

GASTON COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION



Shaping Our Future

943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

June 21, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Last Name	First Name	Category	School
Abernathy	Savanna	Transfers	Bessemer City Primary School - 338
Adams	Jasmine	Resignation	Page Primary School - 430
Adams	Nancy	Resignation	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Addington	Allison	Transfers	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Alderman	Grimelda	Interim to Permanent	Highland School of Technology - 418
Allen	Arthur	Resignation	Belmont Middle School - 324
Allen	Mary	Transfers	Ashbrook High School - 310
Alvarez	Hamica	Resignation	W.C. Friday Middle School - 514
Andrews	Ellyn	Interim to Permanent	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Anthony	Gregory	Resignation	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Baines	Chelsea	Promotions	Carr Elementary School - 344
Barnhart	Kelly	Interim to Permanent	North Belmont Elementary School - 468
Beach	Leanna	Transfers	Highland School of Technology - 418
Beal	Marsha	Resignation	School Nutrition - 007
Bean	Erin	Transfers	Robinson Elementary School - 488
Beary	Patricia	Retirement	W Blaine Beam Intermediate - 339
Beatty	Laura	Interim to Permanent	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Belgarde	Rhonda	Promotions	Carr Elementary School - 344
Bell	Wanda	Transfers	Bessemer City Primary School - 338
Bido	Mia	New Hire	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Bingham	Brittany	Resignation	Bessemer City High School - 336
Biser	Sarah	Interim to Permanent	North Belmont Elementary School - 468
Blair	Ashley	Transfers	Bessemer City Primary School - 338
Blake	Tyler	Transfers	Kiser Elementary School - 432
Bowyer	Katherine	New Hire	Superintendent's Office - 008
Bradley	Jennifer	Interim to Permanent	Cherryville High School - 360
Bradley	Kimberly	Resignation	East Gaston High School - 390
Branham	Madeline	New Hire	Bessemer City High School - 336
Brechtel	Amy	Resignation	Grier Middle School - 408
Bridgeman	Brandi	Transfers	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
			Belmont Central Elementary - 320, Southwest School - 498
Brooks	Felicia	Resignation, Interim to Permanent	
Brooks	Hattie	Resignation	W.C. Friday Middle School - 514
Brooks	Hayley	Interim to Permanent	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Brooks	Madison	New Hire	Belmont Middle School - 324
Brown	Beatrice	Transfers	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Brown	Kristina	New Hire	Catawba Heights Elementary School - 348
Brown	Victoria	Promotions	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Browne	Victoria	New Hire	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Bryant	Candice	New Hire	Pinewood Elementary School - 478
Bryson	Brandon	New Hire	Technology Support Services - 014
Bubar	Connie	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Burris	Angelique	Transfers	Bessemer City High School - 336
Byrd	Katherine	Interim to Permanent	Carr Elementary School - 344
Cabe	Jennifer	Promotions	York Chester Middle School - 526
Cable	Penny	Promotions	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School - 480

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Cameron	Margaret	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Campbell	Nicole	Resignation	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
Canipe	Natalie	Promotions	Catawba Heights Elementary School - 348
Carpenter	Alexandra	Interim to Permanent	Forestview High School - 396
Carter	Taylor	New Hire	Bessemer City Central School - 332
Carter	Taylor	New Hire	Bessemer City High School - 336
Caskey	Traci	Resignation	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School - 480
Champion	Julie	Resignation	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Cheatham	Sierra	New Hire	W.C. Friday Middle School - 514
Christy	Crystal	Interim to Permanent	Cherryville Elementary School - 364
Clancy	Autumn	New Hire	Tryon Elementary School - 504
Clark	Laura	Interim to Permanent	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Clemmons	Amelia	Transfers	South Point High School - 494
Cobb	Clara	New Hire	Superintendent's Office - 009
Coffey	Karen	Resignation	McAdenville Elementary School - 448
Cogdill	Logan	Interim to Permanent	Robinson Elementary School - 488
Cole	Tyler	Resignation	W.C. Friday Middle School - 514
Coleman	Demenia	Resignation	Forestview High School - 396
Collins	Garvin	New Hire	Superintendent's Office - 010
Comer	Jeff	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Copeland	Jessica	Transfers	Academic Services - 021
Courtright	Laura	Resignation	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School - 480
Crawford	Cole	Transfers	Bessemer City High School - 336
Crawford	Diana	Promotions	Bessemer City High School - 336
Creason	Reba	Promotions	Cherryville High School - 360
Crenshaw	Phyllis	Promotions	Technology Support Services - 014
Crocetto	Destiny	Resignation	Kiser Elementary School - 432
Currence	Jonathan	New Hire	Stuart W. Cramer High School - 378
Currence	Robbin	Transfers	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Currier	Amanda	Transfers	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Curtis	Melanie	Interim to Permanent	Lingerfeldt Elementary School - 438
Czekaj	Anna	Transfers	Stanley Middle School - 500
Daniel	Kimberly	Transfers	Robinson Elementary School - 488
Darby	Stephanie	Transfers	Kiser Elementary School - 432
Darnell	Arden	New Hire	Edward D. Sadler Jr. Elem. School - 392
Dattoli	Deanna	Interim to Permanent	Cherryville Elementary School - 364
Davis	Shannon	Resignation	York Chester Middle School - 526
Deese	Kaylee	Transfers	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Detwiler	Taylor	New Hire	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Dillard	Jaclyn	Resignation	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492
Dimick	Catherine	Resignation	Grier Middle School - 408
DiPietro	Melania	Interim to Permanent	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
DiVirgilio	Diana	Interim to Permanent	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Doggett	Amy	Interim to Permanent	Bessemer City Middle School - 436
Doran	Kevin	Transfers	Cramerton Middle School - 380
Dunn Thacker	Lisa	Resignation	Department for Exceptional Children - 004

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Durham	Lunelle	New Hire	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492
Edwards	Angela	Transfers	Carr Elementary School - 344
Engel	Rebekah	Resignation	Brookside Elementary School - 340
English	Kaylynn	New Hire	Cramerton Middle School - 380
Euler	Haley	New Hire	East Gaston High School - 390
Falls	Dharma	Interim to Permanent	North Belmont Elementary School - 468
Fanger	Victoria	Resignation	Bessemer City Middle School - 436
Farmer	Jacqueline	New Hire	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Faulk	Summer	Interim to Permanent	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School - 480
Feemster	Cherie	Resignation	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Ferguson	Amanda	Interim to Permanent, Transfer	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Fischer	Heimy	New Hire	Academic Services - 021
Franceschelli	Deborah	Transfers	Page Primary School - 430
Froehlich	Amanda	Transfers	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Garrett	Sherry	Resignation	School Nutrition - 007
Garris	Ericka	New Hire	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
Garvey	Caitlin	Interim to Permanent	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
George	Susan	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Gidney	Holly	New Hire	Cherryville High School - 360
Glenn	Necole	Resignation	Southwest Middle School - 498
Goodson	Michelle	Interim to Permanent	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Grady	Ryan	Resignation	Belmont Middle School - 324
Grier	Bernadette	Resignation	Southwest Middle School - 498
Griffin	Heather	Transfers	Southwest Middle School - 498
Hall	Megan	New Hire	Southwest Middle School - 498
Hamel	Jillian	New Hire	Tryon Elementary School - 504
Haubert	Lynn	Resignation	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
Hawes	Erica	New Hire	Bessemer City High School - 336
Haynes	Jessica	New Hire	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Helewski	Celeste	New Hire	Lowell Elementary School - 440
Hensley	Kelsey	Transfers	Tryon Elementary School - 504
Hersey	Michelle	Transfers	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
Hester	Alisha	Resignation	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Hibbler	Cynthia	Promotions	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Hicks	Glenda	Retirement	Pinewood Elementary School - 478
Higgins	Mary	Interim to Permanent, Transfer	North Belmont Elementary School - 468
Hill	Victoria	New Hire	Bessemer City Central School - 332
Hinton	Steven	Resignation	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Hoffman	Bryan	New Hire	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Holbrook	Amy	Transfers	Grier Middle School - 408
Hopkins	Katrina	Transfers	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Hopkins	Na' Shara	Resignation	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492
Horne	Jeffrey	Promotions	Forestview High School - 396
Hovis	Audrey	Transfers	Cherryville Elementary School - 364
Hubers	Shawn	Transfers	Cherryville High School - 360
Huff	Faith	Resignation	York Chester Middle School - 526

