

**GASTON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR SESSION**



*Shaping Our Future*

**943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054**  
**February 21, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Agenda Adoption

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

**Main Points:**

Consideration of Formal Agenda for Monday, February 21, 2022.

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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943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

Monday, February 21, 2022

5:30 p.m.

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Regular Meeting

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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

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—Any other legal matters.

XVIII. Adjournment

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**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

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**DEPARTMENT:** Communications/Public  
Information Department

**TOPIC: GOOD NEWS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF:** February 2022

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1. **Gaston County Schools** had more than 100 students participate in the all-county high school band clinic on February 11-12 at **Ashbrook High School**. Students were chosen for the band clinic through an audition process. Barry Howard from Belmont Abbey College conducted the symphonic band, and Dr. Dawn Price from Wingate University conducted the wind ensemble.
2. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** hosted the South Central All-District Band Clinic, which featured more than 300 outstanding student musicians from across the Charlotte region. The following students from **Gaston County Schools** were chosen for the all-district band: **Jerry Bradley, South Point High School; Mattie Grace Branham, Aaron Hollar, and Hayden Dillard, East Gaston High School; Bailey Dugan, Cherryville High School; Josh Lindsay and Hailey Royall, Stuart W. Cramer High School; Matthew Loudon and Ruby Ruiz, W.C. Friday Middle School; and Jackson Smith, Forestview High School**. Additionally, **Belmont Middle School** band director **Carrie Lineberger** served as one of the conductors.
3. The “Do the Right Thing” award winners for February are **Carson Walters, Carr Elementary; Teverean Steele, Gardner Park Elementary; Ariel Pagan, York Chester Middle; and Riley Royer, Bessemer City High School**.
4. Students at **Belmont Central Elementary, Brookside Elementary, Cherryville Elementary, Costner Elementary, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy, Page Primary, Sadler Elementary, and Woodhill Elementary** celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing as centenarians.
5. The **Gaston County Schools** Academic Services Department was nominated for the Modern Curriculum of the Year Award, which was presented during the North Carolina Digital Convergence Conference. In addition, **Dr. Jill Payne**, executive director for student support services, was nominated for the Change Management Principal of the Year honor in recognition of effective leadership to bring the district’s instructional model to life in classrooms.
6. **Gaston County Schools** was honored during the N.C. School Public Relations Association’s Blue Ribbon Awards virtual ceremony on February 11. The district received five awards in the electronic media, excellence in writing, and image/graphic design categories in recognition of some of the Communications Department’s quality work over the past year.

7. The following elementary students earned awards at the Gaston Regional Science and Engineering Fair: **Maddox Jennings, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, Duke Energy Elementary Division Winner; **Xane Chandler, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, Schiele Award of the Earth, **Gracie Coleman, Costner Elementary**, Belmont Abbey Future Scientist Award; **Reagan Lankford, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, third place in environmental science; **Xane Chandler, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, second place in environmental science; **Christian Dean, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, first place in environmental science; **Iris Ritter and Abigail Yost, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**; third place in biological science; **Riley Doran, Belmont Central Elementary**, second place in biological science; **Ella Clanton and Alexandria Otis, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, first place in biological science; **Connor Abernathy and Anderson West, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, third place in chemistry; **Nixon Sipe, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, second place in chemistry; **Sophia Markwith, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, first place in chemistry; **Mason McCarey and Liam Luksa, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, third place in physics; **Kai Gaut, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, second place in physics; and **Gus Barone and Finn McMinn, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**, first place in physics.
8. The following middle school students earned awards at the Gaston Regional Science and Engineering Fair: **Samantha Franke, Stanley Middle**, Duke Energy Middle School Division Winner; **Abigail Stephens, Stanley Middle**, Junior Naval Science Award and third place in environmental science; **Samuel Cadle, Stanley Middle**, second place in environmental science; **Jillian Schultheis, Stanley Middle**, first place in environmental science; **Trevor Goff, Belmont Middle**, first place in biological science; **Lizzy-Jane Ross, Stanley Middle**, third place in chemistry; **Adria Radermacher and Akira Biggs, Bessemer City Middle**, second place in chemistry; **Lillyan Wall, Stanley Middle**, first place in chemistry; **Tristy Williams, Stanley Middle**, second place in physics; and **Zuha Shaikh and Wasil Mustafa Shaikh, Stanley Middle**, first place in physics.
9. The following high school students earned awards at the Gaston Regional Science and Engineering Fair: **Sidney Hare, Gaston Early College High School**, Duke Energy High School Division Winner; **Heba Patel, Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences**, Senior Naval Science Award; **James Gunter, Forestview High School**, second place in environmental science; **Tate Smith and Evan Friday, Forestview High School**, first place in environmental science; **Sadie Morton, Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences**, third place in biological science; **Hannah Mullis, East Gaston High School**; second place in biological science; **Andre Gaddy, Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences**, first place in biological science; **Kelly Smith and Zoe Deo, Stuart W. Cramer High School**, first place in chemistry; and **Abrianna Risner, Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences**, first place in physics.
10. The **Gaston County Schools** Communications Department began distribution in January of the 2022 edition of the “Gaston County Schools Storybook.” The publication features “good news” stories about students, teachers, and alumni.
11. **Hawks Nest STEAM Academy, Pleasant Ridge Elementary, and Stanley Middle School** participated in the 2022 Modern Teacher national convention held in Charlotte.

