

GASTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Agenda Adoption

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Consideration of Formal Agenda for Monday, November 18, 2024.

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

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

Adoption of Agenda

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jeff K. Ramsey – Chairman

Dot Cherry – Vice Chairman

Josh Crisp, Dallas Township
Lee Dedmon, Gastonia Township
Dot Guthrie, Gastonia Township
Tod Kinlaw, South Point Township



Robbie Lovelace, Cherryville Township
Brent Moore, Crowders Mountain Township
A.M. Stephens, III, Riverbend Township

Dr. Morgen A. Houchard, Superintendent
943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

Monday, November 18, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Agenda

Regular Meeting

Page(s)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Main Points:

BOARD AGENDA INFORMATIONAL ITEM

DEPARTMENT: Communications/Public
Information Department

TOPIC: GOOD NEWS

FOR THE MONTH OF: MARCH 2024

1. **Gaston County Schools** had a group of 13 school counselors and social workers go to **Dunwoody Charter Schools** in **Asheville** to provide support as students returned to school

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Schools, presented at the national conference of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE). Their session was titled "E.N.G.A.G.E. Your Class! Everybody Needs Games and Great Experiences in Class."

10. **Gaston County Schools** had a group of more than 30 high school students attend the Aspiring Educators Summit at UNC-Charlotte. The program was intended for students who are interested in the education profession.

21. **Weston McGinnis of Stuart W. Cramer High School** was the October Young

Person of the Month. (MRS. M. J. C. ... He was selected by

31. Andrew Taylor of Forestview High School was selected as the overall winner at the

His essay, along with other supporting materials, will advance to the district competition

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: American Education Week Proclamation

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Each November, schools and communities across the country observe American

