

**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.

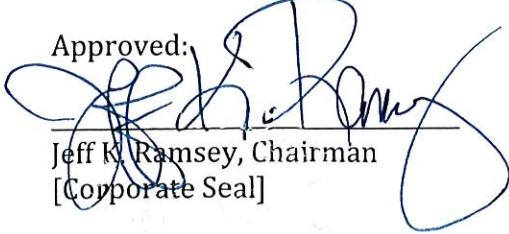
The Board returned to Open Session at 9:39 a.m.

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:


Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]


W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: 2/15/2021

School Calendar Committee Recommendations

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Calendar Committee...Process

October 14, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Presented Calendar Laws NC G.S. 115C-84.2*Began work on Traditional Calendar*Share with School Leadership Teams
November 5, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Shared Traditional Calendar Consensus with Calendar Committee*Share with School Leadership Teams
January 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Made updates based upon committee recommendations.
January 15, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Present to BOE as information

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Calendar Committee...Townships Represented

Gastonia
Lowell
Belmont
Cherryville
Dallas
Mt. Holly
Bessemer City
Cramerton



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Calendar Committee...Positions Represented

Parents	Principals	Communications	Technology Support Services
Community Members	Assistant Principals	Virtual Learning	Academic Services
NCAE Members	Teachers	Other School Staff	Exceptional Children
Finance	Testing	Teacher Assistants	Human Resources



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Calendar Requirements

Days

185 Days or 1,025 Hours

Start/Stop

Start Monday closest to August 26th and end no later than Friday closest to June 11th.

Staff

Teachers: 215 days

Assistants: 215 Days

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Calendar Law Summary

Vacation

Minimum of 10 annual vacation days per year.

Weather

Inclement weather plan must be included.

Holidays

Must contain holidays in accordance with State Personnel Commission for State Employees

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Historical Calendar Practices

Balanced Semesters

Semesters should be balanced to provide appropriate number of instructional days in each semester.



Holiday Breaks (December and April)

Parents and community members look to these breaks to schedule vacation and time away from school.



Scheduled Parent Conferences

Two parent conference days have been schedule with early release for students across all levels.

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2021-2022 Calendar- Draft

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2022-2023 School Calendar

July 4 - Holiday (Independence Day)

August 15 - Holiday (Emancipation Day)

August 26 - **Back to School Night** (6:00-7:30 PM)

September 1 - **First Day of School** (8:00 AM)

September 12 - **Family Fun Fall Conference** (6:00-7:30 PM)

October 1 - **Optimized New Year Workshop** (8:00-9:00 AM)

October 16 - **End of the Year** (12:00 PM)

November 1 - **Thanksgiving** (11:00 AM)

November 15 - **Thanksgiving** (11:00 AM)

November 16 - **Optimized New Year Workshop** (8:00-9:00 AM)

December 1 - **Winter Break** (12:00 PM)

December 22-23 - **Winter Break** (12:00 PM)

December 24 - **Winter Break** (12:00 PM)

December 25 - **Winter Break** (12:00 PM)

December 26 - **Winter Break** (12:00 PM)

December 27 - **Winter Break** (12:00 PM)

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