

**WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**October Personnel Report
Board Meeting – October 13, 2026**

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Elizabeth “Libby” Clayman	County-Wide	Occupational Therapist	Dismissal (9/24/26)
Steven Furr	Cove Creek	Middle Grades Teacher	Resignation (12/18/26)
McKenzie Gheesling	Bethel	School Counselor	Relocation (10/30/26)
Teresa Greene	Hardin Park	Teacher Assistant	Retirement (12/31/26)
Nathan Jernigan	County-Wide	Substitute Bus Driver	Other Employment (10/5/26)
Elisa Lovejoy	WHS	Computer Science Teacher	Retirement (1/8/27)
Audrey Sito	Hardin Park	EC Teacher Assistant	Other Employment (10/9/26)
James Trivette	Cove Creek	Bus Driver	Resignation (10/5/26)

Certified Personnel

New Employment

Emily Murphy	Cove Creek	Temporary Grade 2 Teacher
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Ms. Murphy earned a Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education from University of Delaware in 2024. Emily was an Educational Support Professional during the 2024-2025 school year with Dedham Public Schools in Delaware. She was an Elementary Teacher with Avery County Schools during the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Murphy holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator’s Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

Classified Personnel

New Employment

Courtney Church	Hardin Park	Temporary EC Teacher Assistant
Barbara “Elaine” Miller	Blowing Rock	Part-Time Tutor
Avery Moyer	Hardin Park	Temporary Teacher Assistant

Re-Employment for 2026-2027 School Year

Marie Bumgarner	Valle Crucis	Substitute Bus Driver
Melissa Greaves	Green Valley	Part-Time Tutor
Laura LaPointe	Green Valley	Part-Time Tutor
Lora Nash	Blowing Rock	Part-Time Tutor

Transfer of Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Previous Assignment</u>	<u>New Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year</u>
Autumn Bostick	After School Substitute	After School Group Leader at Blowing Rock
Leigh Heissel	Substitute Bus Driver at Mabel	Bus Driver at Mabel

Extended Employment for Remainder of 2026-2027 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Employment Extension</u>
Kortni Farthing	Facilities Manager at WHS	Substitute Bus Driver at WHS
Wesley Hollar	Fuel Truck Driver	McKinney-Vento Student Transportation
Makenna Holman	EC Teacher Assistant at WHS	Bus Monitor at WHS
Heather Strickler	Cost Clerk for Transportation	McKinney-Vento Student Transportation
Janet Tanner	Transportation Director	McKinney-Vento Student Transportation

Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Erik Bate	College – 2 Years	Previous Substitute
Cecilia Bryan	College – 1 Year	Classroom Volunteer
Aidan Davis	College – 2 Years	Athletic Coach
Julian King	Bachelor's Degree	Previous EC Teacher Assistant w/ WCS
Isabella Holloway	Bachelor's Degree	Substitute Teacher in Alabama
Kiah Mathis	College – 3 Years	Previous Substitute
Stephen Miller	High School Diploma	Teacher Assistant in Florida
Cathery Lee Pugh	Bachelor's Degree	Substitute Teacher in Texas
Melissa Riley	Master's Degree	Behavior Support Specialist w/ Daymark
Jordan Sabbaghrabaiotti	Bachelor's Degree	Spring 2026 Student Teacher

Long-Term Substitutes

Mariel Harlow	Blowing Rock	Middle Grades CTE
Mary Johnson	Valle Crucis	Grade 4
Claudine Lovins	Hardin Park	Middle Grades CTE
Braidyn Pike	WHS	English

Athletics

Margaret Brown	WHS	Head Men's Volleyball Coach
David Isaacs	Cove Creek	Boys' Basketball Coach
Katelyn Isaacs	Cove Creek	Girls' Basketball Coach