

**GASTON COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session**



943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

September 21, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Agenda Adoption

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Consideration of Formal Agenda for Monday, September 21, 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: 9/21/2026

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: September 2026

1. The **Gaston County Schools** graduation rate for the Class of 2026 was 90 percent, the highest graduation rate ever. Three of Gaston County's high schools earned a 100% graduation rate: **Gaston Early College, Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences, and Highland School of Technology. Cherryville, Stuart W. Cramer, East Gaston, North Gaston, and South Point** have a graduation rate that exceeds 90 percent. In addition, the **Gaston Virtual Academy** had the most significant increase in the graduation rate when compared to the previous year, increasing from 76.3 percent to 89.3 percent.
2. The following schools had the most significant increase in their school performance score for 2025-2026: **Sherwood Elementary (+20); Ashbrook High School (+14); East Gaston High School (+12); Lingerfeldt Elementary (+12); Carr Elementary (+11); Pleasant Ridge Elementary (+11); and Bessemer City Central Elementary/Bessemer City Primary (+10).**
3. The following schools had the most improved student proficiency for 2025-2026: **Sherwood Elementary (+19.1); Ashbrook High School (+12.4); East Gaston High School (+10.9); Stuart W. Cramer High School (+10.5); Sadler Elementary (+9.9); Carr Elementary (+9.5); Grier Middle School (+8.2); Bessemer City Central/Bessemer City Primary (+7.9); McAdenville Elementary (+7.7); Mount Holly Middle School (+6.6); and Holbrook Middle School (+6.0).**
4. The following schools exceeded academic growth for the 2025-2026 school year: **W.A. Bess Elementary; Carr Elementary; Gardner Park Elementary; Lingerfeldt Elementary; Pinewood Elementary; Pleasant Ridge Elementary; Rankin Elementary; Robinson Elementary; Sadler Elementary; Sherwood Elementary; Woodhill Elementary; Belmont Middle School; John Chavis Middle School; Cramerton Middle School; Grier Middle School; Holbrook Middle School; Southwest Middle School; Stanley Middle School; Ashbrook High School; Cherryville High School; Stuart W. Cramer High School; Gaston Early College High School; Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences; Highland School of Technology; and South Point High School.**
5. For 2025-2026, **Gaston County Schools** had 37 of 54 schools to earn an A, B, or C performance grade on the state testing and accountability program. No school received an F grade, and 14 schools received a higher grade when compared to 2024-2025.
6. Twenty teachers in **Gaston County Schools** completed the year-long Gaston County Schools AIG Local Endorsement (G.A.L.E.) program to earn credentials to work with

academically and intellectually gifted students. The teachers are **Kennedy Ballard** and **Karen Phang** of **Stanley Middle School**; **Hannah Allen** of **Rankin Elementary School**; and **Allison Alexander**, **Rebecca Backus**, **Alexis Bolin**, **Megan Christenbury**, **Julia Timmons**, **Cindy Griffin**, **Sangeeta Gupta**, **Chelsea Harley**, **Katherine Julen**, **Brooke Martin**, **Abigale McKinney**, **Erica Powell**, **Tanya Price**, **Amanda Scoggins**, **Quintarro Smith**, **Melanie Smith**, and **Katherine Surface**, all of **New Hope Elementary School**.