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Isaacs	Lindsey	Transfers	Cramerton Middle School - 380
Jackson	Jhaneese	New Hire	Edward D. Sadler Jr. Elem. School - 392
Jarrett	Jasmine	Resignation	Ashbrook High School - 310
Jenkins	Kimberly	New Hire	Tryon Elementary School - 504
Johnson	Charla	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Johnson	Norris	New Hire	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Johnson	Santreas	Transfers	Cramerton Middle School - 380
Jones	Barber	Interim to Permanent	North Gaston High School - 470
Jones	Kassidy	New Hire	Stanley Middle School - 500
Jones	LeeAnn	New Hire	Ashbrook High School - 310
Jordan	Clint	Transfers	East Gaston High School - 390
Kaltschnee	Linda	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Kelly	Jessica	Transfers	Sherwood Elementary School - 490
Keltz	Kelsey	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Kendall	Emily	Transfers	Webb Street School - 394
Kendrick	Jennifer	Transfers	Stanley Middle School - 500
Kincaid	Emily	Demotion	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Koon	Hilary	Transfers	Bessemer City Central School - 332
Lane	Cayla	Resignation	Southwest Middle School - 498
Lanich	Kristin	Interim to Permanent	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Lawing	Jeffrey	Resignation	South Point High School - 494
Leatherman	Katherine	Resignation	Technology Support Services - 014
Leonard	Karen	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Levasseur	Brenda	Interim to Permanent	Pinewood Elementary School - 478
Lewis	Sheri	New Hire	Kiser Elementary School - 432
Lindsay	Dekwalon	Resignation	Warlick Academy - 372
Loftis	Brooke	New Hire	Belmont Middle School - 324
Lombardozi	Gloria	Interim to Permanent	Academic Services - 021
Lowry	Lasharn	New Hire	Ashbrook High School - 310
Luckman	Shannon	New Hire	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Lutz	Jenny	Resignation	W.C. Friday Middle School - 514
Lynn	Miranda	Interim to Permanent	Bessemer City Central School - 332
Mackins-Armstro	Karon	Promotions	Bessemer City Central School - 332
Maiers	Chassidy	New Hire	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Malhotra	Sanjana	Interim to Permanent	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Maney	Ryan	Promotions	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Manno	Maria	Interim to Permanent	Warlick Academy - 372
Manoff	Amber	New Hire	Catawba Heights Elementary School - 348
Massey	Andrew	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Massey	Melinda	New Hire	Pinewood Elementary School - 478
Matzke	Sadie	New Hire	Superintendent's Office - 011
McCain	Yvonne	New Hire	Southwest Middle School - 498
McCarey	Jeremy	Transfers	Holbrook Middle School - 426
McCool	Hannah	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
McCurry	Monte	Resignation	School Nutrition - 007

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McDaniel	Rose	Promotions, Resignation	School Nutrition - 007, New Hope Elementary 464
McHugh	Ruth	New Hire	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492
McKay	Adair	Promotions	Gaston Virtual Academy - 550
McKee	Allison	Promotions	Student Support Services - 012
McKinney	Renee	Resignation	Holbrook Middle School - 426
McLaurin	Stephanie	Resignation	Tryon Elementary School - 504
McManus	Angel	New Hire, Promotion	School Nutrition - 007
McManus	Theresa	Resignation	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School - 480
McNabb	Alissa	Resignation	Tryon Elementary School - 504
McNeil	Sabrina	Transfers	Bessemer City Primary School - 338
Melton	Randall	New Hire	Costner Elementary School - 376
Mendenhall	Anna	Resignation	Bessemer City Middle School - 436
Miller	Allison	Promotions	Elementary Instruction - 003
Miller	Danielle	Transfers	North Gaston High School - 470
Mills	Bobbie	New Hire	Academic Services - 021
Milne	Angie	Interim to Permanent	Stanley Middle School - 500
Morais	Garfield	Resignation	Forestview High School - 396
Morgan	Ashley	Transfers	Forestview High School - 396
Mullins	James	Transfers	Page Primary School - 430
Myers	Liliana	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Myin	Nyi Nyi	Interim to Permanent	Stanley Middle School - 500
Neely	Ronda	Interim to Permanent	Warlick Academy - 372
Neely-Wright	Vickie	Interim to Permanent	Warlick Academy - 372
Nolson	Naomi	New Hire	Lingerfeldt Elementary School - 438
Ordenana	Jennifer	New Hire	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Osborne	Gloria	Retirement	Carr Elementary School - 344
Overcash	Julia	New Hire	Bessemer City Primary School - 338
Owens	Lynn	Transfers	Gaston Virtual Academy - 550
Owens	Sydney	New Hire	W.C. Friday Middle School - 514
Palermo	Jessica	Resignation	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Palmer-Blackwell	Gertrude	Interim to Permanent	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492
Parker	Asia	Interim to Permanent	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Parker	Stephanie	Transfers	New Hope Elementary School - 464
Parrish	Kimberly	Transfers	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
Pasour	Jessica	Transfers	North Gaston High School - 470
Patterson	Angela	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Patterson	Shena	Resignation	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Paul	Russell	Termination	Gaston Early College High School - 337
Perez	Hector	Resignation	Facilities - 004
Perkins	Adrienne	Interim to Permanent	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
Pilot	Laradon	Resignation	Bessemer City High School - 336
Plonk	Stephanie	Transfers	Bessemer City Primary School - 338
Polson	Ashley	Resignation	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492
Pope	Katherine	Resignation	Grier Middle School - 408
Potter	Dana	Transfers	Bessemer City Primary School - 338

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Price	Jessica	Transfers	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Proctor	Sharon	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Prosser	Raven	Interim to Permanent	Warlick Academy - 372
Raby	Heather	Transfers	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Ramos	Tania	New Hire	Ashbrook High School - 310
Reams	Jessica	Resignation	Tryon Elementary School - 504
Reese	Robert	New Hire, Resignation	Facilities - 004
Reynolds	Valerie	Resignation	Cramerton Middle School - 380
Richardson	Ashleigh	Resignation	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Richardson	Caitlin	New Hire	Ashbrook High School - 310
Richmond	Mildred	Promotions	Sherwood Elementary School - 490
Ritchie	Steffanie	Resignation	Ashbrook High School - 310
Rivera	Violeta	Retirement	East Gaston High School - 390
Robinson	Laura	Transfers	Cramerton Middle School - 380
Robinson	Riley	Resignation	Forestview High School - 396
Rodriguez	Jacqueline	New Hire	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Rodriguez	Lenin	Transfers	Cramerton Middle School - 380
Rogers	Ann	Transfers	New Hope Elementary School - 464
Ross	Torben	Transfers	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Salalac	Cari	Transfers	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Sanders	Kristen	New Hire, Promotion	South Point High School - 494
Sellers	Julie	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Shirey	Casey	Resignation	Southwest Middle School - 498
Shiver	Blaise	New Hire	Superintendent's Office - 012
Silver	Brooke	Transfers	Cherryville Elementary School - 364
Simmons	Marla	Transfers	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Skipper	Lacey	New Hire	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Skivofilakas-Capp	Margarita	Retirement	Grier Middle School - 408
Skyers	Cierra	New Hire	Edward D. Sadler Jr. Elem. School - 392
Sleeper-Matzke	Bridget	Transfers	Highland School of Technology - 418
Smith	Amber	New Hire	High School Instruction - 013
Smith	Claudia	New Hire, Promotion	School Nutrition - 007, Chapel Grove Elem School - 352
Smith	Eric	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Smith	Kelli	Transfers	Bessemer City Primary School - 338
Snyder	Dallas	New Hire	South Point High School - 494
Soffel	Chiffon	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Soos	Justin	Transfers	Southwest Middle School - 498
Soto Badillo	Sandra	Transfers	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School - 480
Southard	Brittany	Transfers	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
Steiner	Jessica	Transfers	Stuart W. Cramer High School - 378
Stephens	Shannon	Promotions	McAdenville Elementary School - 448
Stinnett	Amy	Transfers	New Hope Elementary School - 464
Stokes	Keena	New Hire, Resignation	School Nutrition - 007
Threatt	Ashleigh	Interim to Permanent	Stuart W. Cramer High School - 378
Tobon	Danielle	New Hire	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492

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Tucker	Amie	Transfers	Academic Services - 021
Underwood	Kaitlin	Transfers	Forestview High School - 396
Uptegraph	Allison	Resignation	Edward D. Sadler Jr. Elem. School - 392
Vandermeid	Noelle	Promotions	Technology Support Services - 014
Vanier	David	Transfers	Grier Middle School - 408
Verbeke	Taylor	Resignation	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Vogel	Stephanie	Interim to Permanent	Stanley Middle School - 500
Waddell	Makenzie	New Hire	North Gaston High School - 470
Walker	Pamela	Transfers	Belmont Middle School - 324
Waters	Helen	Interim to Permanent	Page Primary School - 430
Watts	Cynthia	Transfers	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Weathers	Lindsay	Transfers	Belmont Middle School - 324
Wells	Allison	Transfers	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Wells	Claire	Interim to Permanent	Gardner Park Elementary School - 400
Westbay	Stephen	New Hire	Facilities - 004
Whitted	Beverly	Transfers	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
Wilburn	Leslie	Interim to Permanent	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Williams	Bailey	Resignation	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Williams	Elizabeth	New Hire	Forestview High School - 396
Williams	Zachary	Resignation	Ashbrook High School - 310
Willis	Shelby	Promotions	Lingerfeldt Elementary School - 438
Willis	Sherry	Transfers	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Wilson	Teresa	Promotions	School Nutrition - 007
Wiseman	Jessica	Transfers	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
Withers	Selene	Resignation	North Belmont Elementary School - 468
Woods	Quimia	Resignation	Cherryville High School - 360
Wright	Jennifer	Promotions	Warlick Academy - 372
Wright	Tausha	Interim to Permanent	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Young	Erin	Transfers	Belmont Central Elementary School - 320
Young	Hannah	Transfers	New Hope Elementary School - 464

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Agenda Adoption

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Consideration of Formal Agenda for Monday, June 21, 2021.

