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Recognitions

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Shon Hildreth recognized the Davidson County Schools 2026-2027 Classified Heroes from the South Davidson feeder pattern.

Samantha Hendricks - Denton Elementary School
Jim Nareau - Silver Valley Elementary
Shanna Johnson - South Davidson Middle High School

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley recognized high school students who demonstrated superior college-level achievement through Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams with AP Scholar Awards. Davidson County Schools had 129 AP Scholars for the 2025-2026 school year. A list of award designations and names of our current juniors and seniors who achieved this great honor are presented at the end of this brief.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved.

Minutes: September 8, 2026
September 21, 2026

Superintendent
- Advisory Council Appointments

Curriculum
- Blazerworks Special Education Services Agreement

Human Resources
- 2026-2027 BT Support Program Plan Revisions

Policy
- Policy Manual Conversion- Policies from 6000 Series: Support Services
- Repeal of Superseded Policies (Former Policy Manual):
  - 3.2 Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
  - 3.2.1 Goals of the Purchasing Function
  - 3.2.10 Bidders' List
  - 3.2.11 Purchase of Services
  - 3.2.2 Ethics and the Purchasing Function
  - 3.2.3 Organization of the Purchasing Function
  - 3.2.4 Contracts with the Board
  - 3.2.5 Pre-Audit Certification
  - 3.2.6 Continuing Contracts
  - 3.2.7 Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
  - 3.2.9 Vendor Lists

- 3.4.1 School Cafeterias
- 3.4.2 Goals of School Nutrition Services
- 3.4.3 Organization of School Nutrition Services
- 3.4.4 Operation of the Student Food Services
- 3.4.5 Free and Reduced-Price Meal Services
- 3.4.6 School Meal and Competitive Foods Standards
- 3.7.10 Energy Conservation
- 3.9 School Bus Transportation and Safety
- 3.9.1 Use of Student Transportation Services
- 3.9.10 Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
- 3.9.11 Parking Areas for Students
- 3.9.12 Insurance for Student Transportation Services
- 3.9.2 School Bus Safety, Discipline and Control
- 3.9.5 Acts of Vandalism and Damage to Buses
- 3.9.6 Duties and Responsibilities of School Bus Passenger
- 3.9.7 School Bus Monitors
- 3.9.9 School Bus Idling
- 3.12 Disposal of Surplus Property
- 3.15 Goals of Equipment, Materials, and Supplies Services
- 3.15.1 Use of Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
- 3.15.2 Personal Use of Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
- 3.15.3 Network Security
- 3.15.4 Hazardous Materials
- 3.15.5 Vandalism
- 6.11 Rule 7 Abuse or Distribution of Over-the Counter Medications
- 6.20 School Nutrition Services - Charge Policy
- 6.29 Goals of Student Health Services
- 6.29.1 Organization of Student Health Services
- 6.29.2 Student Health Services
- 6.29.3 Administering Medicine to Students
- 6.29.6 Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders and Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) Student Health Care Plan
- 7.11 Student Wellness

Budget Amendments

- State Public School Fund #3
- Federal Grant Fund #2
- Capital Outlay Fund #3

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Superintendent's Update

Administrative Appointments
Superintendent Dr. Gregg Slate requested and the board approved the following recommendations for administrative appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

Bradley Fisher - Director II of Operational Support
Mike Lawson - Interim Assistant Principal at East Davidson High School
Billy Hunt - Interim Assistant Principal at Ledford High School

Dates to Remember

- October 16, 2026: 1st Quarter Ends
- October 19, 2026: Non-Instructional/Optional Workday
- October 20, 2026: 2nd Quarter Begins
- October 30, 2026: Report Cards Released
- November 2, 2026: Next BOE Meeting

2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Requests to Address the Board

There were no requests to address the board.

Curriculum & Instruction

Putting the Science of Reading Into Action

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley highlighted and extended gratitude to the dedicated team of educators who made our district's new ELA Knowledge-Building Units possible in 2025-2026. Their exceptional work was recently highlighted in a feature story by EdNC. Additionally, Director of Elementary Education and Federal Programs April Willard shared how the teacher-designed units represent a significant, transformative shift in how our district approaches third-grade comprehension instruction.