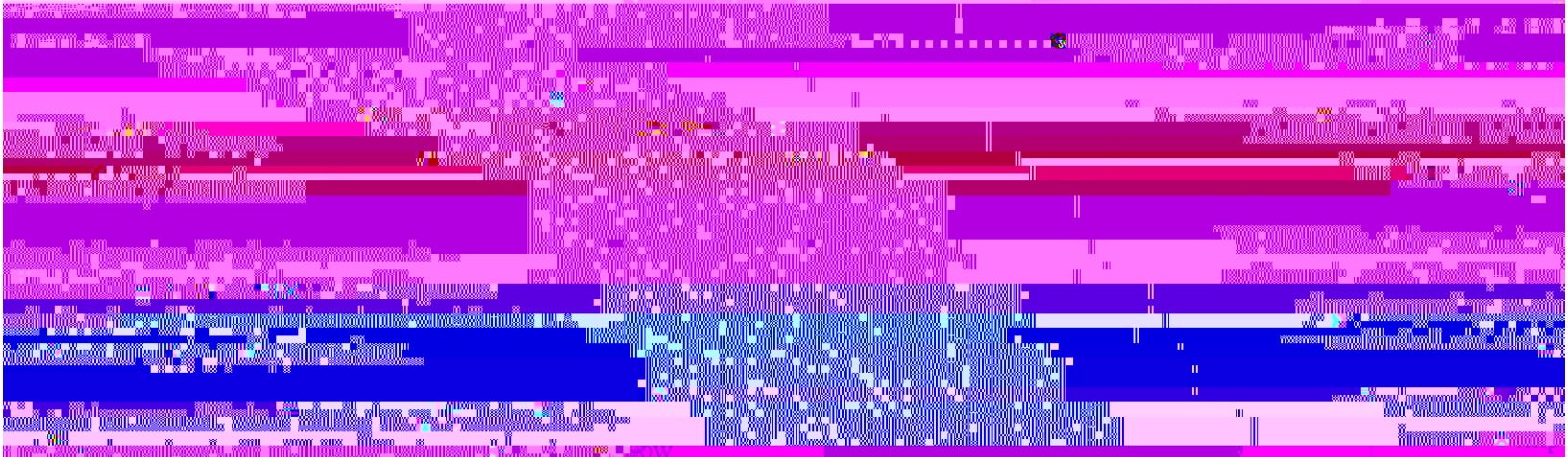
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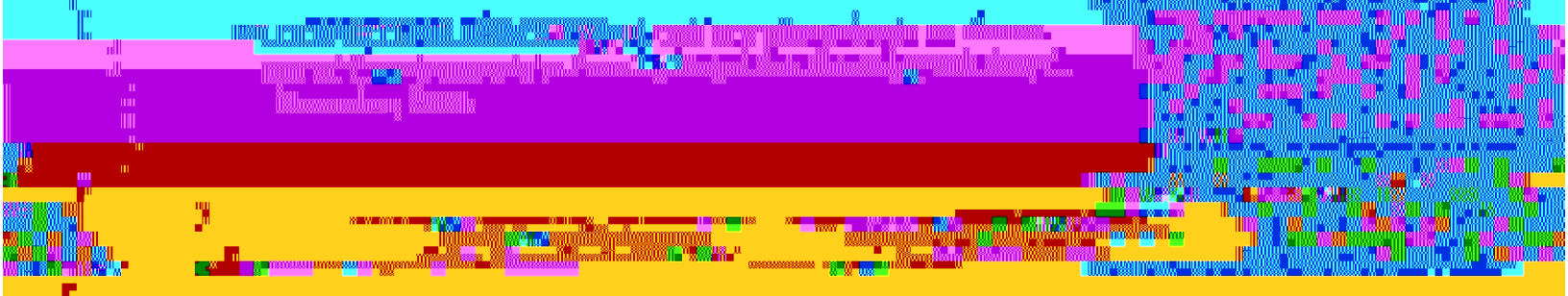
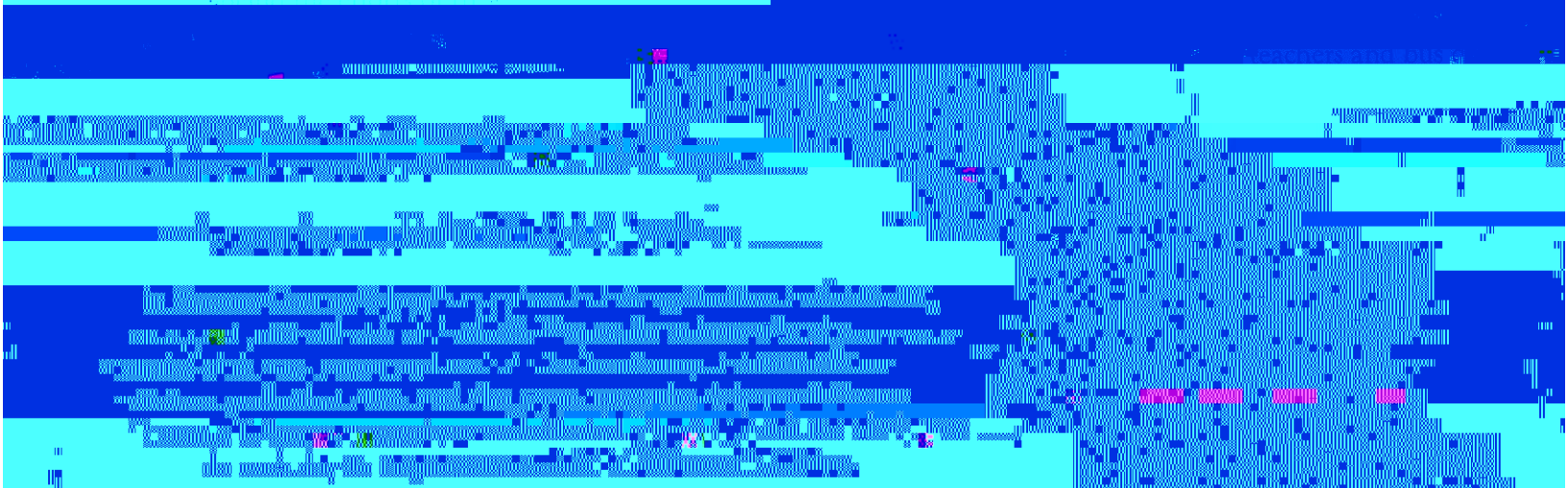
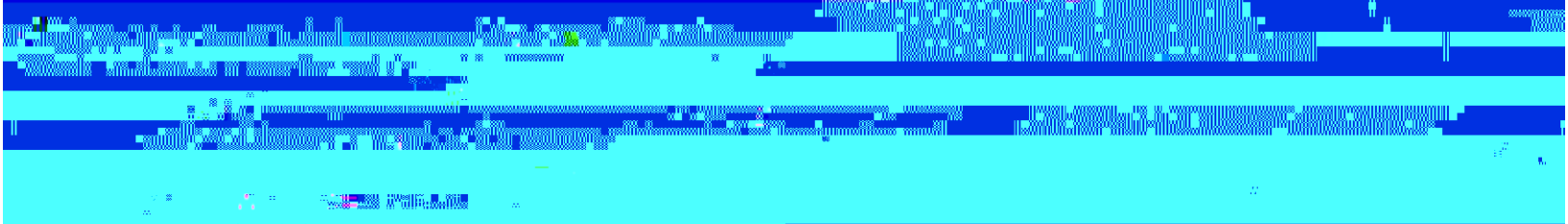
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County Schools



