor Track	Breanna Lane
Men's Wrestling	Rick Hill
Asst. Wrestling	Noah Tart
Athletic Trainer	Crystal McCraw

2. Consent Agenda

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

Stoney Creek Elementary = Fundraising Requests

Fall	Back to School Raffle
Fall/Spring	Book Fair
Fall/Spring	Pictures
September	Creative Foods
October	Raffle
February	Creative Foods
March/April	Raffle

South Elementary = Fundraising Requests

Ongoing	Fill the Bins
September	Double Good Popcorn
Fall/Spring	Pictures
November	Book Fair

Surplus Listing = Items shared on listing (some have been listed on gov.deals)
(This was to make sure all items have been shared with board)

(2) Hand Trucks
7 Ton End Lift Jack
Battery Charger/Engine Starter
22 Ton Air/Hydraulic Jack
Outdoor Folding Engine Hoist Cherry Picker Shop Crane Hoist Lift
2004 International 30000IC Bus
Non Refrigerated Serving Line
(2) Stainless Steel Refrigerators
Commercial Refrigerator
(6) Dumpsters
School Tables
Miscellaneous Kitchen Items
Craftsman Radial Arm Milter Saw
(2) 4 drawer Filing Cabinets (multiple)
Tables (multiple)
Filing Cabinets
Pre-K School Furniture
Extron Dimmer & Switch with (2) Storage Cases

Ampex Studio Mastering Tape
Light Board
Producer II Light Board
Delta Shaper
Delta 10" Tilting Arbor Saw
Rockwell Band Saw

3. NCSSA Supt. Executive Leadership Program Cohort (2026/2027)

   Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to approve the professional development for Mr. Lance Stokes with the correct form to be submitted to the board at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Fundraising Requests (Additional)

   It was requested that the board would like to see a contract with Pepsi at the high school and discussion took place regarding concessions.

   Joel Lillard moved, seconded Vennie Beggarly, to approve the additional fundraising requests as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Bartlett Yancey Sr. High School</u>

Aug.-Dec.	BUC Card
Fall	Pumpkin Patch (Harlee Denny)
September	Wrestling BBQ Sale
September	Wrestling Yard Sale & Market
October	Wrestling = 50/50 Sale

<u>NL Dillard Middle School = Fundraising Requests</u>

November	Fall Pictures
March	Spring Pictures
January	Blowpop Sale
March	Pie-A-Teacher
May	8th grade prom
October	Blowpop/Jolly Rancher Sale
February	Coin Drive
March	Yearbook
April	Taki Sale

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mental Health Plan
Dr. Medina Jones reviewed the Mental Health Plan and answered questions from the Board. This will be approved at the August 24th meeting.

Budget / Local & Capital
Finance Director Brook Underwood reviewed the budget and answered questions from the Board. The following suggestions were made:

Local:

- Would like athletics to submit a budget for their needs in regards to athletic supply line item.
- 5501-801-192 = Athletic Director amount should be lower (which will change the benefit line items as well)
- 5840-801-344 = look into amounts and decrease to $700 as well as change travel line item to $1000
- Questioned if 6403-801-418 can be put into restricted funds
- 6550-056-423 = Change to $1,000 (gas/diesel = transportation) (was $46,000)
- 6550-706-180 = Remove this amount of $9,700 (bonus for transportation should be using transportation funds and if they cannot continue with this program using their funds it needs to be reevaluated).
- 6580-801-422 (Maintenance Repair Parts) Change from $30,000 to $20,000
- 6580-802-344 = Maintenance Cell Phones = Look into the Verizon Plan to see if there is a better pricing package (Currently $2,300 allotted)
- 6621-841-411 (Personnel Supplies) Change from $2,000 to $1,000
- 6840-002 = Remove (Student Services) = $2,500
- 6910-801-459 (BOE Meals) Change from $2,000 to $1,000

Discussion took place regarding athletics and the process needs to be reviewed including uniform rotations, equipment, etc.

It was questioned if contracted services that are used in Maintenance can fall under the line item with the other contracted services (i.e., Brady and move from local to capital)

Funding for fourth maintenance position is included as full time but has not been approved by the board.

Capital:

- Contingency = Suggested moving amount to athletic facilities and remainder in plumbing and keep $10,000 in contingency

VI. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- Mr. Stokes shared the information required for Harrisons Law has been posted.

VII. ATTORNEYS REPORT

None.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER OBSERVATIONS

- Farmer's Lake Event went well with 103 kids participating
- Concerns with the football event and what went wrong were shared and thanks to Holly Broadnax for speaking at the meeting today.
- The recent car show (Country Boyz Mustang Club) was well attended and school supplies were collected.
- Back to School Blast is this Saturday.

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X. OPEN SESSION

Joel Lillard made a motion to return to open session. Nicole Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. PERSONNEL

Superintendent Lance Stokes recommended, based off of student numbers and to be reviewed, the approval of an additional teaching position at Stoney Creek Elementary.

Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to amend the agenda and add the approval of additional teaching position at Stoney Creek Elementary using Title I funds (if available) and if not using Small Schools. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURN

The board agreed to move the next meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Session will begin at 3:05 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. with the regular meeting beginning at 4:15 p.m.
Joel Lillard moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Nicole Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on August 24, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Caswell County Schools Administration Building.

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Mel O. Battle	Lance Stokes
Chairman	Superintendent