WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

November Personnel Report
Board Meeting – November 9, 2026

Resignations

Name	School	Assignment	Reason
Gracie Breckenridge	Parkway	Interim Grade 3 Teacher	Relocation (10/16/2026)
Dr. Kim Coleman	WHS	Assistant Principal	Employment w/ Avery Co. Schools (11/24/2026)
Abigail Fox	Blowing Rock	Teacher Assistant	Resignation (11/13/2026)
Brailee Groppe	Cove Creek	After School Group Leader	Student Teaching (11/10/2026)
Jenny Phillips	WHS	EC Teacher	Resignation (11/30/2026)
Lisa Story	Valle Crucis	Teacher Assistant	Retirement (2/1/2027)
Tammy Whichard	Hardin Park	EC Teacher	Retirement (12/31/2026)

Certified Personnel

New Employment

John "Jack" Holsopple **WHS** **Temporary Science Teacher**

Mr. Holsopple earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Appalachian State University in 2024. Jack was a Karate Instructor in Cary, North Carolina from March 2016 until August 2021. He was employed with Casa Rustica as Head Chef/Kitchen Manager from February 2022 until November 2025. Mr. Holsopple has been employed with Watauga Humane Society since December 2025 as an Animal Care Technician. He will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00300 – Science (grades 9-12).

Abigail Turner **Bethel & Valle Crucis** **Temporary Music Teacher**

Ms. Turner is completing a Bachelor's degree in Music Education at Appalachian State University. During the summers of 2022 and 2023, Abigail was a Camp Counselor and Creative Writing Instructor at Fine Arts Day Camp at Converse College. She was a Fitness Attendant at ASU's University Recreation Center during the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Turner has been an Operations Assistant and Information Desk Attendant at ASU's Plemmons Student Union since May 2004. Upon graduation, Abigail will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator's Certificate in the area of 00800 – Music (K-12).

Classified Personnel

New Employment

Cassandra Benito	Parkway	Part-Time Tutor
Baerik Campbell	Hardin Park	Custodian
Hakisha Crawford	WHS	Custodian & Bus Driver
Melissa Isaacs	Parkway	Part-Time Tutor
John Merritt	WHS	Bus Driver
Melissa Riley	Hardin Park	Temporary EC Teacher Assistant
Candace Rowan	Hardin Park	Temporary Teacher Assistant
Bradley "Hunter" Shearin	Hardin Park	Temporary EC Teacher Assistant
Diana Susann	Mabel	Part-Time Tutor
Cody Unkart	WHS	Temporary ISS Coordinator
Alexis West	County-Wide	Occupational Therapist

Transfer of Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year

Name	Previous Assignment	New Assignment for 2026-2027 School Year
Juliana Harrison	Bus Monitor at Cove Creek & WHS	McKinney-Vento Student Transport
Ashley Loggins	Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park	EC Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park
Rebecca Mahala	Custodian & Bus Driver at WHS	Cafeteria at WHS & Bus Driver at Green Valley
Allison Margerison	77% School Nurse at Bethel	50% School Nurse at Bethel
Sarah Shaw	School Nurse at Green Valley & Parkway	School Nurse at Parkway
Emily Sheffield	School Nurse at Mabel	School Nurse at Green Valley & Mabel

Extended Employment for Remainder of 2026-2027 School Year

Name	Current Assignment	Employment Extension
Isabella Heckel	After School Group Leader at Hardin Park	After School Itinerant Program Coordinator
Gil Livesay	EC Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park	Bus Monitor at Hardin Park
Bradley "Hunte" Shearin	EC Teacher Assistant at Hardin Park	Bus Monitor at Hardin Park

Substitutes

Name	Education	Experience
Emily Arnette	Bachelor's Degree	Substitute in Wilkes County Schools
Michaela Cummiskey	College – 2 Years	Student Internships
Charles Ebaugh	College -1 Year	College Instructor
Maegan Furman	Bachelor's Degree	Classroom Volunteer
Mark Mashburn	Bachelor's Degree	Classroom Volunteer
Jessica Norris	College – 2 Years	Cosmetology Instructor
Mollie "Greer" Poole	College – 3 Years	Church Youth Mentor
Luke Preik	College – 2 Years	Student Internships
Madison Primeau	College – 3 Years	Student Teacher at WHS
Isabelle Sasser	Bachelor's Degree	Completion of Student Teaching
Bryce Wardlaw	Bachelor's Degree	Teacher in Georgia
Parker Welty	High School Diploma	Student Internships
Anna Whitesides	College – 1 Year	Summer Camp Staff
Hogan Windish	Bachelor's Degree	Baseball Coach

Long-Term Substitutes

Olivia Anderlonis	Parkway	Grade 3
Shepherd Cowan	Cove Creek	Middle Grades Math
Jessica Kraynak	Green Valley	Exceptional Children