

**Gaston County Schools  
Board of Education  
Friday, January 15, 2021  
Meeting 8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Friday, January 15, 2021 in the Linda Rader Staff Development Center, 240 Eighth Avenue, Cramerton, NC. The Board of Education meeting was conducted in accordance with social distancing requirements related to the coronavirus pandemic. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff K. Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Kevin Collier, Justin Davis (virtual), Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie (virtual), Steve Hall, Robbie Lovelace and Brent Moore (virtual).

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

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Superintendent Booker wished Mrs. Dot Guthrie a "Happy Birthday".

**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. (9-0)

**Good News – Information**

Superintendent Booker reported that January is National School Board Recognition Month and because our retreat is held in January, we recognize our Board during our regular meeting in February. Due to COVID, we will be recognizing our Board using Channel 21 which will be different than the past.

**Public Expression – Information**

No one signed up for Public Expression.

**Approval/Correction of Minutes**

The Board considered Approval of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of December 21, 2020 as presented was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Steve Hall; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

**School Calendar Proposal 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 – Information**

**School Calendar Proposal — Gaston Early College 2021-2022 – Information**

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Joey Clinton who presented a PowerPoint on School Calendar Committee Recommendations. Discussion followed.

(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. Contracts
  - Temporary DOT Construction Easement
  - Anti-Microbial Air Cleaners

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Steve Hall motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Superintendent Booker thanked Board Members for attending the Retreat.

**Closed Session**

Chairman Ramsey asked the Board to consider going into Closed Session under, N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) Consultation with Attorney and N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 9:10 a.m.

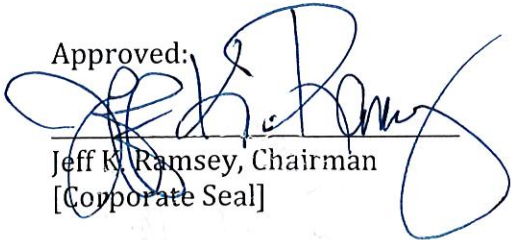
The Board returned to Open Session at 9:39 a.m.

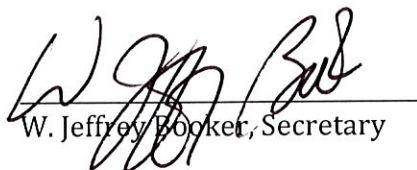
**Adjournment**

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

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Approved:

  
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Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman  
[Corporate Seal]

  
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W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: 2/15/2021











# 2022-2023 Calendar- Draft

**DRAFT**  
**2022-2023**  
**School Calendar**

**JULY**

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