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.

Submitted by: Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker **Department:** Superintendent/Public Information

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– 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 lawsuit captioned

—20-CVS-3924 Gaston County Board of Education vs. Shelco, et al. and

—Any other legal matters.

XX. Adjournment

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

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
Information Department

TOPIC: GOOD NEWS

FOR THE MONTH OF: June 2021

1. **Gaston County Schools** presented its most prestigious awards during the Excellence in Education ceremony on June 1 at CaroMont Health Park. Truist Bank sponsored the program. The winners were Teacher of the Year **Staci Nezezon, Pinewood Elementary**; Principal of the Year **Tyler West, Pinewood Elementary**; Assistant Principal of the Year **Bridgette Best, Pleasant Ridge Elementary**; New Teacher of the Year **Maddison Szucs, Robinson Elementary**; Teacher Assistant of the Year **Wanda Marlowe, Catawba Heights Elementary**; and Central Office Administrator of the Year **Brett Buchanan**, director of career and technical education.
2. **Gaston County Schools** had 22 students in the Class of 2021 to earn valedictorian or salutatorian honors. The students were recognized during high school graduation for their commitment to academic excellence.
3. **Payton Love of Ashbrook High School** achieved 13 years of perfect attendance. She received a special plaque from the Board of Education during her high school graduation ceremony.
4. The following high school students received a \$250 scholarship for their participation in the virtual Career and Manufacturing Expo: **Elizabeth Bunting, Ashbrook**; **Brody Cureton, Bessemer City**; **Emiliee Willis, Cherryville**; **Landon King, Stuart W. Cramer**; **Joseph Trite, East Gaston**; **Kevin Rebolledo-Hernandez, Forestview**; **Thomas Helm, Highland School of Technology**; **Pablo Lopez, Hunter Huss**; **Luis Salgado, North Gaston**; and **Jesse Whaley, South Point**.
5. The following educators received the Jennie T. Stultz Award of the Arts grants that are presented by the Gaston County Education Foundation: **Marjorie Bone, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**; **Anne Bame, Sherwood Elementary**; **Elizabeth Robinson, Pleasant Ridge Elementary**; **Bailey Gula, Sadler Elementary**; **Donna Biddix, H.H. Beam Elementary**; **Lisa Bame, Bessemer City Central Elementary**; and **Elisha Mitsehke-Lamanna, Chavis Middle School**.
6. **Jackson Payne of North Gaston High School** and **Evan Richardson of Highland School of Technology** received the Maxine Porch Scholarship.
7. **Shay Philpot of Highland School of Technology** placed second and **Kaci Cline of Cherryville High School** placed third in the City of Gastonia's downtown art contest.

8. **Todd Hagans**, chief communications officer for **Gaston County Schools**, was selected as the GCAEOP (Gaston County Association of Educational Office Professionals) Administrator of the Year, and **Elaine Glenn**, workers compensation coordinator for **Gaston County Schools**, was chosen as the GCAEOP Educational Office Professional of the Year. In addition, GCAEOP presented scholarships to **Connor Corcoran** of **South Point High School** and **Zania Ratliff** of **Highland School of Technology**.
9. **Ashbrook High School** senior **Baylor Wyatt** is the recipient of the Larry Rhodes Athletic Scholarship, which is sponsored by alumnus James Worthy and named after the former coach. Wyatt will attend Brevard College this fall to play baseball. He plans to major in business with a minor in exercise science.
10. **Belmont Central Elementary** teachers **Abbey McKinney** and **Kaylee Hines** participated in the “MyPlate” program that integrates fourth grade science and literacy standards with health and nutrition activities by using Schoology, technology, and real-world experiences.
11. **Belmont Central Elementary** art teacher **Anna Smith** worked with the City of Belmont’s design committee to create outdoor artwork. Art teachers **Brianna Beaver** of **Belmont Middle School** and **Carleen Rummer** of **South Point High School** also participated in the effort that focused on the theme, “Many Threads, One Community.”
12. **Belmont Central Elementary** music teacher **James Robinson** received the Limestone University Department of Music Alumni Achievement Award and the Limestone University Early Career Educator Impact Award. In addition, he will present a session at the North Carolina Music Educators Association conference in November.
13. Senior **Sophia Foster** is the first student to earn an associate degree from Gaston College while being dually enrolled at **Bessemer City High School**.
14. **Bessemer City High School** senior **Garrett Clark** was selected as a recipient of the National Technical Honor Society Jon H. Poteat Scholarship.
15. Alert Metal Works donated three bicycles for **Carr Elementary School’s** iReady Bike Challenge. Students who completed iReady lessons were entered into a drawing to win the bicycles.
16. The **Cherryville High School** cheerleading team won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s game day non-building state championship. In addition, **Izzy Smith** received a \$500 scholarship from the NCHSAA.
17. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** band director **Kameron Radford** is one of 189 legacy applicants from 2021 who is eligible for the 2022 Grammy Music Educator Award.
18. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** senior **Kathryn Cupp** received the Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship, and senior **Giselle Paredes-Azamar** received the Pat E. Haney Scholarship from the Belmont Historical Society.

19. **East Gaston High School** senior **Ashley Joseph** received the Mildred J. Sadler scholarship.
20. **Gaston Early College High School** senior **Angelica Brown** received the Dunagin Scholarship.
21. **Grier Middle School** teacher **Leanna Beach** earned the Young Educator Award from the North Carolina Association for Career and Technical Education.
22. **Highland School of Technology** students **Madelyn VanMeter** and **Ann Russell** won the North Carolina Moot Court competition. Their adviser is **Anna Ballard**.
23. **Highland School of Technology** junior **Lauren Tolbert** is one of five nominees for the Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year Award that is sponsored by HighSchoolOT.com. She also was named the Week 11 National Girls Performer of the Week, a recognition presented by New Balance.
24. **Hunter Huss High School** band director **Heaven Watson-Weary** was chosen as a quarterfinalist for the 2022 Grammy Music Educator Award.
25. The outdoor classroom at **McAdenville Elementary** was completed during the last few weeks of school thanks to a grant from Gaston Outside and the North Carolina Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council and support from the school's PTO. Staff member **Cherri Johnston** spent many volunteer hours working on the project.
26. **North Gaston High School** senior **Theresa "Jordyn" Greene** received the Paul Fuller Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an outstanding high school senior who has been a part of the **Gaston County Schools** mentoring program. She plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill.
27. The **North Gaston High School** senior class raised \$1,800 for the American Cancer Society. The money was collected for teacher **Robin Bradley**, who is a cancer survivor.
28. During the last week of school, the **Page Primary** students who met their iReady goals for the second semester participated in a prize drawing. The students with the highest growth in reading and math received a golden ticket and got to select a prize before other students. A total of 156 students participated in the drawing, and each student received a toy to take home with them. Prizes were donated by the school's PTO, Belmont Foursquare Church, Park Street United Methodist Church, and South Point Baptist Church.
29. **Sadler Elementary** received several hundred books from "I've Read It in Books" to celebrate "Read Across Sadler Days." Students were able to keep the books to read over the summer.
30. **South Point High School** senior **Julia Ho** received the following scholarships: Clyde and Dezaree Brackett Family Scholarship, Honorable Ralph C. Gingles, Jr. Scholarship, and Theodore Drury Stowe Science and Technology Scholarship. In addition, senior **Lilly Myers** received the Perry Fewell Honorary Leadership Scholarship.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Public Expression

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Board of Education agenda has been made available to the public for review. Citizens wishing to speak before the Board about an agenda item or other topic may do so during Public Expression.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

The Board of Education will establish time (30 minutes) at the beginning of the regular monthly meeting for Public Expression. Any citizen not heard during this time may be heard at the end of the business session.

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)

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Approval/Correction of Minutes

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Approval of Minutes of:

May 17, 2021

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

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

None

Policy Implications:

Validation of Board Proceedings.

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker

Department: Superintendent

**Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Monday, May 17, 2021
Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, May 17, 2021 in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. The Board of Education meeting was held virtually and conducted in accordance with social distancing requirements related to the coronavirus pandemic. 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 K. Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Kevin Collier, Justin Davis, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace, (Brent Moore arrived after meeting in progress and Steve Hall joined by zoom).

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendents Melissa Balknight and Gary Hoskins, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Administrative Assistant Andrea Stephens and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Superintendent Booker led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Booker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adoption - Action

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Lee Dedmon motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Good News - Information

Typically, we open each Board Meeting with “good news” about our schools, students and employees. While due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to have appearances of guests we still have individuals and events worthy of recognition this afternoon. Superintendent Booker shared the following items of good news:

Superintendent Booker congratulated Cherryville High School which received the Exemplary School Award from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. This award is presented to a school for its overall outstanding athletics program.

Superintendent Booker congratulated North Belmont Elementary teacher Vanessa Hairston who was among 26 teachers from across the state who was chosen as Kenan Fellows for the 2021-2022 academic year. Ms. Hairston will receive a \$5,000 stipend and participate in 80 hours of professional development.

Superintendent Booker congratulated two of our instructional technology facilitators, Abby Kropf and Christy Turner. They have completed the International Society for Technology in Education certification process. The certification is an internationally-recognized credential for educators who have demonstrated mastery of the society's standards for technology in education.