12. **Ashbrook High School** student **Teagan Motes** received honorable mention in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his editorial cartoon titled “Record Breaking.”
13. **Ashbrook High School** senior **Labron Dockery** finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke competition at the 3A state swimming championship.
14. The following student-athletes signed a National Letter of Intent to play college sports: **Jake Beaty, South Point High School**, Florence-Darlington Technical College; **Trent Dockery, Highland School of Technology**, Wingate University; **Nakoa Goins, East Gaston High School**, Averett College; **Justin Hill, East Gaston High School**, Emory and Henry College; **Arias Nash, Stuart W. Cramer High School**; Mercer University; **Jaycob Neely, Forestview High School**; Gardner-Webb University; **Jacob Patterson, South Point High School**, Gardner-Webb University; **Chloe Ratliff, South Point High School**, Limestone University; **Camury Reid, Forestview High School**, Western Carolina University; **Matthew Walker, South Point High School**, Limestone University; **Luke Whitted, Highland School of Technology**, Catawba College; **Brale Hamilton, Stuart W. Cramer High School**, Gaston College; and **Dameian Bentley, Stuart W. Cramer High School**, Methodist University.
15. **W.A. Bess Elementary** fifth graders participated in the career awareness program sponsored by the **Gaston County Schools** Career and Technical Education Department. The students were taught how to take temperatures and blood pressure readings, check a pulse, and perform CPR properly.
16. The **W.A. Bess Elementary** student council sponsored a “Hats for Hearts” fundraiser and collected \$270 for Holy Angels.
17. **Belmont Middle School** eighth grader **Brianna Armstrong** and **Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences** sophomore **Emma Burger** were featured in a “Why I Love NC Public Schools” video sponsored by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction with support from the N.C. School Public Relations Association.
18. **Bessemer City High School** students **Riley Royer** and **Lacey Pettry** along with school resource officer **Jeff Thompson** collected blankets and toiletry items for the Salvation Army in Gastonia.
19. **Bessemer City High School** collected 3,074 nonperishable food items for the Bessemer City Crisis Center.
20. **Bessemer City High School** organized an exhibit in the Beam Gallery at Gaston College that featured artwork by the following students: **Emily Hurst, Amarion Knox, Teniyah Little, Elaysia Fleming, Lilly Arrowood, Guadalupe Perez-Velazquez, Kayla Becraft, Ke-Shyne Roary, Jasmine De La Cruz Vargas**, and **Tori Johnson**. **Pamela Underwood** is the school’s art teacher.
21. Officers with the Gaston County Police Department played in a staff versus students basketball game at **Bessemer City Middle School**. The officers helped make the basketball game, which was part of the school’s positive behavior program, a big success.



22. **Bessemer City Primary** held a Title I program on Zoom that gave students an opportunity to learn about new reading games to play at home with their family members.
23. **Carr Elementary** second grader **Carson Walters** collected 150 items for the school's "Toiletries Bags for the Homeless" campaign to support the Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry. He donated scarves, gloves, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, hats, and baby wipes. In total, the school was able to provide 70 bags.
24. **Catawba Heights Elementary** teacher **Tyler White** achieved the prestigious National Board Certification.
25. **Chapel Grove Elementary** conducted a "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association. The school raised a total of \$2,490.93. Kindergarten student **Carson Jenkins** raised \$630.91. Physical education teacher **Ben Harris** coordinated the fundraiser.
26. **John Chavis Middle School** received a \$16,000 donation from Elevation Church to enhance the day-to-day school experience for students.
27. **Cherryville High School** coach **Scott Harrill** earned his 400th career win, making him the winningest basketball coach in Gaston County.
28. The **Cherryville High School** cheerleaders won the North Carolina Cheerleading Coaches Association (NCCCA) small division two championship.
29. The following **Cramerton Middle School** students received awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program: **Justice Rivera**, gold key; **Tiffany McIntire**, silver key; and **Aruzhan Suleimenova**, honorable mention. **Brenda Bradley** is the art teacher.
30. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** junior **Alexis Willis** won the triple jump at the indoor track and field state championship. She also placed third in the long jump.
31. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** senior **Nathan Saysomvang** received his certification as an emergency medical responder through the North Carolina Office of EMS.
32. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** senior **Sean Brabham** and **Forestview High School** senior **Zion Dockery** were selected for an internship with GSM Services.
33. **East Gaston High School** held a blood drive on January 28 and collected 26 units.
34. **East Gaston High School** junior **Jake Simpson** placed fourth in the 100-yard backstroke and seventh in the 200-yard freestyle events at the 1A/2A state swimming championship.
35. **East Gaston High School** sophomore **Zoe Gambino** was chosen to serve as Miss Mount Holly's Outstanding Teen 2022. She will represent the Mount Holly community this June at the Miss North Carolina's Outstanding Teen competition in High Point.

36. **Forestview High School** senior **Samantha Bolton** advanced to the final round of admission interviews at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
37. **Forestview High School** freshman **Tristan Peyton** placed third in the 100-yard backstroke event at the 3A state swimming championship.
38. **Forestview High School** senior **Maggie Lu** was the state-level winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) good citizen essay contest.
39. **Sharidan Costner**, a 2020 graduate of **Forestview High School**, was crowned Miss Gastonia 2022. Currently a student at Winston-Salem State University majoring in exercise science, she will compete for the title of Miss North Carolina in June.
40. **Gardner Park Elementary** held its traditional “Cinderella Ball” for kindergarten students on February 14.
41. Dr. Sravan Panuganti of Carolina Urology Partners presented a personal check in the amount of \$1,500 to support the new **Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences**. He made the presentation to principal **Beverley Bowman** and spent more than 30 minutes talking with the students about the medical field.
42. **Hawks Nest STEAM Academy** second grade teacher **Dara Presnell** and **Stanley Middle School** teacher **Alice Ballard** were finalists for the Personalized Learning Classroom of the Year Award, which was presented at the 2022 North Carolina Digital Convergence Conference. The honor recognizes teachers for implementing personalized learning strategies and creating a learner-centered culture.
43. **Highland School of Technology** senior **Asher Neumann** won the 1A/2A 200-meter freestyle state championship and placed sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke event.
44. **Highland School of Technology** senior **Lauren Tolbert** set a new 1A/2A state indoor track meet record by placing first in the 1000-meter run and winning the state championship.
45. **Hunter Huss High School** senior **Allison Kimmel** placed fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke event at the 3A state championship.
46. **Pinewood Elementary** held a drive-thru “Winter Wonderland Reading Night” for parents to pick up reading resources tailored to their child’s needs.
47. **Pleasant Ridge Elementary** held a virtual ceremony and inducted 29 students into the school’s Junior Beta Club. **Superintendent of Schools W. Jeffrey Booker** shared remarks and congratulated the students during the virtual program.
48. The **Pleasant Ridge Elementary** “ROARing Panther Drumline” performed at the 2022 North Carolina Digital Convergence Conference.