Low Performing Schools Overview and School Improvement Plans

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley provided an overview of the identification and plan for improvement of low performing schools, according to G.S. 115C-105.37. The 2026-2027 low performing school improvement plans with district support plans were provided for board review and approval.

Rachel O'Regan Speech Language Services Agreement

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested approval of the agreement with Rachel O'Regan for speech language services to identified children with disabilities in accordance with IEPs for the 2026-2027 school year. The cost of services shall not exceed $63,000 and will be paid for using EC Medicaid funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Teresa McConnell School Psychology Services Agreement

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested approval of the services agreement with Teresa McConnell for school psychology services according to student IEPs for the 2026-2027 school year. The cost of services shall not exceed $45,000 and will be paid using EC Medicaid funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Human Resources

2028-2029 School Calendar Development Update

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Shon Hildreth presented an update on the 2028-2029 School Calendar process. The School Calendar Committee held its first meeting on September 17, 2026 to begin the process of forming the 2028-2029 traditional school calendar. The majority of the meeting time was used to review key components of board policy and legislation pertaining to school calendar requirements. The committee will hold its second meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2026. At this meeting committee members will work on a draft of the 2028-2029 calendar. After producing the draft, the next phase of the process will involve gathering feedback from parents and staff members, in accordance with DCS Board Policy 2.7.

Policy

Draft Regulation- Media Center Materials To Be Stored Behind Media Center Circulation Desk

Operations

Camera Server Purchase

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston and Director of Technology Dr. Corey McNeill requested board approval to purchase replacement security camera servers for six school sites. These new servers will replace outdated ones that are end-of-life. The total cost of the one-year project will be $77,980.45 and will be paid for using Capital Outlay Funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Finance

Local Budget Review

Chief Finance Officer Ashley Crawford provided the Board with an informational review of all local budgets by purpose level. The presentation provided an overview of the revenue sources and expenditures associated with each local budget, including a breakdown of how funds are allocated and utilized. The purpose of the presentation was to provide the Board with a clear understanding of the current local budget structure, funding sources, and planned expenditures.

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Closed Session

- To prevent disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged [NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1)]
- To consult with the board attorney and protect the attorney-client privilege [NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3)]
- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee [NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6)]

Human Resources

Personnel Report

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Shon Hildreth presented the Personnel Report for board approval. The board voted 5-0 to approve the report.

2026 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCHOLARS
CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS/JUNIORS

AP Scholars	
Isabella R. Bellini	Central Davidson High School
Zella R. Kinney	Central Davidson High School
Kayla J. Buckinger	Central Davidson High School
Madison Christensen	Central Davidson High School
Aiden T. Jester	Central Davidson High School
Gianna M. Lio	Central Davidson High School
Savannah A. Lynn	Central Davidson High School
Alexandra N. Romanets	East Davidson High School
Joy B. Taylor	East Davidson High School
Cabot W. Atkins	Ledford High School
Kaedyn S. Batchelor	Ledford High School
Arianna C. Benitez	Ledford High School
Carson C. Cosper	Ledford High School
Scarlett M. Crowder	Ledford High School
Matthew B. Maiden	Ledford High School
Madeline E. McCormack	Ledford High School
Keagan A. Melino	Ledford High School
Cali S. Moore	Ledford High School
Charlotte J. Porter	Ledford High School
Parker L. Ridge	Ledford High School
Victoria P. Teague	Ledford High School
Elena G. Craver	North Davidson High School
Nevaeh P. Gibbs	North Davidson High School

Nathan M. Hurtado	North Davidson High School
Amy Lian	North Davidson High School
Marina F. Mekhail	North Davidson High School
Levi M. Russell	North Davidson High School
Emma M. Szymonski	North Davidson High School
Emily R. Bauer	North Davidson High School
Hallie M. Brinkley	North Davidson High School
Autumn M. Faw	North Davidson High School
Caroline R. Hauser	North Davidson High School
Olivia G. Lambeth	North Davidson High School
Cullen R. Lancaster	North Davidson High School
Delfina N. Langu	North Davidson High School
Blakely Y. Powers	North Davidson High School
Natalie Rodriguez Martinez	North Davidson High School
Gentry H. Smith	North Davidson High School
Eli J. Soom	North Davidson High School
River J. Streb	North Davidson High School
Amelia Talley	North Davidson High School
Kaley O. Wahl	North Davidson High School
Elijah L. Wamsley	North Davidson High School
Olivia G. Williams	North Davidson High School
Annika G. Borgen	Oak Grove High School
Karina C. Brooks	Oak Grove High School
Adrionna L. Mulligan	Oak Grove High School
Bryson T. Vann	Oak Grove High School

