

**Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2017**

**Members Present: Dot Guthrie, Melissa Balknight, Dot Cherry, Catherine Roberts, Lolita Williams
Others Present: James Montgomery, Jodi Edwards, Leigh Smith, Glynis Brooks, Brett Buchanan**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting with a unanimous vote.

Career Technical Education (CTE) updates explained how high school students receive credentials for technical attainment. Currently, students can receive credentials in Carpentry, Masonry, Electrical, Core Construction, CNA, Microsoft, Career Management and Fire Safety. The department of CTE is working to provide more offerings at York Chester Middle School. Additional offerings at York Chester will align with programs being offered at the feeder High School.

Information was presented to move the **High School Grading Periods** from six weeks to nine weeks and provide interim reports every three weeks. Moving to a nine weeks grading period will help recapture learning time, increase depth of instruction, allow greater flexibility for teachers to meet individual students' needs, and allow students more time to master assignments.

State law mandates the last five days of the semester for High School exams. Principals can designate which periods tests will be administered. The **High School Final Exam Schedules** and a recommendation to make the final exam weight twenty percent will be presented to the Full Board as consent-action items.

A move from the Valedictorian and Salutatorian designations to the **Latin Honors** designations are being explored to begin with the class of 2019. This will be presented to the Full Board as an information item.

Summer Enrichment Camps will be offered to families at no charge. Parents will only be responsible for providing transportation. Camps will focus on the following: College & Career Kickoff for rising Juniors and Seniors (Ashbrook High School); Middle School Enrichment for rising sixth through eighth grade students (Belmont Middle School); and Middle School Robotics for rising sixth through eighth grade students (Cramerton Middle School). The camps will be half day sessions for five days, and open to all Gaston County Schools students in the designated grade levels. Information about camps will be mailed to the families.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.
Submitted by: Lolita Williams