49. **Sherwood Elementary** fifth graders were chosen to be the first to participate in a **Gaston County Schools** Career and Technical Education (CTE) electrical pilot program. Students helped light up a CTE sign by learning how to strip wire and join them together with wire nuts, thus seeing electrical circuits in action.
50. **South Point High School** junior **Davis Adcock** finished fifth in the 200-yard individual medley and second in the 100-yard backstroke at the 3A state swimming championship.
51. **Stanley Middle School** choral teacher **Nyi Nyi Myin** is this year's recipient of the Colleen Kirk Award, which is presented to new and aspiring choral conductors who are members of American Choral Directors Association.
52. The **Webb Street School** food pantry received a \$2,000 donation from the Gaston County Police Department's "No Shave November" and "Don't Shave December" charity fundraisers.
53. **York Chester Middle School** students participated in the Valentine's Day Kindness Project. Students handmade Valentine's cards that were delivered to three nursing homes.
54. The **York Chester Middle School** Student of the Month award winners were **Bruno Mendez-Perez, Ny'Sier Dawkins, Emmeron Palma-Mayo, and Zamarius Gladden.**
55. **York Chester Middle School** hosted the "Lift Every Voice and Sing" program on February 17 in celebration of Black History Month. The event featured an African drumming group and special performances by the York Chester band and chorus.

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Approval/Correction of Minutes

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

**Main Points:**

Approval of Minutes of:

January 13, 2022

January 28, 2022

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  
Thursday, January 13, 2022  
Meeting 4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Thursday, January 13, 2022 in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. Additionally, 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, Steve Hall (absent), Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace and Brent Moore.

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 4:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation**

Superintendent Booker requested a moment of silence as we acknowledge the life and legacy of three people who had profound influence on public education in Gaston County. We are saddened to learn of the passing of Bill Seabrook, George McSwain and Ken Ratchford, all of whom gave many years of dedicated service to Gaston County Schools. Mr. Seabrook was a loyal member of the Board of Education and also served as Chairman. Mr. Ratchford served as an Assistant Superintendent and Dr. McSwain was our Superintendent of schools in the 1980s.

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**

Superintendent Booker shared Good News items.

(View PowerPoint)

**Public Expression – Information**

Mayor Rick Coleman – Town of Dallas

210 N. Holland Street

Dallas, NC 28034

RE: Residential growth impacts on area schools

Although Mayor Rick Coleman completed the Request to Speak Form, Mayor Rick Coleman did not appear at the meeting

Monica Powell-Cupid  
3515 Canyon Live Oak Court  
Gastonia, NC 28054

RE: Regulate Mask Mandate

Although Monica Powell-Cupid completed the Request to Speak Form, Monica Powell-Cupid did not appear at the meeting

Cindy Scruggs Johnson  
123 Doster Hight Place  
Mt. Holly, NC 28120

RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Although Cindy Scruggs Johnson completed the Request to Speak Form, Cindy Scruggs Johnson did not appear at the meeting

Amanda Memrick  
104 Timber Ridge Road  
Belmont, NC 28012  
RE: Regulate Mask Mandate

### **Approval/Correction of Minutes**

The Board considered Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of December 20, 2021 as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Kevin Collier; motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

### **COVID-19 Update – Information**

Chairman Ramsey recognized Superintendent Booker who introduced Mr. Steve Eaton, Public Health Director Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services. Mr. Eaton presented a PowerPoint on COVID-19 Data & Trends.

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Jill Payne who presented a PowerPoint on COVID-19 Update. Discussion followed.

### **Action on Whether to Maintain or Amend the Board's Current Face Covering Policy as Required by S.L. 2021-130 – Action**

#### **Motion**

The Motion was made by Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Mr. Justin Davis that the Board

**Approve that masks are optional for Gaston County Schools for all students, staff and visitors on all campuses until our next Board of Education Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022.**

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried (4-3)

(Mr. Dedmon, Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Lovelace opposed motion) (Chairman Ramsey did not vote)

(View PowerPoints)

### **Acceptance of the June 30, 2021 Compliance Report - Action**

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who reported that Anderson Smith and Wike PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, have completed their compliance report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Mr. Hoskins reviewed the report. Discussion followed.

### **Motion**

Motion was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore that the Board

### **Approve the Acceptance of the June 30, 2021 Compliance Report**

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (8-0)

(View Compliance Report)

### **Consent Agenda – Action**

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Roof Replacement Design — Forestview High School
- E. Dump Truck Purchase
- F. Annual Payment — CherryRoad Technologies
- G. Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2022
- H. Contracts
  - The Stepping Stones Group — Contract Addendum Student Specific Nurses
  - Modern Teacher (K-12) — Contract Addendum
  - Scribbles Software
  - BrightStar Care — Budget Addendum

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

### **Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Booker thanked the Communications Department for producing and publishing our 2022 Gaston County Schools Storybook.