Superintendent Booker congratulated the students on the moot court team at Highland School of Technology. Madelyn Van Meter and Ann Russell earned first place in the recent state moot court championship.

Superintendent Booker congratulated Rankin Elementary for winning the "Are You Smarter Than a Gaston County Fifth Grader?" virtual competition. The students at Rankin, partnered with Clariant. Second place went to New Hope Elementary, which was partnered with CaroMont Health, and Beam Intermediate, partnered with FleetNet America and took third place. Sponsored by the Gaston County Education Foundation, the event pairs businesses and organizations with elementary schools in a fun game show format. Proceeds benefit the Ron L. Ensley grant program for teachers to fund innovative classroom projects. A big "thank you" goes to Foundation director Amy Spencer for working out a way to make the competition happen this year in a virtual format so our students would not miss out on the fun and excitement of the competition.

Superintendent Booker thanked our schools for the wonderful job they did to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week and bring attention to the outstanding work of our teachers and other school personnel.

Superintendent Booker announced that Piedmont Lithium is placing a billboard along Interstate 85 that salutes our teachers.

Public Expression - Information

Butch Adams
2070 Shannon Drive
Gastonia, NC 28054
RE: Keep the Red Raider Mascot

Leeanna London
115 Dorie Drive
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Keep the Red Raider Mascot

Sarah Gillespie
2143 Southridge Drive
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Grading

Rebecca LaClaire
6478 Kemp Street
Charlotte, NC 28213
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Although Ms. LaClaire completed the Request to Speak Form, she did not appear at the meeting.

Clare Merlin-Knoblich
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28205
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Olivia Huffman
213 Commodore Court
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot
Although Ms. Huffman completed the Request to Speak Form, she did not appear at the meeting.

Ryan Simms
105 N. Woodcliff Lane
Mt. Holly, NC 28120
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Natalie O'Connor
3248 Ashwood Park Drive
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Vy Hoang
228 River Loop Road
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Torrance Jenkins
1804 Kendrick Road
Gastonia, NC 28056
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Roshini Amarasinghe
3037 High Ridge Court
Gastonia, NC 28056
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot
Although Ms. Amarasinghe completed the Request to Speak Form, she did not appear at the meeting.

Ava Clarkson
114 Leeper Avenue
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Ava Valentin
107 Fite Road
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot
Although Ms. Valentin completed the Request to Speak Form, she did not appear at the meeting.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

The Board considered Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of April 19, 2021 as presented was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

COVID-19 Update – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Superintendent Booker who presented a PowerPoint on COVID-19. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Operations Committee Report – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Ms. Dot Cherry of the Operations Committee who provided a summary of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Robbie Lovelace of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee who provided a summary of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Gaston College Board of Trustees Appointment – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Todd Hagans who explained the process of the Gaston College Board of Trustees Appointment. The term of this appointment will run from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025. Ms. Suzanne Riley is at the end of her current term. The application will be posted on our website and should be returned by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Applicants will participate in an interview to be held immediately before the Board of Education’s regular meeting on Monday, June 21.

Resolution – myFutureNC Attainment Goal – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Todd Hagans who presented the myFutureNC Attainment Goal Resolution for consideration.

Mr. Hagans read the myFutureNC Attainment Goal Resolution.

Motion

Motion was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board

Approve myFutureNC Attainment Goal

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

(View Resolution)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Local Grant Application – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Brett Buchanan who presented a PowerPoint on Career and Technical Education Grant. Discussion followed.

Motion

Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Kevin Collier that the Board

Approve Career and Technical Education (CTE) Local Grant Application

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

(View PowerPoint)

Exceptional Children’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant - Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Carrie Minnick who presented a PowerPoint on Exceptional Children’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant. Discussion followed.

Motion

Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board

Approve Exceptional Children’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

(View PowerPoint)

Social Emotional Learning and School Mental Health SBOE Policy SHLT 003 – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Melissa Balknight who presented a PowerPoint on Social Emotional Learning and School Mental Health SBOE Policy SHLT 003. Discussion followed.

Motion

Motion was made by Mrs. Dot Guthrie; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore that the Board

Approve Local Improvement Plan to Support the SBOE Policy SHLT 003 — Student Health

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

(View PowerPoint)

Alternative Assessment — Warlick Academy – Action

Alternative Assessment — Webb Street School - Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Ms. Rebekka Powers who presented a PowerPoint on Alternative Assessment Model. Discussion followed.

Motion

Motion was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board

Approve Alternative Assessment Model for Warlick Academy and Webb Street School

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

(View PowerPoint)

Consent Agenda – Action

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Plan
- E. Contracts
 - Forestview High School Drainage Improvement
 - East Gaston High School Drainage Improvement
 - Bessemer City Middle School Pavement Improvement
 - Bessemer City High School Pavement Improvement
 - Landscaping Service — Bessemer City Schools
 - Junior Great Books – Sole Source
 - S.P.I.R.E. Reading Instruction – Contract Addendum
 - Invision Services - Contract

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Booker announced that our first graduation ceremony is the Gaston Early College High School on Thursday, May 20 and next week is a full week with 13 ceremonies taking place.

Superintendent Booker thanked The Gaston Gazette for its “Senior Spotlight” series that is highlighting students in the Class of 2021. He also thanked the Belmont Banner and Cherryville Eagle for their graduation coverage.

Superintendent Booker reported that we typically keep a two-week fuel supply on hand and last week we received a tanker truck load of diesel fuel. This will put us in good shape for bus transportation to conclude the school year and begin our summer school program.

Superintendent Booker reported this week we will be sharing our yearly survey with stakeholders to gain input about areas such as student engagement, school and district operations, communications and parent/student support. The data will be used in our planning for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Superintendent Booker encouraged parents to register for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten for next year. Parents can complete the registration process on the district website.

Superintendent Booker thanked students, employees, parents and community partners for their hard work, dedication, resilience and commitment during what has been a school year like none other. Next Wednesday, May 26 is the last day of school, and we will bring the 2020-2021 academic year to a close with our graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 28. Please mark your calendars for the first day of school on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Closed Session

Chairman Ramsey asked the Board to consider going into Closed Session under, N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel

Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Mr. Justin Davis; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:52 p.m.

Motion

The Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Justin Davis that the Board
Award two-year Principal contracts through June 30, 2023 for the following:

Beverley Bowman
Jenny Cabe
Laura Clark
Dr. Adair McKay
Page Willis

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mrs. Dot Guthrie; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board
Award two-year contract through June 30, 2023 for the position of Executive Director of Student Support Services to the following:

Dr. Jill Payne

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board
Award two-year contract through June 30, 2023 for the position of Executive Director of Middle School Instruction to the following:

Dr. Christopher Bennett

Superintendent Booker announced the following placements:
Dr. Adair McKay will serve as principal of Gaston County Virtual Academy.
Beverley Bowman will serve as principal of Gaston Early College of Medical Services.
Laura Clark will serve as principal of W.A. Bess Elementary School.
Page Willis will serve as principal of Lingerfeldt Elementary School.
Jenny Cabe will serve as principal of York Chester Middle School.
Dr. Amy Holbrook will serve as principal of Grier Middle School.
Jessica Steiner will serve as principal of Stuart W. Cramer High School.
Kevin Doran will serve as principal of Cramerton Middle School.

Shawn Hubers will serve as principal of Cherryville High School.
Audrey Hovis will serve as principal of Cherryville Elementary School.
Torben Ross will serve as principal of Holbrook Middle School.

Adjournment

All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved:

Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]

W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Gaston College Board of Trustees Appointment

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

In accordance with N.C.G.S. §115D-12, Gaston County Board of Education is responsible for the appointment of individuals to serve on the Gaston College Board of Trustees. Each year on June 30, one of the four-year appointees rotates off the Board of Trustees and another appointment is made. The term of this appointment will run July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2025.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

The Board needs to make an appointment to the Gaston College Board of Trustees for the following seat:

Suzanne Riley	Term: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021
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Other members of the Gaston College Board of Trustees appointed by the Gaston County Board of Education are:

Jennifer Davis	Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2022
Steve Huffstetler	Term: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023
Julie Stroupe	Term: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024

Policy Implications:

Gaston County Board of Education will appoint the Gaston College Board of Trustee for the term of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025.

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker

Department: Superintendent

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Gaston County Board of Education's Curriculum and Instruction Committee will report to the Board regarding current committee projects and issues.

A Curriculum and Instruction Committee member will present a report of committee activities occurring since the last Board of Education Meeting.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

None

Policy Implications:

Board will be informed of Curriculum and Instruction projects and issues.

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Department: Curriculum and Instruction

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: COVID-19 Update

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Gaston County Schools (GCS) alongside Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services continue to partner in managing COVID-19 related concerns. The partnership aligns with our District priority to keep students and employees safe and members of the public informed.

The Department of Health and Human Services communicates regularly with GCS leadership to address concerns or issues involving staff and students.