creators, and expectations every day to educate, support, and



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Meeting Date: 11/18/24

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Carter County Schools is experiencing an increase in the number of students who are

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Public Expression

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

The Board of Education agenda has been made available to the public for review.

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Approval/Correction of Minutes

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Approval of Minutes of:
October 21, 2024

Efficient consideration of matters pertinent to the successful operation of the school system.

None

Recommendation:

Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Monday, October 21, 2024
Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, October 21, 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, Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace, Brent Moore (absent), and A.M. Stephens III.

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. Morgen A. Houchard, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendents Gary Hoskins and Tonya Kales, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans,

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Dr. D. [Name] of [Church Name] led the invocation.

Several weeks ago, these students organized the "Load the Titan" collection drive, and with overwhelming support from the North Gaston community, they delivered the donations to people in need in Avery County. On Friday, October 11, which was an Optional Teacher Workday, the students delivered the donations to Land Harbor Golf Club in Linville. This experience allowed them to personally interact with those affected by Hurricane Helene's devastation and see firsthand how their

people who have lost so much.

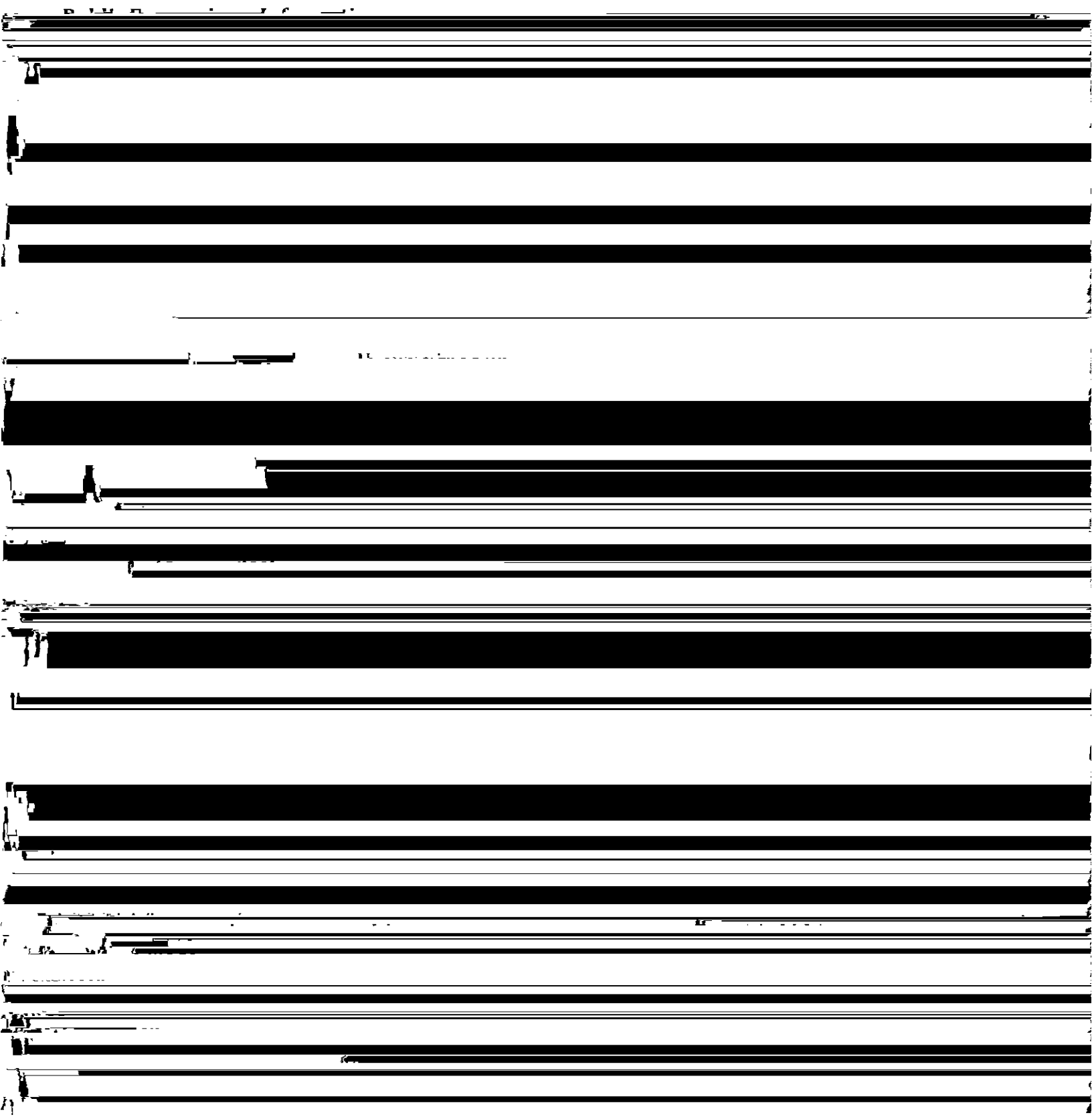
Mr. Josh Crisp presented a Certificate of Recognition to each student.

