

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



*Shaping Our Future*

**943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054**  
**June 20, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

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

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

**Main Points:**

Consideration of Formal Agenda for Monday, June 20, 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

# **GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

Monday, June 20, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Agenda

Regular Meeting

(Revised 6/20/2022)

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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

—19-CVS-3893 McKinney et al. vs. Goins and The Gaston County Board of Education

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

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—Any other legal matters.

XX. Adjournment

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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: June 2022**

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1. **Gaston County Schools** had 28 students in the Class of 2022 to earn valedictorian or salutatorian honors. The students were recognized during high school graduation for their commitment to academic excellence.
2. **Colby Andrew Green** of **Stuart W. Cramer High School** achieved 12 years of perfect attendance. During his school's graduation ceremony, he received a perfect attendance plaque from the Gaston County Board of Education in recognition of his outstanding accomplishment.
3. Four **Gaston County Schools** students and the **Cherryville High School** 4x400 relay team captured N.C. High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) state championships in track and field. **Lauren Tolbert** of the **Highland School of Technology** claimed state championships in the 100-meter and 200-meter dash. In addition, she broke the 800-meter 1A meet record and was named the 1A Women's Meet Most Outstanding Performer. The **Cherryville High School** boys relay team of **Mason Grindstaff, Cooper Sloan, Jack Mulvey, and Jackson Owens** won the boys 4x400 meter relay; **Alexis Willis** of **Stuart W. Cramer High School** won the girls 3A triple jump; **Zachary Willer** of **Stuart W. Cramer High School** won the boys 1600-meter run; and **Austin Brotemarkle** of **Forestview High School** won the boys 3200-meter run.
4. The following educators received the Jennifer T. Stultz Art Appreciation Grant from the Gaston County Education Foundation: **Ashley Dennis, Sherwood Elementary; Anna Howard, Holbrook Middle School; and Elizabeth Gilmore, Tryon Elementary.**
5. **Torben Ross**, principal at **Holbrook Middle School**, was selected as the GCAEOP (Gaston County Association of Educational Office Professionals) Administrator of the Year, and **Gloria Walker**, financial secretary at **York Chester Middle School**, was selected as the GCAEOP Educational Office Professional of the Year. GCAEOP also presented scholarships to **Ashlynn Stephens** of **Highland School of Technology** and **Madison Wiggins** of **Gaston Early College High School.**
6. The following high school students are recipients of the Albert G. Myers Scholarship, which is valued at \$20,000: **Rylee-Grace Burgis, Cherryville; Logan Crisp and Joshua Crouch, Stuart W. Cramer; Justin Larter, East Gaston; Daisy Lopez and Ashley Mahboub, Hunter Huss; and Emily Rollins, Gaston Early College.**
7. **Grace Doster** of **East Gaston High School** and **Grace Smith** and **Jordan Villemagne** of **South Point High School** were selected for the all-state soccer team.

8. **Ashbrook High School** senior **Elena High** is the recipient of the Bess Chapel United Methodist Church /Brad Baxter scholarship valued at \$750, and **Madison McCathern** is the recipient of the Dr. William and Karen Hunter Science Scholarship valued at \$500.
9. **Cherryville High School** finished as the 1A runner-up in the N.C. High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) state baseball championship. The Ironmen finished the season with a 22-12 overall record; the team was 8-4 in the Southern Piedmont 1A/2A Conference. The school claimed its 10th regional championship in baseball.
10. **Stuart W. Cramer High School** senior **D'Myah Matthews** received the Paul Fuller Mentoring 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-Charlotte this fall.
11. **Patrick Lamp** of **Stuart W. Cramer High School** is the recipient of the Maxine Porch Scholarship, which is presented by the McAdenville Woman's Club. The scholarship is valued at \$1,500.
12. **Forestview High School** senior **Zackary Carr** is the recipient of the John E. Willoughby Scholarship valued at \$1,000, and **Zailyn Jeter** is the recipient of the John Hunsucker Memorial Scholarship.
13. **Highland School of Technology** senior **Natalie Maier** is the recipient of the Honorable Ralph C. Gingles, Jr. Scholarship, which is valued at \$2,000.
14. **Highland School of Technology** graphic arts students created a Ben Bender/Dirty Dancing tifo (a choreographed display in which fans in a sports stadium raise a large banner together) for the Major League Soccer game in Charlotte on June 11 against the New York Red Bulls. **Maddie Boyles** is the school's graphics teacher.
15. **Pinewood Elementary** teacher **Teagan Taylor** was selected to participate in a National Council for History Education (NCHE) workshop at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The workshop was titled "The Space Age on the Space Coast."
16. **Webb Street School** teacher **Sean Gettys** was named a Hyundai Hometown Hero for going above and beyond for his students in the classroom. He was given a brand new Hyundai Santa Fe, which was provided by Bob Mayberry Hyundai. WCNC-TV news anchor Ruby Durham, Eugene Robinson, co-host of "Charlotte Today" on WCNC-TV, and representatives from Bob Mayberry Hyundai were on hand for the surprise announcement and car presentation on June 3.
17. The City of Gastonia held an art show at the Schiele Museum that involved high school students being recognized for their outstanding work. The following students were award winners: **Justus Martin, Ashbrook; Kayla Beacraft, Bessemer City; Kelly Diaz, Cherryville; Mila Ranucci, Stuart W. Cramer; Baleigh Burlington, East Gaston; Isabel Beaty, Highland; Lenah Muhammad, Hunter Huss; and Mackenzie Salley, North Gaston.** The overall award winners were **Isabel Beaty**, first place, and **Lenah Muhammad**, second place.