The agenda item will update the Board of Education on the district's COVID-19 response and day-to-day district operations.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Continue supporting Health Services' management of COVID-19 responsibilities.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Goal 5. Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

Submitted by: W. Jeffrey Booker

Department: Superintendent

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Gaston Virtual Academy 2021-2022

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Gaston Virtual Academy is a choice program that supports students in a blended learning platform. The academy will utilize learning in a blended format, K-12, to increase the amount of personalized learning. Students that are interested in a blended/virtual or remote option must be enrolled in this choice program. Gaston Virtual Academy students must meet the entrance criteria for the program.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Continue to operate Gaston Virtual Academy as the only virtual option in GCS during the 2021-2022 school year.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Melissa W. Balknight, **Department:** Academic Services
Associate Superintendent of Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: 2021-2022 Interim Budget

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The GCS Budget Resolution will not be approved prior to July 1, 2021, since the NC 2021-2022 State budget has not yet been finalized and approved by the General Assembly and the Governor. After the State budget has been approved, DPI will allocate State funds to all of the school districts. The School Budget and Fiscal Control Act requires that the Board of Education adopt an Interim Budget until the Budget Resolution is adopted.

Fiscal Implications:

2021-2022 GCS Budget

Recommendation:

Adoption of Interim Budget at the level of 80% of the 2020-2021 Budget.

Policy Implications:

Board Policy 8300 – Fiscal Management Standards

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Gary F. Hoskins, CFO and
Associate Superintendent
for Finance and Operations

Department: Finance

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Out of County Tuition

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The historical tuition rates for GCS students domiciled outside of Gaston County were as follows:

2018-2019: \$1,574

2019-2020: \$1,578

2020-2021: \$1,656

The recommended tuition rate for 2021-2022 is \$1,715 per pupil. This amount represents the local per pupil allocation for the current school year. Out of state students would also be required to pay an additional \$6,266 to reimburse GCS for the state per pupil appropriation compared to \$6,229 for last year.

Fiscal Implications:

The District will be reimbursed for the respective per pupil allocation for any GCS students that are not domiciled in Gaston County.

Recommendation:

Approve the 2021-2022 tuition rate of \$1,715 for GCS students domiciled outside of Gaston County and an additional \$6,266 for GCS students domiciled outside of North Carolina.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 4150 Tuition for Discretionary Admissions

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Gary F. Hoskins, CFO and
Associate Superintendent
of Finance and Operations

Department: Finance

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Annual Surplus Sales Report

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Each year we report the annual surplus sales to the Board of Education. The sale of GCS surplus items is conducted using the website govdeals.com. Attached is the report of the annual surplus sales from the Auxiliary Services Department for the 2020-2021 school year.

Fiscal Implications:

We have received \$18,563 from the sale of surplus items during the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommendation:

Information only

Policy Implications:

Board Policy 9500 – Disposal of Surplus Property

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Gary F. Hoskins, CFO and
Associate Superintendent
for Finance and Operations

Department: Finance

GovDeals Sales
July 2020-June 2021

Asset	ID	Category	Description	VIN	Miles	Make	Model	Status	Total	Name	Address
201	20201006	Vehicle	Dodge Van (#7188)	2B7KB31YXK569Z77	Unknown	Dodge (1999)	Ram Van	Picked Up	\$1,025.00	Hali, Keith	Lenoir, NC 28645
202	20201027	Vehicle	Box Truck (#8007)	1HTSCAANS1H348298	28,898	International (2001)	4700	Picked Up	\$5,750.00	Vellica, Eric	Weaverville, NC 28787
203	20201103	Vehicle	Chevrolet Van (#8004)	1GBRHP32XR3324705	124,023	Chevrolet (1994)	P30	Picked Up	\$2,675.00	Ehlayani, Mustapha	Bristow, VA, 20136
204	20201110	Vehicle	Dodge Van (#8008)	2D7JB21Y23K527044	Unknown	Dodge (2003)	Ram Van	Picked Up	\$575.00	Beamon, Rodney	Pfafftown, NC 27040
205	20201130	Vehicle	Chevy Bus (#8254)	1GBG6P1F61V106974	6,427	Chevrolet (1990)	B6P042	Picked Up	\$1,526.00	Abernathy, George	Mt. Holly, NC 28120
206	20201201	Vehicle	Dodge Van (#7189)	2B7KB31YXK558161	Unknown	Dodge (1999)	Ram Van	Picked Up	\$1,525.00	Beamon, Rodney	Pfafftown, NC 27040
207	20201202	Vehicle	Dodge Van (#7187)	2B7KB31Y2XK558160	67,000	Dodge (1999)	Ram Van	Picked Up	\$1,225.00	Beamon, Rodney	Pfafftown, NC 27040
208	20201203	Vehicle	Dodge Van (#7191)	2B7KB31Y6XK558162	Unknown	Dodge (1999)	Ram Van	Picked Up	\$1,180.00	Trofimov, Vitaly	Indian Trail, NC 28079
209	20201204	Vehicle	Dodge Truck (#7194)	3B8MC36541M249689	Unknown	Dodge (2001)	Ram Truck	Picked Up	\$2,025.00	Dellinger, Kenneth	Uncolton, NC 28092
210	20210322	Janitorial Equipment	Propane Burnisher	N/A	N/A	Milfisk/Advance	Whitomatic Pro 21H	Picked Up	\$290.00	Heyward, Dwayne	Charlotte, NC 28277
211	20210323	Vehicle Equipment	Tire Changer	N/A	N/A	Baseline B1500	85002500	Picked Up	\$665.00	Kondratuk, Marcelo	Weddington, NC 28104
212	20210324	Mowing Equipment	Walk-Behind Push Mower	N/A	N/A	Snapper	P21600	No Sale	\$0.00		
213	20210325	Mowing Equipment	Walk-Behind Push Mower	N/A	N/A	Toro	Recycler	No Sale	\$0.00		
214	20210326	Machinery	Delta Radial Arm Saw	N/A	N/A	Delta	33-401	Picked Up	\$50.00	Garris, Benjamin	Gastonia, NC 28052
215	20210329	Mowing Equipment	Walk-Behind Push Mower	N/A	N/A	Yazoo	37 5-24	Picked Up	\$52.00	Withers, Fred	Gastonia, NC 28054
216	20210330	Mowing Equipment	Walk-Behind Push Mower	N/A	N/A	Snapper	PD21357B	No Sale	\$0.00		
									\$18,563.00		

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: School Nutrition Annual Report

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Angela Calamia, Director of School Nutrition, will provide to the Gaston County Board of Education current operational data including information related to student participation, free and reduced meal benefits, charged meals, financial performance, legislative and regulatory topics, food initiatives, and personnel. The School Nutrition Department is financially solvent and in compliance with federal, state and local regulations and policies. School Nutrition continues to provide our students the daily nutrition necessary for success in the classroom and also provides nutritious meals to as many students as possible throughout the year.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Information only

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 6200: Goals of School Nutrition Services

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive
Director of Auxiliary Services

Department: Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 06/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: School Nutrition 2021-22 Formal Bids

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Gaston County Board of Education to authorize School Nutrition award of formal bids for the period beginning August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. A table recapping the awards follows:

IFB/RFP CATEGORY	VENDOR	SY 21-22 Cost (all items)	SY 20-21 Cost (like items)	% Change
North Carolina Procurement Alliance Lot 1 Distributor Bid 2021-2022 for Gaston County Rollover/Renewal Year 4 of 4	US Foods Fort Mill SC	\$ 1,597,199.35	\$ 3,886,156.18	-59 %
North Carolina Procurement Alliance Direct to Manufacturer & Commodity Processing Bid 2021-2022	Nardone Bros	\$ 191,474.40		
	JTM	\$ 285,105.24		
	Schwan's Company	\$ 282,712.30		
North Carolina Procurement Alliance Lot 4 Produce Bid 2021-2022 for Gaston County Rollover/Renewal Year 1 of 4	Foster Caviness Company, Inc	\$ 600,707.50	\$ 470,898.50	28%
Dairy/Juice IFB 033119MJ Rollover/Renewal Year 2 of 2	Dairy Farmers of America d/b/a Pet Dairy	\$ 999,783.75	\$ 999,783.75	0%
Non-Food Supplies "GCS-2021-PAPERSUPPLIES"	Southeastern Paper	\$604,553.40	\$ 620,180.24	-3%
FS Cleaning Sanitation & Ware Washing IFB033119CSW Rollover/Renewal Year 2 of 2	ALCO Soap and Supply	\$ 103,050.89	\$ 103,050.89	0%

Note: Awards in Bold Print

Fiscal Implications:

Bids are awarded on the basis of lowest delivered price of approved brands and/or products.

Recommendation:

Approval of bids to the vendors listed.

Policy Implications:

Bids have been solicited, received, and evaluated in compliance with federal, state, and local procurement regulations.

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Angela Calamia
Director of School Nutrition

Department: School Nutrition

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

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. Board Policy Updates
- E. Contracts
 - Blackboard Renewal
 - Edgenuity Contract — Amendment
 - SAVVAS Learning Math 1 Textbook
 - AMN Healthcare
 - The Stepping Stones Group
 - EDU Healthcare
 - SpeechCenter
 - LED Lighting for Cherryville High School
 - LED Lighting for Highland School of Technology
 - LED Lighting for Webb Street School
 - Landscaping Service for Brookside Elementary, Chapel Grove Elementary and Edward D. Sadler Jr. Elementary Schools
 - Gym Floor Replacement — Hawks Nest STEAM Academy
 - Video Camera Installation — Yellow School Buses
 - Replace the Current Flooring — Webb Street School
 - Serenic Software
 - Modern Teacher (K-12) — Addendum 1

Fiscal Implications:

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.

