

GASTON COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION



Shaping Our Future

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Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Agenda Adoption

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

1. Adoption of the agenda for the meeting on December 16, 2024.

Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) adoption of Agenda for meeting sequence and structure.

Fiscal Implications:

None

GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Josh Crisp – Chairman
Dot Cherry – Vice Chairman



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

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 Goal Alignment:

Goal 1. Every student will graduate prepared for post-secondary opportunities.

Submitted by: Todd Hagans, Chief Communications Officer

Department: Communications/Public Information (Superintendent’s Office)

BOARD AGENDA INFORMATIONAL ITEM

DEPARTMENT: *Communications/Public*

Communications Department

TOPIC: GOOD NEWS

FOR THE MONTH OF: December 2024

Mitchell County Schools launched the "Nickels for Neighbors" campaign to raise money

for seniors in the Class of 2025 in Mitchell County Schools. The Principals Leadership Team coordinated the fundraising effort with help from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and set a goal of collecting \$25,000 to help students affected by

9. The Gaston Regional Science and Engineering Fair was held over three days at The Schiele Museum. In the high school category, **Sofia Jimenez Beltran, Inari Joseph, and Hayden Trinh** of **Gaston Early College High School** placed first overall; **Lauren Campbell, Olive Campbell, and Charlotte Hearne** from **Gaston Early College High**

School placed first in the Biological Sciences category, followed by Dakota McSwain

and **Michael Gray**, both from **East Gaston High School**. In the Biological Sciences B

category, Dana Gorton of East Gaston High School placed first, followed by Alana

Engineering category, **Caitlyn Leonard** of **Belmont Middle School** placed first, followed by **Owen Goryl** of **Belmont Middle School**, and **Gaven Hoke, Navy Roberts,** and **Aaron Hollis** of **Grier Middle School**. The following students received the Navy Science Award: **Maxlow Morris** of **Stanley Middle School** and **Eric Heston** of

Belmont Middle School.

11. The Gaston Regional Science and Engineering Fair elementary awards were presented over two days. On the first day of the event, **Jax Jenkins** and **Connor Pursley** of **North Belmont Elementary** were the overall winners. **Sasha Nunn**, **Anderson Hampton** and

25. **Bessemer City High School** football coach **Shane Short** was named the Southern Piedmont 1A/2A Coach of the Year.
26. **Carr Elementary** students created ornaments, crafted button trees, and illustrated Christmas scenes on wooden discs that were used in the garland at the historic Dallas Square gazebo. Teachers **Elizabeth Perkins** and **Angela Newton** assisted in the decorating.
27. Both the **Carr Elementary** and **Chapel Grove Elementary** cafeteria staffs scored a 100 on their sanitation rating.
28. Eighth grade students at **John Chavis Middle School** wrote 82 cards to a nursing home in Fletcher, N.C. that was affected by Hurricane Helene. Teacher **Summer Self** organized the activity.

29. The **Cherryville High School** cheerleading team received several awards at the N.C.

Carolina High School Athletic Association state championship: Junior Varsity Performance Non-Tumbling-D2; Varsity Game Day Small-D2; and Varsity Performance Small-D2.

45. Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences sophomore Jayleigh Whisnant was selected

spend a week at Wake Forest, gaining hands-on experience in the medical field and
evaluating various career opportunities. During the program, she will visit hospitals

Invitational Honor Band Clinic. Logan and Ruby earned first chair positions in the top band, while Ronald earned third chair in the same band. Additionally, the **North Gaston High School** Marching Wildcats performed at the annual Carols on the Square event in Dallas on Friday, December 6. Several band members are also playing for the Christmas Eve services at City Church in Gastonia.

58. **Pinewood Elementary** received a \$25,000 donation from National Gypsum company. The check presentation ceremony featured a performance by the school's fifth grade show choir.
59. The **Pinewood Elementary** cafeteria staff earned a score of 100 on its sanitation inspection.
60. **South Point High School** senior **Asher Dover** is a semifinalist for the UNC Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholarship.
61. **South Point High School** senior **James Dover**, who is the recipient of the Calvin Coolidge Scholarship, attended the 2024 Winter Gala in New York City and was able to spend time with writer George Will.

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Agenda Item Title/Topic: Classroom Moment

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Webb Street is a separate public school within Gaston County Schools which serves students ages 5-22 with cognitive impairments. Webb Street School continues to enhance and improve its music program in order to offer diverse opportunities to the students who attend Webb Street School. The integration of this program allows the students at Webb Street to engage through music and participate in activities similar to those of their non-disabled peers. The students at Webb Street School will be showcasing some of the musical skills that have been acquired through this program by performing a holiday selection.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

N/A

Policy Implications:

N/A

Submitted by: Stacy Huffman
Executive Director, Department for Exceptional Children

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Public Expression

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Board of Education will discuss the following agenda item:

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Citizens wishing to speak before the Board about an agenda item or other topic may do so during Public Expression.