7. **Todd Hagans**, chief communications officer for **Gaston County Schools**, was selected to serve as co-chair of the Southwest Education Alliance's job alike group for school public information officers. The group meets five times a year for networking and professional development programs.
8. **William Arnold** of **Forestview High School** and **Rex Dover** of **South Point High School** were named semifinalists in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship program.
9. The **South Point High School** boys soccer team were crowned Division I champions at the Gaston Cup, which was hosted by Gaston County Parks and Recreation. **Hunter Huss High School** finished as the Division I runner-up. **Hunter Huss' Will Perival** received the Golden Boot Award, while **Sy Johnson** of **South Point High School** was named MVP. The Division I All-Cup Team included **South Point's Matthew Hackney**, **Gunner Payne**, and **Charlie Rodenberger**, along with **Hunter Huss' Oberson Jonot** and **Will Perival**.
10. **Ashbrook High School** teacher **Mamie Chisholm** received the Jennifer Davis Education Award at the 2026 NAACP Freedom Fund Awards Gala.
11. The **Bessemer City High School** cafeteria staff, the **Page Primary School** cafeteria staff, and the **Pinewood Elementary** cafeteria staff earned a 100% rating on its sanitation inspection.
12. **East Gaston High School** senior **Redmond Slaughter** was featured on the SportsCenter Facebook page for playing the drums blindfolded during a recent football game.
13. The WBTV morning show broadcast live from **W.P. Grier Middle School** on August 21. The show highlighted **Dr. Jessica Mellon**, the 2026-27 Gaston County Principal of the Year; the fine arts program focusing on the musical theater and guitar classes; the STEAM Academy; the new school building, and the construction of the athletic fields.
14. **Highland School of Technology** student **Abigail Anderson** placed second at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) national conference in the business communications competition.
15. **Hunter Huss High School** was a \$5,000 winner of T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights promotion.

16. The Cramerton Fire Department visited **McAdenville Elementary School** and taught students about common fire dangers in the home, how to stay safe, and what to do in an emergency.
17. The **South Point High School** Navy JROTC volunteered with Belmont American Legion Post 144 to clean veteran grave markers at Greenwood Cemetery as a volunteer service project to remember those lost on 9-11.
18. A number of our schools conducted activities to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. For example, **Sadler Elementary School** took time to recognize and honor a group of first responders, and **W.C. Friday Middle School** conducted a special band performance.
19. **Forestview High School** hosted a ribbon cutting on September 9 prior to the junior varsity and varsity soccer games to celebrate the opening of the new turf field at Alala Stadium. The turf field alleviates drainage problems that have affected the field for years, and it was paid for using funds from the 2018 school bonds.
20. Gaston County Teacher of the Year **Erica Baird of Forestview High School** has submitted her application and portfolio for the 2027 North Carolina Teacher of the Year competition. If she is chosen as a semifinalist in the regional competition, she will participate in the interview process in October. If she is selected as the Southwest Region Teacher of the Year, she will advance to the state-level competition.
21. **Gaston County Schools** has been chosen to receive the Business Energy Excellence Award from Duke Energy. The award recognizes organizations that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to energy efficiency with energy-saving measures, reduced energy consumption, and meaningful investments in improving efficiency and sustainability of operations. Through Duke's Business Energy Efficiency Programs, **Gaston County Schools** was able to secure \$208,972 in Smart Saver incentives in 2025 (737,898 kilowatt hours saved), and so far in 2026, has secured \$38,321 in incentives (132,780 kilowatt hours saved).
22. At the ACT Summit this summer in Nashville, **Gaston County Schools** was named the recipient of the K-12 Policy Champion Award. The honor recognizes our commitment to connecting high school students and their learning to real-world opportunities through our Career and Technical Education (CTE) and other job-related programs. ACT brought attention to our hands-on career readiness curriculum experiences, the use of ACT WorkKeys to measure students' practical work skills, business/community partnerships, and increasing students' confidence in exploring postsecondary options as "powerful examples" for other school districts. **Gaston County Schools** was one of 11 agencies from across the country to be recognized during the ACT Summit.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 09/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Presentation of 2025-2026 State Test Results

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

The Board will receive a review of the 2025–2026 state accountability results, providing an overview of the district's current performance across the measures included in North Carolina's Accountability Model.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success

Reporting of the 2025–2026 results through North Carolina's accountability model directly aligns with Priority 1: Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success by providing transparent measures of student achievement, academic growth, graduation outcomes, and readiness indicators.

Submitted by: Tonya Kales, Associate Superintendent of Academic Services and Kelly Cunningham, Chief Accountability Officer

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Classroom Moment

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

Main Points: This Classroom Moment will highlight the role of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) in strengthening teaching and learning across Gaston County Schools. The presentation will explain how teachers, principals, instructional coaches, and teacher leaders collaborate to analyze standards, student work, and assessment data to refine instruction.