Superintendent Booker announced that today was the first payroll for classified employees under the new School Business Modernization Program required by the General Assembly. We are making progress with the new system and we appreciate everyone's patience.

Superintendent Booker announced that School Choice billboards are around town. The School Choice Fair will be held on Saturday, January 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Gastonia Conference Center and is free to attend. School choice options are grouped into six Academy areas that focus on careers, college prep, health sciences, leadership, public service and technology and industrial engineering.

Superintendent Booker announced the Gaston Regional Science & Engineering Fair will be held on Friday, January 21 and Saturday, January 22 at the Schiele Museum. Special thanks to Duke Energy for being our sponsor of this event.



Superintendent Booker announced our Marching Band Fanfare programs are airing this week and next week on Channel 21. The Marching Band Fanfare was held last fall, and our Communications Department recorded the performances and developed two excellent programs.

Superintendent Booker reminded everyone that Monday is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. There will be no school for students and employees on that date.

Superintendent Booker announced that staff is very aware of the weather forecast for this weekend and if it becomes necessary to delay or close school on Tuesday, we will use our traditional communication methods to let everyone know.

Chairman Ramsey wished Mrs. Guthrie a "Happy Birthday".

### **Closed Session**

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

Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Mr. Justin Davis; motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:09 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:23 p.m.

### **Motion**

The Motion was made by Mr. Justin Davis; seconded by Mr. Kevin Collier that the Board

**Approve Executive Director of Exceptional Children's Programs effective March 1, 2022 for:**

Stacy Huffman

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (8-0)

### **Adjournment**

All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Justin Davis motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Approved:

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Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman  
[Corporate Seal]

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W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gaston County Schools  
Board of Education  
Friday, January 28, 2022  
Meeting 9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Gaston County Board of Education held its annual retreat on Friday, January 28, 2022 in the Linda Rader Staff Development Center, 240 Eighth Avenue, Cramerton, NC. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff K. Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Kevin Collier, Justin Davis, Steve Hall (absent), Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace and Brent Moore.

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker, 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 9:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Chairman Ramsey recognized Superintendent Booker who presented a PowerPoint on Opening Presentation. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Chairman Ramsey recognized Rebekka Powers who presented a PowerPoint on Strategic Planning. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on School Business Systems Modernization. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on Budget. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Morgen Houchard who presented a PowerPoint on Safety and Security. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Morgen Houchard who presented a PowerPoint on Bond and Capital Projects. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Morgen Houchard who presented a PowerPoint on Transportation. Discussion occurred.

(View PowerPoint)

Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Melissa Balknight who presented a PowerPoint on Academic Services. Discussion followed.

Academic Services team presented "Learner Profile" as a group activity.

(View PowerPoint)

Superintendent Booker reported the following:

We are in the planning stages with our delegates to schedule a virtual meeting.

The calendar shows committee meetings for February. Operations Committee's date is to be determined and the C&I Committee will meet on Thursday, February 10 at noon.

Our new payroll system will be a challenge but we will continue to work through this challenge.

The House Select Committee on an Educational System for North Carolina's Future was formed in the House. Representative John Torbett along with Representative Blackwell are the chairs and they had their first meeting this week.

We continue to be a leader with our Career and Technical Education (CTE). Even with COVID we are still having virtual job fairs, career fairs and business fairs. A lot of positive things with CTE have occurred in the face of COVID.

Our proms and graduation will be upon us soon. Schools are planning their proms now.

Chairman Ramsey thanked Board Members for attending the Retreat and staff for all of their work that went into preparing for the retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Approved:

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Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman  
[Corporate Seal]

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W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved:

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## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**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:** Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker

**Department:** Superintendent

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Action on Whether to Maintain or Amend the Board's Current Face Covering Policy as Required by S.L. 2021-130

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

### **Main Points:**

On August 30, 2021, Governor Cooper signed Session Law 2021-130 (Senate Bill 654). Called "An Act to Provide Relief to Public Schools in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic," the law aims to address concerns in school systems related to the ongoing pandemic.

In accordance with the law, the Board of Education will vote at least once a month during the 2021-2022 academic year on whether the face covering policy should be modified.

On January 13, 2022, the Gaston County Board of Education voted to make the face covering (masks) requirement optional for everyone (students, staff, parents, and visitors) inside all Gaston County Schools facilities.

The face covering (masks) requirement is mandated by federal guidance on buses regardless of vaccination status.

The action was approved and implemented immediately.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

### **Recommendation:**

Continue supporting Health Services' management of COVID-19 responsibilities and consider information regarding COVID-19's current impact on Gaston County Schools and the community.

### **Policy Implications:**

N/A

### **Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

**Submitted by:** Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker

**Department:** Superintendent's Office

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Calendar Update 2021-2022

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

### **Main Points:**

Gaston County Schools (GCS) experienced an inclement weather day on January 18, 2022. Because of extreme winter weather, impact of road conditions, and below freezing temperatures a cancelation of school was implemented in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and employees.

During the 2021-2022 school year, Gaston County Schools has canceled school or implemented remote learning on the following days:

January 18, 2022 School cancelation for students and 10-month and 11-month employees. Twelve-month employees had the option of a two-hour delay.

January 19, 2022 Remote learning day for all students and teachers. Twelve-month employees had the option of a two-hour delay.

January 21, 2022 Remote learning day for all students and teachers. Twelve-month employees had the option of a two-hour delay.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

### **Recommendation:**

Board discussion and action is requested regarding how to address the missed school day.