Fiscal Implications:

None

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Agenda Item Title/Topic: Approval/Correction of Minutes

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Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Approval of Minutes from:

Nov 1, 10 00:45: [Redacted]

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Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Monday, November 18, 2024
Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. The meeting was live on Spectrum Cable Channel 21 and The Gaston County Board of Education YouTube page. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Josh Crisp, Lee Dedmon

Dot Guthrie (absent), Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace, Brent Moore, and A.M. Stephens III.

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. Morgan A. Houchard, Attorney Sonya McCraw

Associate Superintendent Gary Hoskins, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Chief Technology

Mr. Todd Hagans recognized Jonette Mungo from the Gaston County Extension Service, along with North Gaston High School Art teacher Mary Bratyanski and student, Cory Carpenter, who is president of the art club. We are celebrating the impressive mural, measuring four feet tall and nine feet wide in three panels, which was created by the North Gaston art club for Cotton Ginning Days in October. The mural will be displayed at the Gaston County Museum in the ...

be housed at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas. Visitors to Cotton Ginning Days had the unique opportunity to contribute to painting the mural. The mural was designed in paint-by-number format to make it easy for citizens to set up, grab a brush, and contribute to making this artistic piece come to life.

Chairman Ramsey presented a Recognition Plaque.

(View Proclamation)

Classroom Moment - Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Ms. Lisa Jordan, ESL Director, who presented a PowerPoint on

(View PowerPoint)

Public Expression - Information

Cherie Feemster, President of NCAE

1440 Logan Patrick Ct.

Gastonia, NC 28052

RE: Current needs and concerns of teachers and staff

Approval/Correction of Minutes - Action

Motion to adopt minutes of October 21, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Houchard announced that our Principals Leadership Team is coordinating the "Nickels

High School and Mayland Early College High School. As part of our Hurricane Helene relief and recovery efforts, we are adopting Mitchell County Schools with a focus on supporting the seniors and trying to give them as normal of a senior year as possible, given the devastating effects of the storm and how it impacted the lives of so many people.

Superintendent Houchard congratulated our football teams on their success this season, and this Friday night, we have the second round of the state playoffs, and our games are:

Closed Session

Not Needed

Adjournment

All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tod Kinlaw; seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:32p.m.

Approved:

Josh Crisp, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]

Morgen A. Houchard, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 10/10/2004

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Operations Committee Report

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Coconino County Board of Education's Operations Committee meets regularly to

discuss operations-related projects and issues. Brent Moore is chair of the committee and members are Det Chern, Lee Dodman and Ted Kieley.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report

Main Points:

The Gaston County Board of Education's Curriculum & Instruction Committee meets regularly to discuss curriculum and instruction-related topics and issues. Jeff Demcoy is

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Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: District and School Safety and Security Update

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

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Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Board Policy Updates

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Periodically reviewing and updating board policies. Changes in State and Federal

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Consent Agenda

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Main Points:

Approval of the Consent Agenda by the Board for the following items:

A. Recommended Personnel

[REDACTED]

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED]

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2024-2025 Budget Resolution - November
Transfers Between Functions**

State Public School Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
52000	Special Population Services	57,441	
53000	Alternative Programs and Services	619,202	
54000	School Leadership Services		1,172,863
58000	School-Based Support Services	1,055,154	
65000	Operational Support Services		3,000,000
		<u>4,172,863</u>	<u>4,172,863</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations

2024-2025 Budget Resolution - November
Transfers Between Functions

Federal Grants Fund

Function	Description	Increase	Decrease
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53000	Alternative Programs and Services		11,068
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62000	Special Population Support and Development Services		17,002
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**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2024-2025 Budget Resolution - November
Transfers Between Functions**

Restricted Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
52000	Special Population Services		15,000
62000	Special Population Support and Development Services	15,000	
		<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2024-2025 Budget Resolution - November
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue**

State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(14,955)
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	(14,955)	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the Summer Reading Camps - Allotment Revision #46 - FY25 (PRC0016)		
2	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		85,000
	52000	Special Population Services	85,000	
		Disabilities Allotment - Allotment Revision #39 - FY25 (PRC0029)		
3	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		554,844
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	554,844	

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations

2024-2025 Budget Resolution - November

Restricted Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		303,093
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	177,835	

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3 designee, shall be
Notification
change orders over

Contract Amount	Change Order Amount
474,111	\$57,435

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Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

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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.

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The new Grier Middle School, which is being constructed adjacent to the existing school, will be open for students in August 2025. The new school will also include new furniture

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Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Closed Session

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-5016 Bostic vs. Phroneberger and The Gaston County Board of Education

—21-CVS-5017 Lukinoff vs. Barber and The Gaston County Board of Education

—21-CVS-5018 Brittain vs. Beason and The Gaston County Board of Education

—21-CVS-5019 Long vs. The Gaston County Board of Education

—23-CV-643 RJC DCK Roger Perkins vs. The Gaston County Board of Education

Last Name	First Name	Category	School
Adams	Rosalyn	Promotion	School Nutrition
Allison	Alayna	Promotion	School Nutrition
Bell	Halle	Resignation	Southwest Middle School

Last Name	First Name	Category	School
Martin	Anna	Promotion	Ashbrook High School

Month	Year	Promotion	Transmittation
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