Fiscal Implications: N/A

Recommendation: N/A

Policy Implications: N/A

District Priorities:

Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success

Submitted by: Tyler West, Executive Director

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

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: 9/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Approval/Correction of Minutes

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Approval of Minutes from:

August 17, 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
August 17, 2026
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, August 17, 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, Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace, Brent Moore, Jeff Ramsey, and A.M. Stephens III. Mrs. Janna Smith was absent.

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. Morgen A. Houchard, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendent Tonya Kales, Assistant Superintendents Bessie Harvey and Rebekka Powers, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Interim Chief Financial Officer Bryan Denton, Chief Technology Officer Curtis Poplin, Executive Director of Human Resources Beth Suber, and Board Clerk Cindy Beck.

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

Invocation

Pastor Chris Howell of Sandy Plains Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC, led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mason Powers, an 11th grader from Cherryville High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adoption - Action

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore, motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Good News – Information

Mr. Todd Hagans presented the Good News for August:

Rex Dover was recognized as a 2026 recipient of the North Carolina Governor’s Volunteer Service Award for his outstanding service to individuals with intellectual disabilities. A South Point High School student and top-ranked member of his class, Mr. Dover has recruited and trained volunteers and helped establish the Belmont Chapter of Abilities Tennis of North Carolina, providing tennis instruction and mentoring to individuals with intellectual disabilities. He has also secured grants to expand academic enrichment and literacy opportunities.

The Board congratulated Mr. Dover and 2026 Ashbrook High School graduate Tupelo Guzauskas, who also received the statewide honor, recognizing Gaston County Schools’ distinction of having two students receive the 2026 award.

Ms. Dot Cherry presented Mr. Rex Dover with a certificate of recognition.

The Board recognized six Gaston County Schools band programs receiving the Program of Distinction honor from the North Carolina Bandmasters Association: Belmont Middle School, W.C. Friday Middle School, Cherryville High School, East Gaston High School, South Point High School, and Stuart W. Cramer High School.

The Board recognized the band directors and representatives in attendance and commended the programs for achieving the highest level of recognition within the Association's Program of Merit. The honor recognizes programs demonstrating excellence in musical performance, student achievement, leadership, advocacy, and community engagement. The Board expressed appreciation for the directors and students for their continued commitment to excellence.

Mr. Tod Kinlaw presented each school representative with a plaque of recognition.

The Board recognized Jayden Nolley of Stuart W. Cramer High School for winning the 4A State Championship in the 400-meter dash. As a sophomore, Mr. Nolley won the event with a time of 48.99 seconds at Truist Stadium at N.C. A&T State University, narrowly defeating the second-place finisher.

Mr. Nolley also competed in the 200-meter dash and 4x400-meter relay at the state championship. The Board congratulated him on this outstanding achievement and wished him continued success in the upcoming track and field season.

Mr. Jeff Ramsey presented a certificate of recognition.

The Board recognized Mason Powers of Cherryville High School and Madison Potter of Forestview High School for their selection to represent Region VI on the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

The Board noted that the council members were selected based on academic and athletic achievement, leadership, sportsmanship, and service to their schools and communities. Mason and Madison were commended for their accomplishments and for representing Gaston County Schools in this statewide leadership role. The Board congratulated them on this outstanding achievement and wished them continued success.

Ms. Dot Cherry presented a certificate of recognition to both students.

Dr. Denton currently serves as our interim Chief Financial Officer. He most recently served as an Executive Director of Secondary Instruction and has also served as a school administrator in our district.

Earlier this summer, Dr. Denton was recognized by the North Carolina School Superintendents' Association and the North Carolina Alliance for School Leadership Development as one of four statewide recipients of the Dr. Samuel Houston Jr. Leadership Award.

This annual award recognizes graduates of the Aspiring Superintendent Program, which is designed to develop and empower transformational leaders for North Carolina's public schools.