(View Proclamation)

Classroom Moment – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Kathleen D'Avria who presented a PowerPoint on Secondary Academic Services Targeted Small Groups.

(View PowerPoint)



F. Contracts

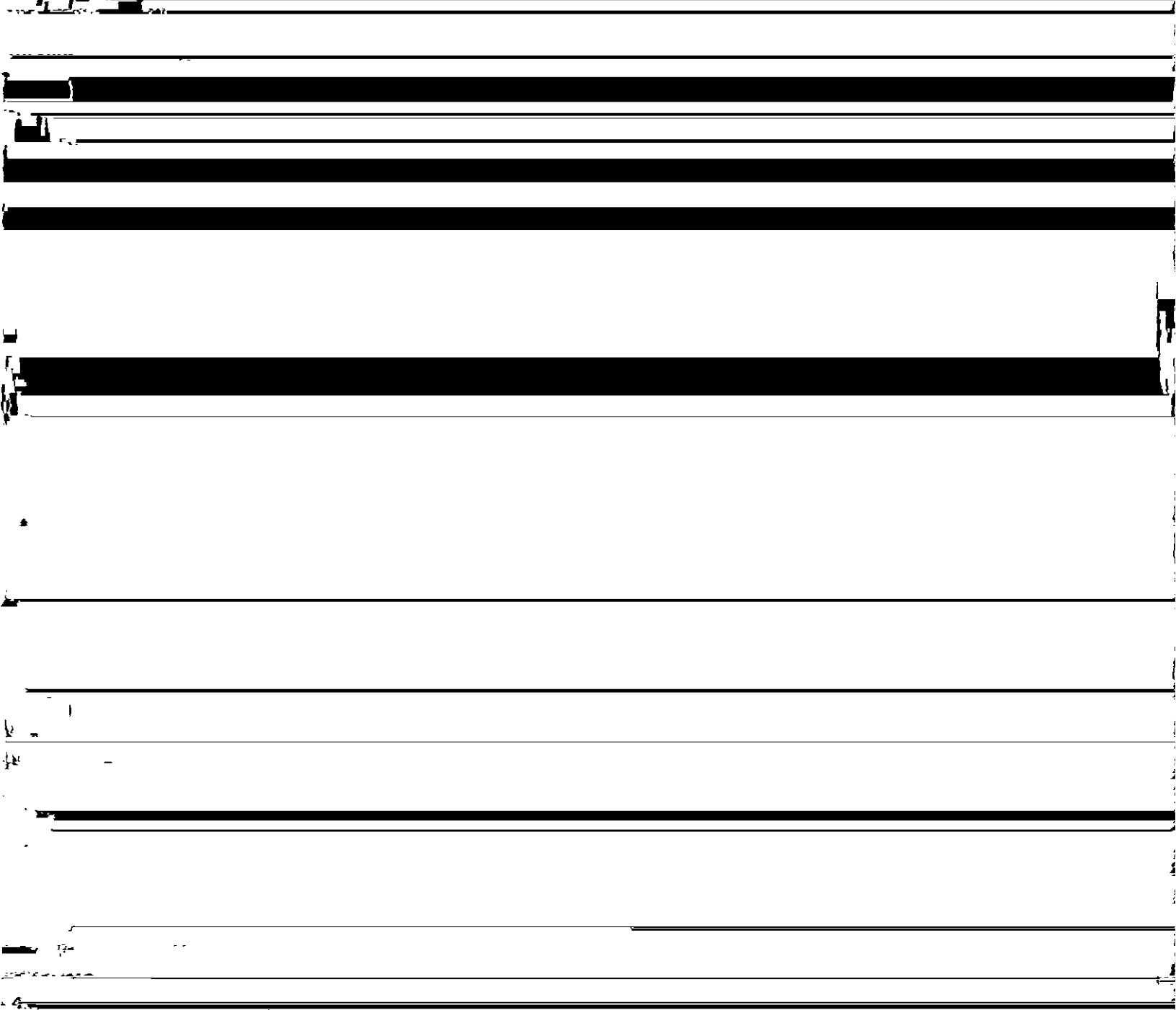
- Cisco SMARTNet Renewal
- Cisco FLEX VoIP Renewal
- Lightspeed Systems Renewal
- New Grier Middle School Phase 2 - Materials Testing and Inspection
- New Teacher Center

