

Cartersville High School
School Governance Team Meeting-**Minutes**
320 East Church Street
Cartersville, GA 30120
September 17, 2026
7:45am

The Cartersville High School Governance Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Cartersville High School, 320 East Church Street, Cartersville, GA 30120

School Council members present: Shelley Tierce, Jennilynn Hawn, Russ Hunt, Ginny Weaver

Call to Order: at 7:52AM by Shelley Tierce

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Approval of Minutes: July meeting minutes approved – 1st Jeffery Spratt
2nd – Ginny Weaver

Agenda Items

School Improvement Plan (One-Page Overview)

- Members discussed the CHS School Improvement Plan.
- Resources related to the plan can be found on the school website as well as Georgia Insights. This webpage is run by the DOE and acts as a school report card

Old Business

Cell Phone Policy

- The cell phone policy was reported to be going well overall.
- Team members expressed satisfaction with implementation.
- Approximately 75 referrals have been recorded, which was viewed positively as evidence that the policy is being enforced consistently.

New Business

Internal Policy Review

Discussion focused on Advanced Placement (AP) courses versus Dual Enrollment (DE) opportunities.

Key discussion points included:

- Students may take AP courses offered within the school setting.
- Students are welcome to take additional courses independently.
- Dual Enrollment and AP opportunities were compared with regard to college preparation and scheduling.
- Coursework completed outside the structured school day may not be included in certain school accountability measures.
- Discussion included how students pursue specific academic pathways and postsecondary goals.
- Consideration was given to how valedictorian/salutatorian calculations may be determined numerically.

Student Scheduling Concerns

- Members discussed concerns that some students are giving up activities they enjoy in order to build schedules that strengthen college applications and GPA
- Discussion centered on balancing academic rigor with student experiences and well-being.

Next Meeting : November 19, 2026

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately **8:29 a.m.**