The award honors leaders who demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement, high ethical standards, strategic planning, student achievement, and preparing students for the workforce of the future.

Mr. A.M. Stephens III presented Dr. Denton with a plaque of recognition.

Mr. Hagans shared the following announcements about upcoming events:

The news team from WBTV News will broadcast live from Grier Middle School starting at 6:00 a.m. this Friday.

The newscast from 6:00 until 7:00 a.m. will be broadcast on TV, and the newscast from 7:00 until 8:00 a.m. will be on the WBTV streaming service.

During the newscast, Grier will take the spotlight with stories about the new school building and construction of the athletic fields; how the arts are playing a role in the school's new STEAM Academy; and the principal, Dr. Jessica Mellon, serving this year as the Gaston County Principal of the Year.

Also, the 2026 high school football season kicks off this Friday night, and we hope everyone will come out and support our teams.

Friday nights are about more than football. It is an opportunity to bring our communities together and celebrate our student-athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, dance teams, and marching bands.

Back this year are our Friday Night Football pep rallies on Facebook, and this Friday's pep rally is at North Gaston High School – so be looking for us on Facebook this Friday afternoon. All of our Board members are welcome to join us for the pep rally at 2:30 p.m.

(View Presentation)

Public Expression – Information

Mitch Jones (not present when called)

2343 South Point Road

Belmont, NC 28012

Re: School Bus Safety

Dionna Graham

305 Zander Woods Court

Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Re: Schools' Budget and Equity

Sean Bates

201 West Blvd

Gastonia, NC

Re: Accountability and budget

Jerry Whitlock
1018 Ramsey St
Stanley, NC 28164
Re: Reading for Kids and Thanking the School Board

Chez Adams
1218 Monroe Dr
Gastonia, NC 28054
Re: Chromebooks

Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes as presented for the June 15, 2026, Regular meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Ramsey; seconded by Mr. Tod Kinlaw; 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. Dot Cherry provided a summary report of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Budget Updates - Information

Budget information was presented by Interim Chief Financial Officer Bryan Denton.

An update on the State Budget signed by the Governor on July 7, 2026. This budget covers the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Projected salary increases and bonuses, including the anticipated implementation timelines, were reviewed.

The district's retirement contribution rate increased by 5.8%, to 26.1% of an employee's salary. This represents a 20.39% increase over the 2019-2020 rate.

The district's health insurance contribution increased by 5%, to \$8,925, representing a 41.52% increase over the 2019-2020 amount.

Funding was also included to continue teacher performance bonuses for AP courses, certain CTE courses, grades 3-5 reading, and grades 4-8 mathematics.

Dr. Denton also shared an update on the local budget, noting that on July 14, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approved an additional \$5 million in operating funds for Gaston County Schools, bringing total local operating support for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to \$59 million. The county also approved \$1.2 million in annual capital funding. In accordance with state law, approximately 12 percent of the additional operating allocation, or about \$600,000, will be allocated to charter schools.

Official Depository Designation – Action

Chairman Crisp recognized Interim Chief Financial Officer Bryan Denton, who presented a Presentation on Official Depository Designation.

(View Presentation)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Mr. Tod Kinlaw, that the Board approve the Official Depositories for each School/Department. Mr. A.M. Stephens III recused himself from the vote.

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (7-0)

(View Presentation)

Appointment of School Treasurers – Action

Chairman Crisp recognized Interim Chief Financial Officer Bryan Denton, who presented a Presentation on the Appointment of School Treasurers.

Motion

The Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Tod Kinlaw, that the Board approve Treasurers for Each School.

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

(View Presentation)

Appointment of School Treasurers – Action

Interim Chief Financial Officer Bryan Denton was recognized by Chairman Crisp to deliver a presentation regarding the Appointment of School Treasurers.

(View Presentation)

Motion

Ms. Dot Cherry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tod Kinlaw, for the Board to approve Treasurers for Each School.