### **Policy Implications:**

N/A

### **Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

**Submitted by:** Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker

**Department:** Superintendent



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# 2021-2022 School Calendar



## CALENDAR DATES

July 5 ..... Holiday (Independence Day)  
 August 11-13 ..... Optional Teacher Workdays  
 August 16-20 ..... Mandated Teacher Workdays  
 August 23 ..... Students' First Day  
 September 6 ..... Holiday (Labor Day)  
 October 7 ..... Parent-Teacher Conferences  
 (All Grade Levels)  
 Early Dismissal for Students  
 October 8 ..... Optional Teacher Workday  
 October 20 ..... End of First 9-Week Grading Period  
 October 28 ..... 9-Week Report Cards Distributed  
 November 11 ..... Holiday (Veterans Day)  
 November 24 ..... Optional Teacher Workday  
 November 25-26 ..... Holidays (Thanksgiving)  
 December 21 .. End of Second 9-Week Grading Period  
 December 22 ..... Optional Teacher Workday  
 December 23-24 ..... Holidays (Winter)  
 December 27 ..... Holiday (Winter)  
 December 28-30 ..... Student Holidays  
 Teacher Annual Leave  
 December 31 ..... Holiday (New Year's Day)  
 January 3-5 ..... Student Holidays  
 Teacher Annual Leave  
 January 6-7 ..... Mandated Teacher Workdays  
 January 13 ..... 9-Week Report Cards Distributed  
 January 17 ..... Holiday (Martin Luther King Day)  
 February 21 ..... Optional Teacher Workday  
 March 10 ..... Parent-Teacher Conferences  
 (All Grade Levels)  
 Early Dismissal for Students  
 March 11 ..... Optional Teacher Workday  
 March 16 ..... End of Third 9-Week Grading Period  
 March 24 ..... 9-Week Report Cards Distributed  
 April 15 ..... Holiday (Spring)  
 April 18-21 ..... Student Holidays  
 Teacher Annual Leave  
 April 22 ..... Optional Teacher Workday  
 May 30 ..... Holiday (Memorial Day)  
 June 1 ..... Students' Last Day  
 Early Dismissal  
 June 2-3 ..... Mandated Teacher Workdays  
 June 4 ..... Graduation Day  
 June 6-7 ..... Optional Teacher Workdays

**Inclement Weather Makeup Days**  
 December 22 February 21 March 11  
 April 22 April 21 April 20 April 19

*The Board of Education reserves the right to use early release days and Saturdays as makeup days for inclement weather. The Board may add days of employment to end of the school year.*

*Testing dates will be added to the calendar later when they are determined by the state.*

## Calendar Key

- Holiday
- Mandated Teacher Workday
- First/Last Day of School
- Optional Teacher Workday
- Teacher Annual Leave
- 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
- Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students

# Gaston County Schools

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*The Board of Education approved the 2021-2022 calendar on March 15, 2021. It may be necessary for the Board to amend the calendar if the state calendar law changes.*

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### JANUARY

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## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Operations Committee Report

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

**Main Points:**

The Gaston County Board of Education's Operations Committee meets on a periodic basis to discuss operations-related projects and issues. An Operations Committee member will present a report to the Board summarizing the Committee's discussions and recommendations occurring at their last meeting.

**Fiscal Implications:**

None

**Recommendation:**

None

**Policy Implications:**

The Board will be informed of Operations Committee discussions and information.

**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



## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Mental Health Services

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

### **Main Points:**

Update compliance with Social and Emotional Learning and School Mental Health State Board of Education Policy SHLT 003. This policy requires each Public School Unit (PSU) to develop a local improvement plan for promoting student health and well-being. A targeted school improvement plan was presented to the Board of Education on May 17, 2021, outlining the support for social emotional learning and school mental health of all students and staff in Gaston County Schools.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Continue to identify resources needed to support the plan as it develops. Staff will evaluate resources and seek BOE approval as required.

### **Recommendation:**

Continue compliance with State Board of Education Policy SHLT 003.

### **Policy Implications:**

Following SBOE Policy SHLT 003

### **Strategic Goal Alignment:**

Goal 3. Every employee is capable and committed to the education of the whole child.

**Submitted by:** Jill S. Payne,  
Executive Director of Student Support Services

**Department:** Academic Services

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Portrait of a Graduate

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

**Main Points:**

Gaston County Schools continues to “inspire success and a lifetime of learning”. This summer Academic Services will support schools, K-12, to identify student career goals at an early age with their families.

**Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

Continue to support students' career goals.

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

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

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**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. Contracts
  - Hunter Huss High School Pavement Improvements
  - Gardner Park Elementary Pavement Improvements
  - Catawba Heights Elementary Pavement Improvements
  - East Gaston High School Pavement Improvements
  - High School Sports Field Upgrades
  - Sale of Surplus Real Property — Dallas, NC
  - Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Plan

**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:** 2/21/2022

**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:** 2/21/2022

**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 2021-22 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**

**2021-2022 Budget Resolution - January**  
**Transfers Between Functions**

**State Public School Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services	4,972	
5800	School-Based Support Services	89	
6400	Technology Support Services		5,061

5,061	5,061
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Explanation: These transfers adjust budgeted amounts per requests from fund managers/principals.