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mr. Lee Dedmon motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Houchard thanked Mrs. Dot Guthrie for her dedicated service to the Board, Gaston County Schools and to public education.

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Adjournment

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

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Approved:

Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]

Morgen A. Houchard, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

1. ~~Item 1: [REDACTED]~~

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The County Board of Education's Curriculum & Instruction Committee meets

regularly to discuss curriculum and instruction-related projects and issues. Josh Crisp is

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Consent Agenda

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

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

A. ~~Recommended Personnel~~

B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers.

C. Construction/Repair Change Orders

D. School Improvement Plans (SIP)

E. School Improvement Plans (SIP) for Low Performing Schools (LPS)

F. K-3 Class Size Exception Waiver

G. Contracts

—Bessemer City Middle School – Chiller Replacement

—Agency Contracts – Reallocation of Funds

—Hunter Huss High School Athletic Facilities Grant

~~F. Information~~

None

Recommendation:

Consent items will be adopted with a single motion, second and vote, unless a request for removal from the Consent Agenda is heard from a Board member.

~~Recommendation:~~

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Recommended Personnel

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

to be discussed with the members of C.C. 4450-0700. It shall be the duty of the

Superintendent to recommend and the Board of Education to elect all principals, teachers

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Budget Amendments and Budget Transfers

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Request for amendments to adjust the approved budget to reflect actual changes

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations

2024-2025 Budget Resolution - October
Transfers Between Functions



Finance Finance

Function	Description	Increase	Decrease
51000	Regular Instructional Services	3,298	
61000	Capital Construction Services		2,702



**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

Transfers Between Functions

Local Current Expense Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
61000	Elementary Instructional Services	72,497	
62000	Administrative Services		
63000	Instructional Support Services		
64000	Transportation Services		
65000	Operational Support Services		2,400
66000	Financial and Human Resource Services		29,000
69000	System Wide Pupil Support Services	19,000	

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

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

Federal Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
51000	Regular Instructional Services	680	
52000	Special Population Services		164,379
53000	Alternative Programs and Services		13,321
58000	School-Based Support Services	35,143	
61000	Support and Development Services		1,686
		<u>35,823</u>	
			<u>179,386</u>
81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units	139,918	
		<u>179,386</u>	<u>179,386</u>

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Transfers Between Functions

Restricted Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
53000	Alternative Programs and Services		12,219
81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units	12,219	

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

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2024-2025 Budget Resolution - October
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		(8,626,310)
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	(8,626,310)	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Classroom Teachers allotment - International Faculty Exchange Teachers (IEE) Conversions - Allotment Revision		