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker

Department: Superintendent

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Recommended Personnel

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 Superintendent to recommend and the Board of Education to elect all principals, teachers and other school personnel in the administrative unit." It is also within the powers of the Board to hear requests for approved leave, retirement and resignations or terminations in accordance with employment and dismissal regulations.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Approve personnel as recommended.

Policy Implications:

Necessary and appropriate personnel will be provided to assure successful administration of schools.

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker, Superintendent **Department:** Human Resources

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Budget Amendments and Budget Transfers

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Budget amendments are needed to adjust the approved budget to reflect actual changes in revenue and budget transfers are needed to transfer money to proper expenditure codes as requested by fund managers.

Fiscal Implications:

Makes adjustments to the 2020-2021 budget.

Recommendation:

Approval of the attached listing of recommended budget amendments and transfers.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 8300 Fiscal Management Standards

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Gary F. Hoskins, CFO and
Associate Superintendent
for Finance and Operations

Department: Finance

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Transfers Between Functions**

State Public School Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services	87,327	
5200	Special Population Services		33,644
5300	Alternative Programs and Services	60,216	
5400	School Leadership Services		99,466
5800	School-Based Support Services		69,045
6100	Support and Development Services	4,414	
6200	Special Population Support and Development Services	9,281	
6400	Technology Support Services		5,111
6500	Operational Support Services	60,704	
6600	Financial and Human Resource Services		21,095
6900	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services	6,420	
		<u>228,362</u>	<u>228,362</u>

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

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Transfers Between Functions**

Local Current Expense Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services		45,467
5200	Special Population Services		12,749
5300	Alternative Programs and Services	11,970	
5400	School Leadership Services	174,804	
5500	Co-Curricular Services		94,938
5800	School-Based Support Services		18,606
6100	Support and Development Services		4,319
6200	Special Population Support and Development Services	956	
6300	Alternative Programs and Services Support	931	
6400	Technology Support Services		31,436
6500	Operational Support Services	92,694	
6600	Financial and Human Resource Services	43,095	
6700	Accountability Services		120
6800	System-Wide Pupil Support Services		1,159
6900	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services		115,655
		<u>324,449</u>	<u>324,449</u>

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

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Transfers Between Functions**

Federal Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services		1,780
5200	Special Population Services	2,732	
5300	Alternative Programs and Services	131,373	
5800	School-Based Support Services		2,597
6200	Special Population Support and Development Services		2,732
6500	Operational Support Services		1,239
6600	Financial and Human Resource Services		20,000
8100	Payments to Other Governmental Units		105,757
		<u>134,105</u>	<u>134,105</u>

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

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Transfers Between Functions**

Restricted Grants Fund

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5200	Special Population Services		13,614
5300	Alternative Programs and Services		11,041
6200	Special Population Support and Development Services		45
6300	Alternative Programs and Services Support	10,705	
6500	Operational Support Services	336	
8100	Payments to Other Governmental Units	13,659	
		<u>24,701</u>	<u>24,701</u>

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

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue**

State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		260,450
	6500	Operational Support Services	260,450	
		This amendment adjusts the Non-Instructional Support allotment for ABC Waivers & Sub Pay for March and April - Allotment Revision #58 & #60 FY21 (PRC003)		
2	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		31,136
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	31,136	
		This amendment adjusts the Non-Contributory Employee Benefits allotment to account for April expenses FY21 (PRC009)		
3	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		662
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	662	
		This amendment budgets additional funds received for School Technology allotment - Allotment Revisions #58 FY21 (PRC015)		
4	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(236,921)
	6500	Operational Support Services	(236,921)	
		This amendment adjusts the Transportation allotment for ABC Waivers to fund Non-Instructional Support - Allotment Revision #60 FY21 (PRC056)		
5	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		27,872
	5800	School-Based Support Services	27,872	
		This amendment budgets the additional funds received to DEC Special Programs allotment - Allotment Revisions #60 FY21 (PRC063)		
Total State Public School Fund Amendments			83,199	83,199

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue**

Local Current Expense Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		3,331
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	3,331	
		This amendment budgets the additional funds for E-Rate Technology allotment FY21 (PRC519)		
Total Local Current Expense Fund Account			<u>3,331</u>	<u>3,331</u>

**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue**

Federal Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	3600	Federal Revenue		69,386,286
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	26,589,492	
	5200	Special Population Services	1,614,608	
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	4,242,904	
	5800	School-Based Support Services	16,286,837	
	6100	Support and Development Services	771,527	
	6500	Operational Support Services	17,478,217	
	8100	Payments to Other Governmental Units	2,402,701	

This amendment budgets the funds received for ESSER III Grant allotment - Allotment Revision #61 and approval in LBAAS FY21 (PRC181)

Total Federal Grant Fund Amendments

<u>69,386,286</u>	<u>69,386,286</u>
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**Gaston County Schools
Changes in Appropriations**

**2020-2021 Budget Resolution - May
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue**

Restricted Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	3700	Local Sources - Restricted		30,025
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	30,025	
		This amendment budgets the ROTC Teachers funds for FY21 (PRC001)		
2	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		206,710
	6600	Financial and Human Resource Services	206,710	
		This amendment adjusts the Central Office Administration budget to account for expenses for FY21 (PRC002)		
3	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		9,273
	6100	Financial and Human Resource Services	9,273	
		This amendment adjusts the Non-Instruction Support budget to account for expenses for FY21 (PRC003)		
4	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		197,564
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	197,564	
		This amendment adjusts the ASPIRE Grant to account for expenses for FY21 (PRC110)		
5	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		132,902
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	132,902	
		This amendment adjusts the NCPK Grant for additional COVID funds received for FY21 (PRC413)		
6	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		2,339
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	886	
	6100	Support and Development Services	1,453	
		This amendment adjusts the Commissioner's School Grant to account for expenses for FY21 (PRC501)		
7	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		4,137
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	4,137	
		This amendment adjusts the Teacher of the Year Grant to account for expenses for FY21 (PRC508)		

Restricted Grants Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense	
			Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
8	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		22,857
	6550	Operational Support Services	22,857	
This amendment adjusts the Transportation Activity Bus Fund to account for expenses for FY21 (PRC706)				
			605,807	605,807

Total Restricted Grants Fund Amendments

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

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.

Fiscal Implications:

All change orders were prefunded prior to recommendation for approval.

Recommendation:

The Operations Committee has reviewed the attached listing of construction/repair change orders and recommended approval of these items.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code: 9030 Facility Construction

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Gary F. Hoskins, CFO and
Associate Superintendent
for Finance and Operations

Department: Operations

GCS CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION

In accordance with GCS Board Policy 9030 - Facility Construction, all construction and repair change orders approved by the Superintendent shall be reported to the Board. The project change requests (PCR) and change orders (CO) listed below were approved by the Superintendent, or his designee, since the previous Board meeting.

Presented to BOE	Contractor's Name	Project name	Description of Change	Contract Amount	Change Order Amount
06-21-21	Beam Construction Company	Belmont Middle School - New Construction	PCR#78 - Install "End of Road" signage at the end of Wildcat Way (covered in allowances)	\$33,540,000	\$1,173

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Board Policy Updates

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Recent changes in the law and State Board of Education Policies, and general maintenance of policies upon review by staff, require revisions to Gaston County Policies and the adoption of a new policy.

See attached for complete list of policies to be adopted/revised.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Recommendation:

Board of Education approval of proposed policy updates.

Policy Implications:

Board of Education Policies will be updated to required standards.

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Sonya C. McGraw

Department: Legal

2021 PLS Updates

<u>GCS Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>Adopt</u>	<u>Revise</u>
1710/4023/7230	DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW		X
1760/7233	PROHIBITION AGAINST RETALIATION	X	
2140	CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS		X
2150	BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST		X
2450	POLICY REVIEW AND EVALUATION		X
2610	BOARD ATTORNEY		X
3000	GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM		X
3102	ONLINE INSTRUCTION		X
3300	SCHOOL CALENDAR AND TIME FOR LEARNING		X
3600	COUNSELING PROGRAM		X
4010	EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES		X
4030	STUDENT AND PARENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE		X
4175	HOMELESS STUDENTS		X
4200	SCHOOL SAFETY		X
4240	CHILD ABUSE AND RELATED THREATS TO CHILD SAFETY		X
4335	CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR		X
4375/7310	STAFF-STUDENT RELATIONS		X
4500	STUDENT FEES		X
5015	SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY		X
5055	RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS		X
5070	PUBLIC RECORDS - RETENTION, RELEASE, AND DISPOSITION		X
6120	STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES		X

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

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

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The attached listing of contracts and expenditures over \$100,000 was reviewed by Staff and recommended for approval by the Board, or are contracts less than \$100,000 but commended to the Board for approval.

Fiscal Implications:

All contracts and expenditures will be paid using bond funding, capital proceeds or operational savings.