**Gaston County Schools**  
**Changes in Appropriations**

**2021-2022 Budget Resolution - January**  
**Transfers Between Functions**

**Local Current Expense Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services		41,312
5400	School Leadership Services		1
5500	Co-Curricular Services		8,022
5800	School-Based Support Services		36,406
6100	Support and Development Services		33
6400	Technology Support Services	29,446	
6800	System-Wide Pupil Support Services	109,039	
6900	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services		43,746
7200	Nutrition Services		8,965
		<u>138,486</u>	<u>138,486</u>

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



**Gaston County Schools**  
**Changes in Appropriations**

**2021-2022 Budget Resolution - January**  
**Transfers Between Functions**

**Federal Grants Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5300	Alternative Programs and Services	35,062	
5800	School-Based Support Services		35,062
		<u>35,062</u>	<u>35,062</u>

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

**Gaston County Schools**  
**Changes in Appropriations**

**2021-2022 Budget Resolution - January**  
**Transfers Between Functions**

**Restricted Grants Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5200	Special Population Services		2,500
6500	Operational Support Services	2,500	
		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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

**Gaston County Schools  
Changes in Appropriations**

**2021-2022 Budget Resolution - January  
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		(4,881,630)
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	(4,881,630)	
		This amendment budgets and adjusts the Classroom Teachers allotment - Allotment Revision #34 FY22 (PRC001)		
2	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		65,645
	7200	Nutrition Services	65,645	
		This amendment budgets Central Office Administration allotment - Allotment Revision #20 FY22 (PRC002)		
3	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		323,356
	6500	Operational Support Services	323,356	
		This amendment budgets the Non-Instructional Support - Allotment Revision #20 FY22 (PRC003)		
4	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(1,000,000)
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	(1,000,000)	
		This amendment budgets and adjusts the K-5 Program Enhancement allotment - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC004)		
5	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		378,297
	5400	School Leadership Services	378,297	
		This amendment budgets School Building Administration allotment - Allotment Revision #35 FY22 (PRC005)		
6	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(300,605)
	5800	School-Based Support Services	(300,605)	
		This amendment budgets the Instructional Support allotment - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC007)		

# State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
7	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		626,853
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	257,610	
	5200	Special Population Services	52,194	
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	36,858	
	5400	School Leadership Services	65,980	
	5800	School-Based Support Services	96,348	
	6100	Support and Development Services	16,354	
	6200	Special Population Support and Development Services	6,933	
	6300	Alternative Programs and Services - Support and Development Ser	720	
	6500	Operational Support Services	51,824	
	6600	Financial and Human Resource Services	32,290	
	6700	Accountability Services	4,594	
	6800	System-Wide Pupil Support Services	3,950	
	6900	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services	1,199	
	This amendment budgets the Non-Contributory Employee Benefits allotment FY22 (PRC009)			
8	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		285,652
	5200	Special Population Services	285,652	
	This amendment budgets the Career and Technical Education (CTE) - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC013)			
9	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		269,419
	5800	School-Based Support Services	269,419	
	This amendment budgets the School Technology allotment - Allotment Revision #28 FY22 (PRC015)			
10	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		29,320
	5200	Special Population Services	29,320	
	This amendment budgets the Disadvantaged Student allotment - Allotment Revision #28 FY22 (PRC024)			
11	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		440,131
	5200	Special Population Services	440,131	
	This amendment budgets the Teacher Assistants allotment - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC027)			

# State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
12	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(9,907)
	6600	Financial and Human Resource Services	(9,907)	
		This amendment budgets the Low Wealth Supplemental allotment - Allotment Revision #28 FY22 (PRC031)		
13	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		288,991
	5200	Special Population Services	288,991	
		This amendment budgets the Children with Special Needs (DEC) allotment - Allotment Revision #20 FY22 (PRC032)		
14	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		46,709
	5200	Special Population Services	46,709	
		This amendment budgets the Academically & Intellectually (AIG) allotment - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC034)		
15	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		221,600
	5200	Special Population Services	221,600	
		This amendment budgets the School Resource Officers (SRO) allotment - Allotment Revision #11 FY22 (PRC039)		
16	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		44,083
	5200	Special Population Services	44,083	
		This amendment budgets the Limited English (LEP) allotment - Allotment Revision #11 FY22 (PRC054)		
17	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(8,600)
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	(8,600)	
		This amendment budgets the Cooperative Innovative High allotment - Allotment Revision #28 FY22 (PRC055)		
18	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		1,075,787
	6500	Operational Support Services	1,075,787	
		This amendment budgets the Transportation allotment - Allotment Revision #28 FY29 & 30 (PRC056)		

# State Public School Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
19	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		36,732
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	36,732	
		This amendment budgets the Classroom Instructional Materials allotment - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC061)		
20	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		16,152
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	16,152	
		This amendment budgets the At-Risk Student Alternative Services allotment - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC069)		
21	3200	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(203,175)
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	(203,175)	
		This amendment budgets the Textbook allotment - Allotment Revision #25 FY22 (PRC130)		

## Total State Public School Fund Amendments

2,237,440	2,237,440
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**Gaston County Schools  
Changes in Appropriations**

**2021-2022 Budget Resolution - January  
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue**

**Federal Current Expense Fund**

			Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
#	Function	Description		
1	3600	Federal Revenue		65,000
	5200	Special Population Services	65,000	
		This amendment budgets funds for the Language Acquisition (LEP) Grant - FY22 (PRC104)		
2	3600	Federal Revenue		120,000
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	114,829	
	8100	Payments to Other Governmental Units	5,171	
		This amendment budgets funds for the ESSER III - Homeless Grant - FY22 (PRC183)		
<b>Total Local Current Expense Fund Account</b>			<u>185,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>

**Gaston County Schools  
Changes in Appropriations**

**2021-2022 Budget Resolution - January  
Proposed Expenditures and Sources of Revenue**

**Restricted Grants Fund**

#	Function	Description	Expense	
			Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		3,210
	6100	Support and Development Services	3,210	
	This amendment budgets the Staff Development funds for FY22 (PRC0549)			
2	4800	Local Sources - Restricted	3,000	3,000
	5800	School-Based Support Services		
	This amendment budgets the Social Workers funds for FY22 (PRC601)			
3	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		52,007
	6500	Operational Support Services	52,007	
	This amendment budgets the Duke Energy Grant funds for FY22 (PRC883)			
4	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		50,000
	6800	System-Wide Pupil Support Services	50,000	
	This amendment budgets the Local Records Request fee funds for FY22 (PRC700)			
			<u>108,217</u>	<u>108,217</u>

**Total Restricted Grants Fund Amendments**



## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**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
02-21-22	NONE				

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 2/21/2022

**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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Hunter Huss High School Pavement Improvements

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

### **Main Points:**

Hunter Huss High School's pavement and parking lots are in need of repair and replacement. There continues to be holes, cracks and uneven areas with the paved surfaces even after multiple attempts to repair. REI Engineers have recommended rebuilding the parking lots from the sub-grade level to eliminate continuing problems.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Three bids were received with Quinn Sales, Inc., submitting the lowest bid at \$736,407. We will be using proceeds from the School Bond Interest for this project.

