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Recognitions

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Shon Hildreth recognized the Davidson County Schools 2026-2027 Classified Heroes from the Central Davidson feeder pattern and the Central Office Transportation Department:

Sandra Leonard - Davis-Townsend Elementary School
April Bunton - Southmont Elementary School
Angie Farruggia - Southwood Elementary School
Ashley Hampton - Central Davidson Middle School
Melanie Hogrefe - Central Davidson High School
Shannon Hanes - DCS Transportation Department

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley recognized Yadkin Valley Career Academy for being selected as a STEM School of Distinction at the NC State Board of Education meeting in September. Schools recognized for this honor represent the very best in STEM education in North Carolina which exemplifies outstanding leadership and learning all while empowering keen creative thinking, reasoning, and teamwork: the underpinnings of 21st-century skills; in addition to implementing the essential STEM Attributes needed to be successful in today's society. Congratulations, Yadkin Valley!

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved.

Minutes: October 5, 2026

Curriculum

- Blazerworks Special Education Services Agreement
- Low Performing Schools Overview and School Improvement Plans

Operations

- Barracuda Spam Filtering

Budget Amendments

- State Public School Fund #4
- Local Expense Fund #1
- Federal Grant Fund #3
- Capital Outlay Fund #4
- Other Restricted Fund #3

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Superintendent's Update

Administrative Internal Placement Announcements
Superintendent Dr. Gregg Slate shared the following internal placement changes for the 2026-2027 school year:

Matt Coloton - Assistant Principal at East Davidson High School
Mike Lawson - Assistant Principal at Central Davidson High School

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

Bill Butts - Interim Principal at Ledford High School

Dates to Remember

- November 3, 2026: Election Day
- November 3, 2026: Non-Instructional/Required Workday
- November 11, 2026: Veterans Day Holiday
- November 16-20, 2026: American Education Week
- November 25, 2026: Annual Vacation Leave
- November 26-27, 2026: Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 7, 2026: Next BOE Meeting

2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Requests to Address the Board

The following people addressed the board: Amanda Thompson

Curriculum & Instruction

2026-2027 School Improvement Plans

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley provided the 2026-2027 School Improvement Plans for board review.

Memorandum of Agreement for Applied Behavior Analysis Services (Avenues ABA)

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested approval of the service agreement with Avenues ABA for Applied Behavior Analysis services to students in Davidson County Schools when privately contracted by the parent/guardian. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Memorandum of Agreement for Applied Behavior Analysis Services (BEE Wise Behavior ABA)

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested approval of the service agreement with BEE Wise Behavior ABA for Applied Behavior Analysis services to students in Davidson County Schools when privately contracted by the parent/guardian. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Memorandum of Agreement for Applied Behavior Analysis Services (Blue Jay ABA NC, LLC)

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested approval of the service agreement with Blue Jay ABA for Applied Behavior Analysis services to students in Davidson County Schools when privately contracted by the parent/guardian. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Memorandum of Agreement for Applied Behavior Analysis Services (Yes ABA)

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested approval of the service agreement with Yes ABA for Applied Behavior Analysis services to students in Davidson County Schools when privately contracted by the parent/guardian. 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 2028-2029 School Calendar Committee held its first meeting on September 17, 2026 to begin the process of forming the school calendar. The committee held its second meeting on October 8, 2026 to produce a draft calendar. The draft calendar was sent out with report cards on October 30. Currently, we are gathering feedback from parents and staff members in accordance with DCS Board Policy 3300. A Public Hearing will take place during the December 7 Board Meeting.

Policy

Policy 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services

The board voted 5-0 to waive the 25 day waiting period and to approve this policy revision.

Policy Manual Conversion: Policies from 7000 Series Part A: Personnel

Finance

State Budget Review

Chief Finance Officer Ashley Crawford provided the Board with an informational review of the State budget by program report codes. The presentation provided an overview of funds received from the State, including a breakdown of how funds are allocated and utilized.

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Operations

Approval of School Trips

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston presented overnight or out of state school trip proposals for consideration and approval in accordance with Davidson County Schools Board Policy 7.4 School Trips for middle school students attending the All-District Band Clinic. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Driver Education Car Purchase

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston and Director of Transportation Brad Sweatman requested board approval to purchase a 2026 Toyota Camry LE under state contract from Modern Toyota in Winston Salem, NC. The total cost is $29,978.20 and will be paid using local driver education funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

South Davidson Middle High School Easement

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston sought the Board's approval to grant an easement to Energy United for the installation and maintenance of overhead electric and communication lines. The board voted 3-2 to approve this request.

Transportation Van Purchase

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston and Director of Transportation Brad Sweatman requested board approval to purchase a 2026 Toyota Sienna LE under state contract from Modern Toyota in Winston Salem, NC. The total cost is $41,683.10 and will be paid using capital outlay funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Student Support & Strategic Communications

Memorandum of Agreement for Comprehensive Community Support Services PLLC School-Based Mental Health Services

Executive Director of Student Support and Strategic Communications Dr. Kelsey Greer requested board approval of the service agreement with Comprehensive Community Support Services for school-based counseling services to students in Davidson County Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

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)]

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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.