Following a vote, the motion to approve the item as presented passed unanimously. (8-0)

Summer Project Update – Information

Chairman Crisp recognized Ms. Bessie Harvey, who presented a summary of recently completed Summer Projects. Key projects that were highlighted included:

- Emergency Radio Projects across multiple schools
- Ceiling Tile and Grid Replacement at Ashbrook and Hunter Huss
- HVAC Repair Renovations
- New Camera and Intercom Replacements at Cherryville Elementary, Belmont Central Elementary, and Catawba Heights Elementary
- Security Vestibules at Ashbrook High School and Bessemer City Primary
- Forestview High School field renovation

(View Presentation)

Annual Surplus Report – Information

Chairman Crisp recognized Ms. Bessie Harvey, who gave an update on the annual surplus sales report. During the 2025-2026 school year, we received \$17,760 from the sale of surplus items.

(View Presentation)

Consent Agenda – Action

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda – Action

Consent Agenda Item (s) will be adopted with a single motion, second vote, unless a request for removal from the Consent Agenda is heard from a Board Member.

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

Motion

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mrs. Lee Dedmon. Motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Superintendent's Comments

The Superintendent thanked students, staff, families, and the Gaston County Schools community for their efforts in providing a successful opening to the 2026–2027 school year. He acknowledged the normal beginning-of-year adjustments involving transportation, enrollment, and class assignments and expressed appreciation for everyone's patience and cooperation.

The Superintendent provided a reminder to the Board regarding mandatory professional development workdays scheduled for September 16, October 28, February 10, and April 14, during which students will not have school. These sessions will cover instruction-focused topics such as effective teaching practices, grade-level academic standards, progress monitoring, data evaluation, and classroom management.

The Superintendent reported that 2025–2026 testing and accountability results will be released by the North Carolina State Board of Education on September 2. Gaston County Schools anticipates overall gains in reading, mathematics, science, and academic growth and looks forward to sharing and celebrating the results.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that Monday, September 7, is Labor Day and a holiday for students and employees. The September Board committee meetings have been moved to Monday, September 14.

Closing Remarks

Chairman Crisp thanked everyone for their support of the Board of Education and Gaston County Schools and expressed excitement about students returning for a successful year of learning and celebrating the district's accomplishments in September.

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on September 21, 2026.

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 Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore; motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

Administrative Contract - Action

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

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore, that the Board Award a two-year Principal contract for Carlene Falter.

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

The Superintendent announced that Ms. Falter would serve as the Principal at W.B. Beam Intermediate School.

Motion

Mr. A.M. Stephens made a motion that Gaston County Schools join the multi-district social media litigation as set forth in the attached short-form complaint and that we approve the retainer agreement with Tharrington Smith.

The Motion was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry, that the Board Approve the multi-district social media litigation as set forth in the attached short-form complaint and the retainer agreement with Tharrington Smith.

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

To provide clarity, Chairman Crisp issued a statement regarding the delay in Chromebook distribution at Ashbrook and Hunter Huss High Schools. He affirmed the district's commitment to ensuring every student receives a functional device, emphasizing that technology is vital to instruction and helps compensate for state textbook funding limitations. Additionally, Chairman Crisp advised the public to contact the schools directly to obtain factual and comprehensive information.

Adjournment

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

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved:

Josh Crisp, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]

Morgen A. Houchard, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Joint Operations and Curriculum & Instruction
Committee Report

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

The Gaston County Board of Education's Operations and Curriculum & Instruction Committees meets regularly to discuss projects and issues. A report of the Joint Committee's actions and discussions will be made at the Board meeting by a member of the Committee. The Committees met in a joint meeting to receive a presentation of the 2025-2026 State Test Results and conduct additional business.

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

Tonya Kales

Department:

Operations

Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

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: 09/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Adoption of the 2026-2027 GCS Budget Resolution

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

Main Points: On July 7, 2026, Senate Bill 257 (SB 257) – 2026 Appropriations Act became law. SB 257 is a comprehensive State budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 which begins July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027. The GCS Budget Resolution is based on the information presented in this recently passed State budget. It also includes anticipated funding from local sources, federal grants, and other miscellaneous sources of income. Any changes to the GCS budget arising after the passing of the resolution will be reflected in our monthly report of Budget Amendments and Transfers.