### **Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends Board authorization to move forward with the Hunter Huss High School pavement improvement project.

### **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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Gardner Park Elementary Pavement Improvements

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

### **Main Points:**

Gardner Park Elementary School's parking lots are beyond repair and needs to be replaced. There continues to be holes, cracks and uneven areas with the paved surfaces even after multiple attempts to repair. REI Engineers has recommended rebuilding the parking lots from the sub-grade level to eliminate continuing problems.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Three bids were received with Quinn Sales, Inc., submitting the lowest bid at \$340,921. Proceeds from the School Bond Interest will be used for this project.

### **Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends Board authorization to move forward with the Gardner Park Elementary School pavement improvement project.

### **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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Catawba Heights Elementary Pavement Improvements

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

### **Main Points:**

Catawba Heights Elementary School's pavement and parking lots are beyond repair and need to be replaced. There continues to be holes, cracks and uneven areas with the paved surfaces even after multiple attempts to repair. REI Engineers has recommended rebuilding the parking lots from the sub-grade level to eliminate continuing problems.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Four bids were received with Quinn Sales, Inc., submitting the lowest bid at \$140,443. We will be using proceeds from the School Bond Interest for this project.

### **Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends Board authorization to move forward with the Catawba Heights Elementary School pavement improvement project.

### **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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** East Gaston High School Pavement Improvements

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

### **Main Points:**

East Gaston High School's gravel parking lot needs to be replaced with pavement. REI Engineers has recommended rebuilding the parking lot from the sub-grade level and paving versus gravel, installing a sidewalk, curb, and gutter.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Four bids were received with Carolina Asphalt submitting the lowest bid at \$152,500. We will be using proceeds from the 2018 School Bond for this project.

### **Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends Board authorization to move forward with the East Gaston High School pavement improvement project.

### **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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** High School Sports Field Upgrades

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

**Main Points:**

Our high school sports fields need turf improvements to help create refreshed playing surfaces for our student athletes. The scope of work includes a softball field renovation at Bessemer City High, a football field renovation at East Gaston High, a softball field lip removal at North Gaston High, and sand top dressings at Ashbrook, Cherryville, Forestview, Hunter Huss, South Point, and Stuart Cramer High.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Three bids were received with LandMasters submitting the lowest bid at \$260,719. Local funds will be used for this project.

**Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends Board authorization to proceed with the listed upgrades to various high school athletic fields.

**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:** 2/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Sale of Surplus Real Property — Dallas, NC

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

### **Main Points:**

Gaston County Schools obtained a single-family residential dwelling, located at 425 Ridge Street in Dallas, NC, through a court order. The property was deemed unnecessary and undesirable for school purposes and declared surplus property by the Board of Education on August 16, 2021. The Gaston County Board of Commissioners were given the first right of refusal and authorized the Board of Education to sell. The property was listed to sell with the minimum bid set at the current tax value of \$126,310 and utilized an upset bid process. An offer to purchase the property was received on January 28, 2022, for \$126,310. As required for the upset bid process, advertisements ran in the Charlotte Observer from February 2<sup>nd</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>. No upset bids were received.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Sell the surplus property located at 425 Ridge Street in Dallas, NC for \$126,310.

### **Recommendation:**

Approve contract to sell the property at 425 Ridge Street in Dallas, NC for a purchase price of \$126,310; and authorize the Superintendent, with advice of legal counsel, to sign the contract and all closing documents needed to complete the sale of the property

### **Policy Implications:**

General Statute 115C-518 Article 12 of Chapter 160A

### **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:** 02/21/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Plan

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

### **Main Points:**

Our plan is developed based on the NC AIG Program Standards. These standards serve as a statewide framework and guide LEA's to develop, coordinate and implement thoughtful and comprehensive programs. Gaston County Schools currently serves 3,195 students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in our AIG and Composer program. The highlights of our new plan are listed below:

1. Transition from using a total score on the assessment to using portions of the score which should identify more students for AIG testing.
2. Transition from using a score of 85% on an EOG to 80% on an EOG for testing 4th and 5th graders.
3. Use 97% or higher on standardized achievement tests, including EOG's, for automatic placement in AIG.
4. All students tested for AIG will be considered for placement in the Composer program at elementary schools.
5. Provide Composer services to all elementary schools.
6. Continue the local endorsement program (Gaston County Schools' AIG Local Endorsement G.A.L.E.) to prepare teachers for an AIG add-on license through the Praxis exam.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the 2022-2025 AIG Plan

