

**Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting on August 9, 2021**

Members Present:

Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace, Steve Hall, Justin Davis, Dot Cherry, Jeff Ramsey

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded with unanimous approval to adopt minutes as presented for the meeting on July 12, 2021, with no corrections.

Staff shared with the committee information about Ticket Spicket. Ticket Spicket will provide a digital ticketing program for athletic events beginning fall 2021. Dragonfly is providing a digital platform to access athletic forms. The typical forms required by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and Gaston County Schools can be completed through the platform. Over 800 families of student-athletes have created accounts.

Technology Support Services (TSS) updated the committee on the purchase of additional student chromebooks for the Gaston Virtual Academy during the 2021-2022 school year.

The Student Support Services department will apply for a McKinney-Vento sub grant for \$120,000. The grant will provide tutoring at a homeless shelter and additional professional development opportunities for school social workers.

The committee received information about the Superintendent's Leadership Academy and a partnership with Gardner-Webb University.

The Department for Exceptional Children recommended continuing a contract to provide services for visually impaired students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Staff shared information about providing support to Restart schools and all high schools. LMC Leadership Solutions will provide 60 days of professional development to support both areas.

CASE Benchmark Assessments and Canvas have both merged with the Instructure company. CASE will continue providing the benchmark assessments used in high schools. Canvas will continue as the learning management system utilized to support instruction in grades 6-12.

The following items will be on the August 16, 2021, BOE agenda:

Student Chromebook Purchases for Gaston Virtual Academy
Superintendent's Leadership Academy: Gardner-Webb University
Visually Impaired Services- Contract
LMC Leadership Solutions- Contract
Instructure- Contract

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.

The next committee meeting will be on September 9, 2021, in the Central Office boardroom at 12:00 PM.

Submitted by: Lolita Williams