Fiscal Implications: 2026-2027 Gaston County Schools Budget

Recommendation: Board of Education approval of the 2026-2027 GCS Budget Resolution

Policy Implications:

Section 8000 - Fiscal Management

Strategic Plan District Priorities:

Comprehensive Student Support

Submitted by: Dr. Bryan Denton,
Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

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. 2026-2027 Local Testing Plan
- F. Contracts
 - CTE Contract - Xello
 - Belmont Central Boiler Plant Replacement
 - Amendment to Zone 2 Lawn Care Contract
 - Amendment to Zone 3 Lawn Care Contract
 - Amendment Lingerfeldt ES Lighting Contract
 - Amendment to South Point HS and Bessemer City HS Baseball Stadium Press Box & Concessions Building Design
 - Hawks Nest RTU Replacements
 - WB Beam Multistage RTU Replacement

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: 9/21/2026

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: 9/21/2026

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 2026-2027 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: Susan Brooks
Director of Finance

Department: Finance

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

State Public School Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
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Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

*The Changes of Appropriations for August will be reported in October 2026

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

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
9-21-26	LightServe	Lingerfeldt LED Lighting Installation	Additional conditions discovered after installation began. Ceiling Damage: Removal of existing fluorescent fixtures revealed extensive ceiling damage, requiring new 2x4 LED surface-mount kits and LED panels in several classrooms rather than the originally planned 1x4 surface-mount panels. Existing Wiring Conditions: The facility has a RELOC modular whip system and tandem wiring configuration that was not identified at previous GCS schools. Additional Electrical Work: New LED panels require direct 120V/277V power, necessitating removal of legacy tandem wiring, reconfiguration of RELOC lines, and additional line feeds to individual fixtures. Scope Impact: The wiring configuration exists throughout classrooms and hallways, requiring additional ceiling-deck wiring and line reconfiguration across most of the facility rather than a direct fixture replacement.	87,759.80	36,016.20

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 09/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Board Policy Updates

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

Main Points: The Policy Committee reviewed several policies at its September 14, 2026 meeting and recommends that revisions be approved by the full Board. The policies are:

Policy 3200 - Selection of Instructional and Supplementary Materials

Policy 3210 - Inspection of and Objection to Instructional and Supplementary Materials

Policy 3230/7370 - Technology Responsible Use

Policy 3430 - School Improvement Plan

Policy 3515 - Religious-Based Exemptions from School Programs

Policy 4020 - Parental Involvement

Policy 5150/7313 - Reporting to External Agencies

Policy 7325 - Video and Audio Recordings by Employees (New)

Policy 8545 - Vendor Lists

Policy 8620 - Participation by Historically Underutilized Businesses

Policy 8640 - Contracts with the Board

Policy 9110 - Bidding for Construction Work

Policy 9115 - Prequalification of Bidders for Construction Projects

Policy 9120 - Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)

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

[Proposed Policies](#)

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: 09/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: 2026-2027 Local Testing Plan

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

Main Points:

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Accountability Services Division ensures that North Carolina's statewide testing program meets the requirements of all applicable state and federal laws. These laws are designed to promote student academic achievement and to assist stakeholders in understanding and evaluating this achievement against standards.

While the vast majority of testing of Kindergarten -12th grade students is required by the state, some of the testing is also administered at the direction of the Public School Unit. Since July 2016, each local Board of Education (BOE) is required to report to the state on all local testing programs and the calendar for administering those assessments. This report must be submitted to the State Board of Education (SBE) by October 1st of each year.

The school testing calendar has been vetted by Academic Services. The local assessment schedule and local testing plan have been reviewed by the Curriculum & Instruction Committee.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success

The Local Testing Plan aligns with Priority 1 of the GCS Strategic Plan 2030, including the strategy to implement districtwide interim assessments and data protocols. Local assessments are used to inform instructional planning, address the needs of all students, and support progress toward grade-level proficiency.