#34 - FY25 (PRC0001)

2	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		526,866
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	136,369	
	52000	Special Population Services	99,601	
	53000	Alternative Programs and Services	7,665	
	54000	School Leadership Services	42,189	
	58000	School-Based Support Services	100,157	
	61000	Support and Development Services	2,408	
	62000		11,500	

	64000	Technology Support Services	1,215	
	65000	Operational Support Services	78,694	
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	12,010	
	67000		3,321	

State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
5	31000	Revenue - State Public School Fund		45,952
	64000	Technology Support Services	45,952	
This amendment budgets funds for the School Connectivity allotment - Restart				
Transfers - Allotment Revision #22 - EV75 (DR0072)				

Total State Public School Fund Amendments

663,782	663,782
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**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

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

Federal Current Expense Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	36000	Federal Revenue		517,786
	51000	Regular Instructional Services	500,466	
	81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units	17,320	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Career and Technical Education Allotment - FY25 (PRC0017)		
2	36000	Federal Revenue		93,000
	65000	Operational Support Services	9,000	
	81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units	2,505	
		This amendment budgets funds for the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistant Allotment - FY25 (PRC0026)		
3	36000	Federal Revenue		9,151,885
	52000	Alternative Programs and Services	7,671,669	

Federal Current Expense Fund

Expense
Increase Revenue
Increase

6	36000	Federal Revenue		1,254,538
	61000	Support and Development Services	1,126,850	
	66000	Financial and Human Resource Services	89,803	
	81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units	37,885	
This amendment budgets funds for the Title II, Part A - Support Allotment - FY25 (PRC0103)				

7	36000	Federal Revenue		336,338
	52000	Special Population Services	296,436	

	81000	Payments to Other Governmental Units	9,302	
This amendment budgets funds for the Title III, Part A - English Language Allotment - FY25				

Federal Current Expense Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
12	36000	Federal Revenue		5,000

This report does not include funds for the Title VI Part D Special Needs Transit Allotment

Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations

2024-2025 Budget Resolution - October
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue

Restricted Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
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1,527,944

66000 Financial and Human Resource Services
This amendment budgets funds for the Central Office Administration allotment - FY25
(PRC0002)

1,527,944

119,637

66000 Financial and Human Resource Services

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Restricted Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
8	48000	Local Sources - Restricted		3,244
	66000	Financial and Human Resources Services	3,244	

(PRC0840)

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Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Construction/Repair Change Orders

Type of Item: **Consent** **Action** **Information**

Main Points:

Attached is a listing of construction and repair change orders that were submitted since the last Board meeting. Any change orders that were less than \$100,000 were approved by the Superintendent or his designee in accordance with Board Policy 9030 – Facility Construction. Change orders greater than \$100,000 must be approved by the Board.

All change orders were prefunded prior to recommendation for approval.

Recommendation:

Approval of the attached listing of construction/repair change orders.

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Agenda Item Title/Topic: School Improvement Plans (SIP)

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Agenda Item Description: [REDACTED]

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: School Improvement Plans (SIP) for Low Performing

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Gaston County Schools Focus Areas, Vision, Mission, Goals and Beliefs have been

shared with all CCC staff and implemented from the top down by all administrators and teachers.

Improvement Teams (SIT) have been provided with professional learning to support development of individual SIPs for each school. Plan implementation will be monitored and supported by the Superintendent and members of the Academic Services Team.

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Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Contracts and Expenditures >\$100,000

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The attached listing of contracts and expenditures more than \$100,000 was reviewed by [REDACTED] and recommended for approval by the Board on [REDACTED] contracts less than \$100,000

but recommended to the Board for approval.

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Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The chiller controls the cooling of the school. The current chiller is 29 years old and is ~~experiencing~~ leaking at multiple areas. Parts and labor to repair the chiller will cost more

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Goal 2: Every member of our diverse population has the opportunity for individualized instruction.

Goal 3: Every employee is capable and committed to the education of the whole child.