### **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 the Department for Exceptional Children

Last Name	First Name	Category	School
Adams	Alexis	New Hire	North Gaston High School - 470
Anderson	Barbara	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Anderson	Kimberly	Resignation	Ida Rankin Elementary School - 482
Armstrong	Richard	Transfer	South Point High School - 494
Beam	Chranson	Retirement	North Gaston High School - 470
Beam	Lonnia	Retirement	Costner Elementary School - 376
Beaver	Sobey	Retirement	School Nutrition - 007
Beveridge	Henry	Resignation	Webb Street School - 394
Biggerstaff	Erik	Resignation	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Black	Mario	New Hire	Forestview High School - 396
Blackwell	Pamela	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Bollinger	Patti	Resignation	Gaston Virtual Academy - 550
Boone	Charity	Transfer	North Gaston High School - 470
Boone	Larry	Resignation	Bessemer City High School - 336
Bradley	Sirdul	Transfer	South Point High School - 494
Brandon	Deborah	New Hire	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Brown	Johnny	Resignation, New Hire	Warlick Academy - 372
Bryson	Angela	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Bullock	Ricky	New Hire	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Byrd	Keisha	Retirement	Carr Elementary School - 344
Caldwell	Victoria	New Hire	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
Carpenter	Alison	New Hire	South Point High School - 494
Carson	Sundra	HR Termination	Bessemer City Central School - 332, H.H. Beam Elem 492
Carter	Michaela	Resignation	Cherryville High School - 360
Cerilli	Brian	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Colvard	Johnny	Termination	Bessemer City Middle School - 436
Craig	Carolyn	New Hire	Woodhill Elementary School - 520
Creech	Melanie	New Hire	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Cuthbertson	Susan	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Daugherty	John	Promotion	Bessemer City High School - 336
Davis	Dorshaun	Promotion	Grier Middle School - 408
Delao	David	Promotion	East Gaston High School - 390
Dixon	Randall	New Hire	East Gaston High School - 390
Dixon	Regina	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Donoghue	Deborah	Retirement	Webb Street School - 394
Dunn	James	Transfer	South Point High School - 494
Edmond	Ludjie	New Hire	Forestview High School - 396
Emory	Dawn	New Hire	Tryon Elementary School - 504
Erwin	Taylor	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Estrada	Rose	Resignation	Southwest Middle School - 498
Eubanks	James	New Hire, Resignation	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Farr	Electa	Retirement	East Gaston High School - 390
Fincher	Kelly	Resignation	Webb Street School - 394
Ford	Shannon	Resignation	Cherryville High School - 360
Forsythe	Otis	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Fox	Brian	Retirement	Bessemer City High School - 336
Gardner	Cortney	New Hire	Carr Elementary School - 344

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Gray	Remyan	New Hire	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Grooms	Kalah	Transfer	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Hamrick	Jennifer	Resignation	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
Harris	Rhonda	Resignation	Student Support Services - 012
Haskett	Kristin	Transfer	North Gaston High School - 470
Henley	MCCraven	Resignation	Cherryville High School - 360
Herbert	Sarah	Resignation	Belmont Middle School - 324
Hibbler	Cynthia	Transfer	Costner Elementary School - 376
Higgins	Mary	Resignation	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
Holley	Ternole	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Hoyle	Keyazhia	Demotion	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Ilges	Tabitha	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Kent	Donovan	Resignation	Grier Middle School - 408
Killian	Ceara	New Hire	Belmont Central Elementary - 320
Kitchen	Kelly	Transfer	W.A. Bess Elementary School - 510
Labady	Tokira	New Hire	Bessemer City High School - 336
Lee	Edward	Resignation	South Point High School - 494
Lindgren	Matthew	New Hire	North Gaston High School - 470
Loudon	Kenneth	Promotion	New Hope Elementary School - 464
Margolis	Jo	New Hire	Stuart W. Cramer High School - 378
Marotta	Andrea	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Mazon	Megan	Promotion	Stanley Middle School - 500
McDaniel	Rose	Transfer	New Hope Elementary School - 464
McGuire	Giana	Transfer	Carr Elementary School - 344
McSwain	Mitzi	Resignation	Costner Elementary School - 376
Melton	Laurie	New Hire	Springfield Elementary School - 499
Monthony	Andrew	New Hire	Ashbrook High School - 310
Moore	Jeffery	Transfer	North Gaston High School - 470
Moreau	Abraham	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Mullen	Mitchell	Resignation	Bessemer City Middle School - 436
Neill	Andrea	Resignation	Lowell Elementary School - 440
Owensby	Sherry	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Payseur	Kelsey	Resignation	McAdenville Elementary School - 448
Perdiguero	Paula	Transfer	Ashbrook High School - 310
Perkins	Adrienne	Resignation	Department for Exceptional Children - 004
Perry	Dwayne	New Hire	Ashbrook High School - 310
Pineros	Laura	New Hire	Student Support Services - 012
Poarch	Kristen	Transfer	Ashbrook High School - 310
Price	Jennifer	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
P'Simer	Adrienne	New Hire	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Reese	Kimberly	Transfer	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Reid	Wanda	Transfer	Grier Middle School - 408
Roper	Victoria	Promotion	Carr Elementary School - 344
Ross	Melanie	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Scarborough	Katherine	Transfer	New Hope Elementary School - 464
Shi	Juan	Resignation	Gaston Early College of Medical Science - 342
Shuford	Matthew	Resignation	North Gaston High School - 470
Sisk	Faron	Resignation	Cherryville High School - 360

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Smith	Tammy	Transfer	School Nutrition - 007
Speid	Owen	Transfer	Hershal H. Beam Elementary School - 492
Stines	Abigail	New Hire	Tryon Elementary School - 504
Todd	Susan	Resignation	Chapel Grove Elementary School - 352
Ward	Kim	Resignation	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Warren	Jennifer	Resignation	Stuart W. Cramer High School - 378
Watson	Carmela	Termination	Hunter Huss High School - 428
Wilbanks	Lisa	Resignation	East Gaston High School - 390
Woodson	Jasmine	New Hire	North Gaston High School - 470