Submitted by: Kelly Cunningham,
Chief Accountability Officer

Department: Office of Accountability

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

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: 09/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Career Development Planning - (Xello)

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

Main Points:Recommendation:

The North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation requiring all eighth-grade students across the state to have a comprehensive career development plan. The plan must be updated before moving out of the tenth grade. Xello is the product that our focus group of counselors and career development coordinators selected to be the Gaston County School's career development plan solution.

Fiscal Implications:

2026-2027 (Year 1) - \$65,044.98

2027-2028 (Year 2) - \$67,094.82

2028-2029 (Year 3) - \$69,181.44

Total: \$201,321.24

Policy Implications:

Section 3000 - Educational Program

Policy Code: 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability

"The promotion standards also will require that students not be promoted from eighth grade until a career development plan is completed in accordance with the requirements of [G.S. 115C-158.10](#) and State Board of Education rules and not be promoted from tenth grade until the career development plan is revised. Any high school student who does not already have a career development plan must complete the plan within 90 days of enrollment in school. Career development plans must be easily accessible to students and parents." Xello is the product students, counselors, and career development coordinators will use to develop each student's career development plan.

Strategic Plan District Priority:**Academics that Build Pathways to Student Success**

Xello supports Priority 1 from the district strategic plan. Students will have access to online career development resources. The product encourages industry and career research, so students can investigate careers based on their own strengths and interests.

Comprehensive Student Support

Xello supports Priority 4 from the district strategic plan. Students will have access to work-based learning opportunities. Business partners will be able to login and see their postings for work-based learning opportunities. Counseling and intervention services will be increased to help students find a career choice. School-family communication will increase. There is a parent portal where parents can see their child's movement toward a career choice.

Submitted by: Dr. Russell Parker **Department:** Career & Technical Education

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/26

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Belmont Central Boiler Plant Replacement

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: The existing boilers at Belmont Central Elementary have reached the end of their useful service life and have become increasingly unreliable, resulting in frequent breakdowns and service interruptions. Due to their age, capacity limitations, and ongoing maintenance challenges, replacement is necessary to ensure a reliable and efficient heating system.

Funding Source: Bond Funds

Fiscal Implications: Bids were received on August 5th with Mitcham and Company, Inc. submitting the lowest bid at \$199,844.70, followed by Carolina Air Solutions at \$203,834.60, and Daikin Applied at \$376,000.00.

Recommendation: Authorization to move forward with replacement of the boiler at Belmont Central Elementary. Awarding to Mitcham and Company, Inc for \$199,844.70

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

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

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/26

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Amendment to Zone 2 Lawncare Contract

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: Bessemer City Parks and Recreation no longer maintains the landscaping of our athletic fields at Bessemer City Middle School. The current landscaper is willing to add this to his current contract.

Funding Source: Fund 2

Fiscal Implications: The original contract was awarded for **\$113,850**. An additional scope of work has been quoted at **\$11,400** by **Heavner's Lawn & Landscaping**, the Board-approved landscaping contractor for Bessemer City Middle School. With this additional work, the **revised total contract amount will be \$125,250**.

Recommendation: Authorization to move forward with the amendment of Heavner's Lawn & Landscaping contract to perform the landscaping services of the Bessemer City Middle athletic fields for **\$11,400**, **revised total contract amount will be \$125,250**.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9200 Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Plan District Priority:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

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

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/26

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Amendment to Zone 3 Lawncare Contract

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points: Woodhill Elementary and the Armstrong Building need to be added to Zone 3 for landscaping services. Woodhill was formerly maintained by Facilities while the Armstrong Building is a new acquisition.

Fiscal Implications: The original contract was awarded in the amount of **\$91,200**. An additional scope of work has been quoted at **\$21,377.78** by **Clean Cuts Lawn & Landscaping**, the Board-approved landscaping contractor for Zone 3 schools. With the addition of this work, the **revised total contract amount will be \$112,577.78**.