Recommendation:

Approval

Policy Implications:

Board Policy 8640

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Gary F. Hoskins, CFO and Associate Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Department: Finance and Operations

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Blackboard Renewal

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Gaston County Schools contracts with Blackboard, Inc. to provide the district and school websites, mobile app, and Parentlink communication system that gives us the ability to contact our various audiences through telephone calls, e-mail, text messaging, and notifications sent to the mobile app and social media.

Two years ago, the Board of Education approved our contract with Blackboard. The contract included the option to renew on an annual basis.

The Blackboard renewal is essential to maintain our level of communication with employees, parents, students, and other stakeholders. The renewal is effective for the 2021-2022 academic year. (The renewal includes a school webpage for the new Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences.)

Fiscal Implications:

The renewal for the 2021-2022 year is at an annual total cost of \$171,568.98. The cost is \$470.79 higher than last fiscal year. A slight increase was anticipated and budgeted accordingly.

Recommendation:

The recommendation is for the Board of Education to approve the Blackboard renewal to ensure that the district continues to have the Parentlink communication system for its use as well as the district and school websites and mobile app as channels for communication during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Goal 4. Every school has up-to-date technology to support teaching and learning.

Submitted by: Todd Hagans, Chief Communications Officer

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

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Edgenuity Contract — Amendment

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Edgenuity is an online platform used for High School Credit Recovery and courseware for the Gaston Virtual Academy. The two year contract was approved on April 19, 2021. Two additional services need to be added to the contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

E-dynamic licenses will allow additional elective course offerings to be used by Gaston Virtual Academy students. Concept Coaching is a help button that provides students with virtual support on content as needed. Concept Coaching will be added to all courses offered through Edgenuity. The two additional services are for the 2021-2022 school year.

Fiscal Implications:

Edgenuity two year contract: \$305,100

Additional Services:

E-dynamic licenses- \$30,300

Concept Coaching- \$14,850

Amendment Total- \$45,150

Recommendation:

Approve amendment to add services to the Edgenuity contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Cristi Bostic,
Executive Director of High School Instruction

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: SAVVAS Learning Math 1 Textbook

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The textbook adoption process was recently completed to select a resource that will support Math 1 in both middle and high school. The results of the adoption process were shared with the Board of Education Instruction Committee on June 7, 2021. The adoption committee selected enVision Integrated Mathematics from SAVVAS Learning (formerly Pearson).

The contract section for middle school includes a digital and consumable resource for all middle school Math 1 students for five years. It also includes teacher professional development and a teacher edition text for both middle and high school Math 1. The contract section for high school includes a digital and consumable resource for all high school Math 1 students for four years. This is a multi-year contract ending in 2026.

Middle school will implement the resource at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. High school will begin utilizing the resource the following school year. The contract will end for both levels the same year, 2026.

Fiscal Implications:

Middle School-	\$ 90,143.36	(2021-2022 through 2025-2026 school year)
High School-	<u>\$ 56,663.65</u>	(2022-2023 through 2025-2026 school year)
Total-	\$146,807.01	

Recommendation:

Approve a contract with SAVVAS Learning to provide enVision Integrated Mathematics resource for Math 1 for middle and high school.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Cristi Bostic,
Executive Director for High School Instruction

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: AMN Healthcare

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Academic Services Department requests the following contract to ensure that students are provided with the necessary services to support increased academic achievement and student growth.

AMN Healthcare assists with recruiting, vetting, and securing highly qualified Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, School Psychologists, Visually Impaired Teachers, Hearing Impaired Teachers and Sign Language Interpreters. They also provide access to a variety of professional development opportunities and therapy resources for all Related Services Staff.

Although this specific contract is for \$500,000 the total budgeted amount for these services is \$1,500,000 collectively between the following four companies: AMN Healthcare, The Stepping Stones Group, EDU Healthcare and SpeechCenter.

Fiscal Implications:

\$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommendation:

Approve the contract with AMN Healthcare for the 2021-2022 school year.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Carrie Minnich,

Executive Director of Exceptional Children's Programs

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: The Stepping Stones Group

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Academic Services Department requests the following contract to ensure that students are provided with the necessary services to support increased academic achievement and student growth.

Stepping Stones assists with recruiting, vetting, and securing highly qualified Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, School Psychologists, Visually Impaired Teachers, Hearing Impaired Teachers and Sign Language Interpreters. They also provide access to a variety of professional development opportunities and therapy resources for all Related Services Staff.

Although this specific contract is for \$500,000 the total budgeted amount for these services is \$1,500,000 collectively between the following four companies: AMN Healthcare, The Stepping Stones Group, EDU Healthcare and SpeechCenter.

Fiscal Implications:

\$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommendation:

Approve the contract with The Stepping Stones Group for the 2021-2022 school year.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Carrie Minnich,

Department: Academic Services
Executive Director of Exceptional Children's Programs

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: EDU Healthcare

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The Academic Services Department requests the following contract to ensure that students are provided with the necessary services to support increased academic achievement and student growth.

EDU Healthcare assists with recruiting, vetting, and securing highly qualified Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, School Psychologists, Visually Impaired Teachers, Hearing Impaired Teachers and Sign Language Interpreters. They also provide access to a variety of professional development opportunities and therapy resources for all Related Services Staff.

Although this specific contract is for \$500,000 the total budgeted amount for these services is \$1,500,000 collectively between the following four companies: AMN Healthcare, The Stepping Stones Group, EDU Healthcare and SpeechCenter.

Fiscal Implications:

\$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommendation:

Approve the contract with EDU Healthcare for the 2021-2022 school year.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Carrie Minnich,
Executive Director of Exceptional Children's Programs

Department: Academic Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: SpeechCenter

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

Main Points:

The Academic Services Department requests the following contract to ensure that students are provided with the necessary services to support increased academic achievement and student growth.

SpeechCenter assists with recruiting, vetting, and securing highly qualified Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, School Psychologists, Visually Impaired Teachers, Hearing Impaired Teachers and Sign Language Interpreters. They also provide access to a variety of professional development opportunities and therapy resources for all Related Services Staff.

Although this specific contract is for \$500,000 the total budgeted amount for these services is \$1,500,000 collectively between the following four companies: AMN Healthcare, The Stepping Stones Group, EDU Healthcare and SpeechCenter.

Fiscal Implications:

\$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommendation:

Approve the contract with SpeechCenter for the 2021-2022 school year.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Carrie Minnich, **Department:** Academic Services
Executive Director of Exceptional Children's Programs

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: LED Lighting for Cherryville High School

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The current lighting at Cherryville High School is old and in need of repair and replacement. LED lighting is more cost effective and it produces more light that is brighter for a better learning environment and safety.

Fiscal Implications:

Three (3) bids were received with Millenium Electric providing the lowest bid at \$140,733. Funding is provided from the 2018 school bond funds.

Recommendation:

Approval to install LED lights at Cherryville High School.

Policy Implications:

9200: Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive
Director of Auxiliary Services

Department: Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: LED Lighting for Highland School of Technology

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The current lighting at Highland School of Technology is old and in need of repair and replacement. LED lighting is more cost effective and it produces more light that is brighter for a better learning environment and safety.

Fiscal Implications:

Three (3) bids were received with Light Serve providing the lowest bid at \$198,946. Funding is provided from the 2018 school bond funds.

Recommendation:

Approval to install LED lights at Highland School of Technology.

Policy Implications:

9200: Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive
Director of Auxiliary Services

Department: Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: LED Lighting for Webb Street School

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The current lighting at Webb Street School is old and in need of repair and replacement. LED lighting is more cost effective and it produces more light that is brighter for a better learning environment and safety.

Fiscal Implications:

Three (3) bids were received with Millenium Electric providing the lowest bid at \$75,081. Funding is provided from the 2018 school bond funds.

Recommendation:

Approval to install LED lights at Webb Street School.

Policy Implications:

9200: Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive
Director of Auxiliary Services

Department: Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Landscaping Service for Brookside Elementary, Chapel Grove Elementary and Edward D. Sadler Jr. Elementary Schools

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

This service will provide landscaping and lawn service to Brookside Elementary, Chapel Grove Elementary, and Edward D. Sadler Jr. Elementary Schools. A pre-bid meeting was held on April 14, 2021 with two (2) vendors present. One vendor (Scott's Lawn and Garden, LLC.) responded with a bid of \$88,027. This contract will begin August 1, 2021.

Fiscal Implications:

Will be funded from local funds.

Recommendation:

Award the landscaping contract to Scott's Lawn and Garden, LLC.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 9200: Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive
Director of Auxiliary Services

Department: Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Gym Floor Replacement — Hawks Nest STEAM Academy

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Hawks Nest STEAM Academy's gym floor is old and in need of repair and replacement.

Fiscal Implications:

Three vendors were present at the pre-bid meeting and Gaston County Schools received two (2) bids. The lowest bid was disqualified because they did not bid according to the specifications presented by GCS and they were unable to meet the time requirements. The winning bid was submitted by Beckham's Hardwood Floors for \$98,342. Funding will be provided from the 2018 school bond.

Recommendation:

Replace the gym floor at Hawks Nest STEAM Academy.

Policy Implications:

9200: Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Goal 5. Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive
Director of Auxiliary Services

Department: Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Video Camera Installation — Yellow School Buses

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

To date, 82 yellow buses have had older video camera systems replaced with Fortress camera systems. We recommend upgrading the remaining 129 yellow buses to the newer Fortress video camera systems. This will provide one video camera brand for all school buses and enable school staff to view video in a uniform fashion. This will also replace existing two camera systems with a new four camera per bus system.