Jacob E. Brann	Oak Grove High School
Ariana Espitia	Oak Grove High School
Brandon L. Flury	Oak Grove High School
Kendall J. Heaton	Oak Grove High School
Braden J. Held	Oak Grove High School
Elsa M. Helms	Oak Grove High School
Alexis H. Holler	Oak Grove High School
Mia Lee	Oak Grove High School
Madeline S. Lowry	Oak Grove High School
Magdalene R. Maddock	Oak Grove High School
Avery K. Peterson	Oak Grove High School
Hailey E. Ray	Oak Grove High School
Roselyn S. Sanchez Morales	Oak Grove High School
Aubrey G. Shore	Oak Grove High School
Frances R. Sink	Oak Grove High School
Mara N. Truell	Oak Grove High School
Hudson A. Deal	West Davidson High School
Grayson C. Decker	West Davidson High School
James R. Lewis	West Davidson High School
Landon S. Smith	West Davidson High School
AP Scholars with Honor	
Rachel A. Bower	Central Davidson High School
Noah T. Faulkner	Central Davidson High School
Jacob C. Hulin	Central Davidson High School
Cyanna E. Walser	Central Davidson High School
Thania R. Pacheco	East Davidson High School

Aubrey A. Alcivar	Ledford High School
Daelyn V. Denton	Ledford High School
Bianca Gonzalez	Ledford High School
Alan Xiao	North Davidson High School
Maliyah A. Eccles	North Davidson High School
Adrix Estevez	North Davidson High School
Emmaline G. Jones	North Davidson High School
Casey J. Kelehar	North Davidson High School
Zachary S. Knott	North Davidson High School
Sydney L. Mayhew	North Davidson High School
Olivia K. Romblad	North Davidson High School
Christian L. Smith	North Davidson High School
Makenzie J. Beeson	Oak Grove High School
Graham A. Binkley	Oak Grove High School
Eleanor M. Cameron	Oak Grove High School
Ansley G. Ferree	Oak Grove High School
Drew M. Gearren	Oak Grove High School
Lila A. Hartley	Oak Grove High School
Anabelle T. Hayes	Oak Grove High School
Reagan E. Heaton	Oak Grove High School
Elisabeth P. Key	Oak Grove High School
Victoria A. Lockamy	Oak Grove High School
Evelyn Morales	Oak Grove High School
Sudalyn Siphanthone	Oak Grove High School
Anderson L. Snyder	Oak Grove High School

Kelsey F. Barber	West Davidson High School
Ryleigh Campbell	West Davidson High School
Madilyn J. Deosarran	West Davidson High School
Mason C. Riddle	West Davidson High School
Evan C. Wilson	West Davidson High School

AP Scholar with Distinction	
Isaiah Akinde	Ledford High School
Kenny Borda	Ledford High School
Helen A. Clodfelter	Ledford High School
Mayson E. Frye	Ledford High School
Mohanned M. Hameed	Ledford High School
Samantha Broyles	North Davidson High School
Justin B. Hubbard	North Davidson High School
Hamilton R. Kepley	North Davidson High School
Sadie C. Kibler	North Davidson High School
Bessanny J. Lammonds	North Davidson High School
John H. Lammonds	North Davidson High School
Kalivia S. Leak	North Davidson High School
Bria A. Ross	North Davidson High School
Jace R. Tutterow	North Davidson High School
Blaine W. Vaught	North Davidson High School
Morgan Yorke	North Davidson High School
Leah Beavers	Oak Grove High School
Chloe E. Bennett	Oak Grove High School
Blake W. Ingram	Oak Grove High School

William A. Keates	Oak Grove High School
Millie A. Lee	Oak Grove High School
Isabella M. Lockamy	Oak Grove High School
Layla Lyons	Oak Grove High School
Eleanor G. Potter	Oak Grove High School
Masen W. Rogers	Oak Grove High School
Lyndsey G. Warner	Oak Grove High School