Recommendation: Authorization to move forward with the amendment of Clean Cuts Lawn & Landscaping contract to perform the landscaping services of the Woodhill Elementary and the Armstrong Building for **\$21,377.78, revised total contract amount will be \$112,577.78**.

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: 9/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Lingerfeldt Elementary School LED Light Conversion

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

As we continue working our way through the Facilities Electrical Department's list of elementary schools that need LED Light Conversions, Lingerfeldt Elementary is the next scheduled school to be completed. The existing lighting is outdated, fragile, and expensive to replace.

Funding Source: Bond

Fiscal Implications:

Original contract was awarded to Lightserve at a cost of **\$87,759.80** on March 16, 2026. Additional scope include: the wiring configuration exists throughout classrooms and hallways, requiring additional ceiling-deck wiring and line reconfiguration across most of the facility rather than a direct fixture replacement. Change order amount **\$36,016.20**. Revised contract amount **\$123,776.00**

Recommendation:

Authorization to move forward change order request for **\$36,016.20** Lingerfeldt ES.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 9200 – Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Goal 5. Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/26

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Amendment to South Point HS and Bessemer City HS
Baseball Stadium Press Box & Concessions Building Design

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Originally approved on May 4, 2026, architectural and engineering services are being procured to replace the baseball stadium press box and concessions buildings at South Point High School and Bessemer City High School. The South Point structure has an appraised value of \$368,562, with a \$50,000 deductible responsibility, while the Bessemer City structure has an appraised value of \$142,568, also with a \$50,000 deductible responsibility. The remaining project costs for both facilities will be funded through school bond funds. The district conducted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural and engineering design services and selected McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture (MPS) to provide design services for both projects. services was conducted in, McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture (MPS) was selected

Amendment for additional services fee proposal of \$9,200.00 to scope a technology alternate bid package for the South Point High School Baseball Press Box.

Fiscal Implications:

Amendment for additional services fee proposal of \$9,200.00 to scope a technology alternate bid package for the South Point High School Baseball Press Box.

Recommendation:

Authorization to move forward with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture on the design of the replacement press box and concessions buildings.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 9000 – Planning to Address Facility Needs

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey, Assistant
Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/26

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Hawks Nest RTU Replacements

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

The rooftop HVAC units at Hawks Nest STEAM Academy are original to the building and require replacement due to their age, ongoing repair issues, and increasing reliability concerns. The units utilize obsolete parts that are no longer available, making continued repairs difficult and, in some cases, no longer feasible. Replacement of the units is necessary to provide reliable and efficient heating and cooling for the school.

Funding Source: Bond

Fiscal Implications:

A pre-bid meeting was held with five vendors signed in. Two vendors submitted bids: Carolina Air Solutions at \$261,604.81 and Daikin Applied at \$389,000.00.

Recommendation:

Authorization to move forward with Carolina Air Solutions and the replacement of the rooftop HVAC units at Hawks Nest STEAM Academy for **\$261,604.81**.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 9000 – Planning to Address Facility Needs

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Efficient and Responsive Operations and Technology

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey, Assistant
Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

Agenda Item Title/Topic: WB Beam MultiStage RTU Replacement

Type of Item: ☒ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

The rooftop HVAC units at W. Blaine Beam Intermediate need replacement because of their age and ongoing repair needs. A pre-bid meeting was held on August 21, 2026, with five vendors in attendance.

Funding Source: Bond

Fiscal Implications:

Two vendors submitted bids: Carolina Air Solutions at \$148,689.93 and Daikin Applied at \$150,000.00.

Recommendation: Authorization is requested to proceed with Carolina Air Solutions for the replacement of the rooftop HVAC units at W. Blaine Beam Intermediate and to award the contract in the amount of **\$148,689.93**.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 9200 – Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Goal 5. Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

Submitted by: Bessie Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Department: Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/21/2026

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 Perkins vs. The Gaston County Board of Education

—3:26-CV-564 Ackerman vs. Gaston County Schools et al.

—4:26-CV-08736 (MDL No. 3047) Gaston County Board of Education vs. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.

—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