Submitted by: Dr. Stacy Huffman

Department: Executive Director of
Exceptional Children's Programs

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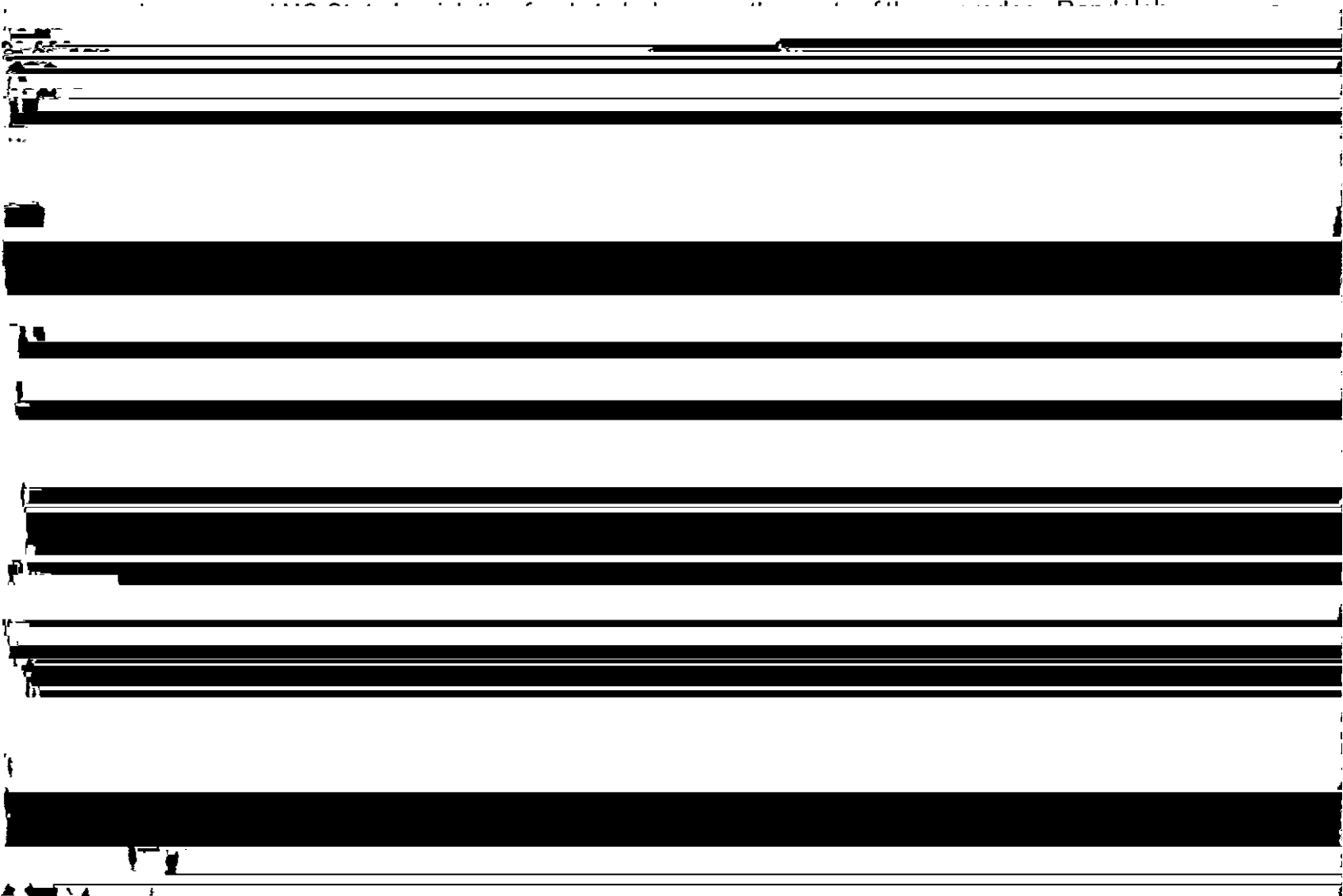
Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Hunter Huss High School Athletic Facilities Grant

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Hunter Huss High School stadium is in dire need of updates. Hunter Huss had previously



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 11/18/2024

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Closed Session

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

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

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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

Board to consider information provided in Closed Session in accordance with G.S. §143-

318.11.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

W. H. C. M. C. Attorney Department Level/ Superintendent's Office

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Category

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ACT II

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Russell	Halle	Transfer	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School
Scott	Karl	Hire, Resignation	Forestview High School