Fiscal Implications:

Local source funding will pay for the camera installation.

Recommendation:

Approval to purchase new Fortress camera systems to equip the remaining 129 yellow buses in our fleet at a cost of \$300,215 from state contract.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 6320: Organization of Student Transportation Services

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Goal 5. Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive Director of Auxiliary Services **Department:** Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Replace the Current Flooring — Webb Street School

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

The current carpeting at Webb Street School has been in place for a while and is difficult to clean properly. VCT tile will provide a cleaner floor surface and will be easier to keep clean. VCT tile will also benefit those students who use a wheel chair or wheeled assistant devices for mobility.

Fiscal Implications:

Four (4) bids were received for the Webb Street flooring replacement with the lowest bidder being Bradshaw Flooring and Acoustical at \$87,325.

Recommendation:

Approve Bradshaw Flooring and Acoustical to replace the current carpet at Webb Street School with VCT tile.

Policy Implications:

Policy Code 9200: Care and maintenance of Facilities

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Goal 5. Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

Submitted by: Morgen Houchard, Executive Director of Auxiliary Services **Department:** Auxiliary Services

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Serenic Software

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

GCS has used Sunpac software for our core processing system (general ledger, payroll, accounts payable, etc.) for 25+ years. However, the software has become outdated and we are in the process of replacing this software with Oracle Cloud in accordance with the School Business Systems Modernization law that was passed by the General Assembly in 2016. In 2019, GCS signed a three year contract with Serenic Software (parent company of Sunpac) to ensure that we had core processing services through the conversion. This contract was approved by the Board at their June 28, 2019, meeting. The 2021-2022 fiscal year will be the third and final year of the contract with Serenic. Our conversion to Oracle is scheduled to take place on July 1, 2021 (Finance) and October 1, 2021 (HR and Payroll). After the 2021-2022 fiscal year, we should not have any further invoices from Serenic Software (Sunpac).

Fiscal Implications:

The annual fee was fixed at \$5.80 per ADM for the term of the three year contract. Based on the projected ADM of 29,275, the fee for 2021-2022 is \$169,795.

Recommendation:

Approval of the final annual payment to Serenic Software (Sunpac) for our core processing system for 2021-2022.

Policy Implications:

Board Policy 8680 – Purchases of Services

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Gary F. Hoskins, CFO and
Associate Superintendent
for Finance and Operations

Department: Finance

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 6/21/2021

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Modern Teacher (K-12) Addendum 1

Type of Item: Consent Action Information

Main Points:

Modern Teacher is a digital platform framework that partners with school districts to modernize learning in the district's transition from traditional classrooms to digital convergence. Gaston County Schools will continue making this district wide transition to modern learning environments in order to create a modern school district in the Conceptual Age of the 21st century which requires higher-order thinking, creative problem solving and synthesizing of knowledge to create new ideas.

Technology Support Services (TSS) would like to add an addendum to the current contract. TSS plans to utilize Modern Teacher for professional development. The current contract was presented by Academic Services and was approved at the April 19, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

Fiscal Implications:

TSS Budget for \$16,250. This is a line item in the current TSS Digital Learning Initiative Grant budget.

Recommendation:

Approve the Modern Teacher contract addendum.

Policy Implications:

None

Strategic Goal Alignment:

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

Submitted by: Aaron W. Slutsky, Chief Technology Officer

Department: TSS

2021 SUMMER CAMP CONTRACT LIST

ASHBROOK		BROOKSIDE		CATAWBA HEIGHTS	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Birstihl	Jesse	Abernathy	Rebecca	Bell	Kaylee
Bradley	Lisa	Addington	Allison	Brooks	Patience
Brigola	Jessica Luz	Berry	Hilary	Clark	Derek
Carruthers	Amy	Brady	Kelli	Cuomo	Michelle
Chimbora	John	Brooks	Kimberly	Doggett	Amy
Collins	Max Andrew	Byrd	Katherine	Lockridge	Andru
Corbett	James	Chapple	Melissa	McCarver	Rebecca
Durham	Augustine	Eaker	Catherine	Mundy	Taylor
Gash	Darryl	Elliott	Christina	Rothwell	Joseph
Gurganus	Kevin	Fore	Victoria	Sellers	Tonya
Hall	Crystal	Harbin	Allison	Shatterly	Julie
Harper	Sheena	Hastings	Deborah	Steelman	Ashlyn
Hipps	Matthew	Howard	Anna	Tant	Jaclyn
Jordan	Richard	Hughes	Terri	Williams	David
Kay	Jennifer	James	Caroline		
Lawson	Victoria	Lawing	Courtney		
Linton	Toni	Leagan	Michelle		
McLean	Sherry	Ledford	Mary		
McDaniel	Sydney	Levan	Madison		
Roberts	Kimberly	Marr	Whitney		
Robinson	Hannah	McNeilly	Kaitlyn		
Rothwell	Ashley	Melton	Jennifer		
Royston	Kelly	Miller	Patrice		
Sparrow	Justin	Motley	Shonte'		
Triplett	Sara	Noval	lauren		
Williams	Danny	Palomino	Karen		
Williams	Stacey Ann	Pegram	Pamela		
Withers	Kevin	Pilgrim	Sandra		
		Ross	Anita		
		Ross	Lorna		
		Rhymer	Anne		
		Rymer	Michael		
		Thornton	Michelle		
		Treacway	Lisa		

GRIER

Last Name	First Name
Adams	Debra
Alinzuas	Romnick
Avery	Antina
Barrett	Mary Beth
Beltram	Stephanie
Booth	Jessica
Brown	Aaron
Carter	Deborah
Cartwright	Altanese
Cloyd	Ray
Costner	Echo
Crowder	Jacquelyn
Culbertson	Jennifer
Davis	Caleigh
Devan	Jordan
Estrada	Rose
Gardner	Tiffany
Hess	Donna
Hughes	Kellie
Janik	Stanley
Kelly	Summer
Laing	Shylane
Lipscomb	Kaela
Mera-Serpa	Carlos
Nesbitt	Lisa
Pace	Catherine
Recinos-Abarca	Abraham
Seay	Travis
Self	Summer
Smith	Camilia
Swayney	Lindsay
Trudnak	Allison
Warren	David
Washington	Tifany
Wild	Emily

LINGERFELDT

Last Name	First Name
Allison	Stephanie
Caldwell	Leslie
Dixon	Angela
Graves	Lane
Hill	Darius
Johnson	Kaylan
Lavender	Kathryne
Leach	Ambra
Leger	Amy
Lombardozzi	Gloria
Moore	Jennifer
Morgan	Starla
Williams	Chelsea

NORTH BELMONT

Last Name	First Name
Armstron	Melissa
Beckford	Sharon
Begay	Clarissa
Crosby	Lexi
Falls	Dharma
Feller	Alexa
Garcia	Madeline
Guyton	Megan
Humphries	Amanda
Parnell	Meredith
Stellato	Kimberly
Suggs	Leah
Vanderford	Samantha

NORTH GASTON

Last Name	First Name
Akins	Elizabeth
Alexander	Kathleen
Bailes	Amanda
Edwards	Juanita
Fletcher	Tiffany
Holt	Chloe
Hughes	Robin
Jordan	Patricia
Knight	Andrew
McAlister	Quanna
Pappas	Emilie
Pope	Emilie
Powers	Matthew
Taylor	Lindsey

SADLER

Last Name	First Name
Booker	Shakika
Franklin	Joylette
Gingles	Angela
Greene	Reshawna
Geoleau	Chelsea
Hall	Crystal
Hall	Jill
Harrington	Loretta
Jones	Quamar
McGinnis	Melissa
Muhammad	Treasure
Ostrom	Meredith
Paciocco	Jordan
Paul	Elaine Kay
Smith	Carolyn
Splawn	Zackery
Timinello	Katie
Walker	Tawana
White	Ebony
Witten	Stephanie

SPRINGFIELD	
Last Name	First Name
Ballard	Christine
Bostic	Morgan
Brewer	Lauren
Brooks	Felicia
Curfman	Abby
Edwards	Angela
Gamble	Latoria
Graham	Miranda
Jennings	Matthew
Kelly	Jessica
Medlin	Page
Parker	Cheryl
Rackley	Jamison
Sylar	Cassie
Sufrinko	Ashley
Summerlin	Wendi
Walker	Reba
York	Melanie

TRYON	
Last Name	First Name
Bailes	Madeline
Beam	Brittany
Bone	Laura
Britton	Laura
Brooks	Lola
Clark	Kristen
Dellinger	Mary Catherine
Gilmore	Elizabeth
Glenn	Yolanda
Glover	Elizabeth
Goode	Quincey
Hay	Darcy
Lubert	Elizabeth
Lytle	Lindsey
Miller	Anna
Potter	Dana
Reams	Jessica
Robinson	Courtney
Smith	Carla
Spangler	Debra
Taylor	Matthew
Thom	Emily
Tucker	Jeremy
Whitworth	Dawn
Womack	Ashley

GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jeff K. Ramsey, Board Chair

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Gary Hoskins, Finance Officer

Date