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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:** 6/20/2022

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

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

**Main Points:**

Approval of Minutes of:  
May 23, 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  
Monday, May 23, 2022  
Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, May 23, 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, 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 5:31 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 Mrs. Dot Guthrie; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

**Good News – Information**

Superintendent Booker recognized Joseph Norris from Highland School of Technology. Joseph received a prestigious appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado. Joseph plans to major in aeronautical engineering and minor in nuclear weapons and strategy.

Ms. Dot Cherry presented Joseph a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Avery Lester from South Point High School. Avery has earned the Congressional Gold Medal Award, which is presented to young adults by the United States Congress for accomplishments in volunteer service, personal development, physical fitness and exploration.

Mr. Lee Dedmon presented Avery a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Ajhinae Brooks from Highland School of Technology. Ajhinae won the QuestBridge Scholarship to attend Rice University in Houston, Texas. The scholarship is a full-tuition award valued at \$200,000.

Mr. Lee Dedmon presented Ajhinae a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Wehazit Mussie from Highland School of Technology. Wehazit is the recipient of the prestigious Morehead-Cain Scholarship from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Wehazit plans to major in environmental health science.

Mr. Justin Davis presented Wehazit a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Allen Chen from Gaston Early College High School. Allen has been accepted to attend MIT and his schooling at MIT is paid for through scholarships and grants.

Mr. Steve Hall presented Allen a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Samantha Bolton from Forestview High School. Samantha plans to attend Georgia Tech in Atlanta and plans to become an engineer.

Mrs. Robbie Lovelace presented Samantha a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Rex Dover from Belmont Middle School and Paolo Sexton from York Chester Middle School. Rex was our spelling bee champion and correctly spelled “ramification” to win The Gaston Gazette Spelling Bee and earn the opportunity to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Paolo did an outstanding job in the competition, finishing in second place as the runner-up.

Mr. Justin Davis presented Paolo a Certificate of Recognition.

Principal Susan Redmond accepted a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Rex.

Superintendent Booker recognized Seth Samonds from Bessemer City High School. Seth had the opportunity to participate in the SATELLITE (Science and Technology Enriching Lifelong Leadership in Tomorrow’s Endeavors) leadership conference at N.C. State University.

Ms. Dot Cherry presented Seth a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Jerry Bradley from South Point High School, Aaron Hollar from East Gaston High School and Ruby Ruiz from W.C. Friday Middle School. These three talented musicians recently performed as members of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association All-State Honors Band. All three students also performed during the South Central All-District Band Concert held at Stuart W. Cramer High School.

Mr. Brent Moore presented Jerry, Aaron and Ruby a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Erin Watson from Forestview High School. Erin represented Gaston County Schools in the all-state chorus.

Mr. Jeff Ramsey presented Erin a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Rhiannon Wollmuth from Hunter Huss, Erin Poteat from Ashbrook High School and Trinity Ledford from Southwest Middle School. The three were overall winners from the Gaston County Schools "Through an Artist's Eyes" art show. Rhiannon won the Best in Show award; Erin received the Directors Choice Award; and Trinity earned the James C. Biggers Award.

Mr. Jeff Ramsey presented Rhiannon, Erin and Trinity a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized the Cherryville High School cheerleading team. The cheerleaders were state champions at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Cheerleading Invitational in two categories, and they participated in the North Carolina cheerleading Coaches Association competition and won another first place state award.

Mrs. Robbie Lovelace presented the Cherryville High School cheerleading team a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized the East Gaston High School cheerleading team. The cheerleaders placed first in the super varsity category at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Cheerleading Invitational, and prior to winning the state competition, the team took first place at the Piedmont Regional event.

Mr. Kevin Collier presented the East Gaston High School cheerleading team a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Lauren Tolbert from Highland School of Technology. Lauren is a 9-time state champion in cross country and track and field. Lauren has set state records in track and field and cross country and she has received the Most Outstanding Performer Award.

Mr. Steve Hall presented Lauren a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Asher Neumann from Highland School of Technology. Asher won the individual state swimming championship in the 1A/2A 200-yard freestyle event.

Mr. Lee Dedmon presented Asher a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Ashlynn Stephens of Highland School of Technology. Ashlynn was named the 1A North Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year. This honor is presented by the North Carolina Volleyball Coaches Association.

Mr. Kevin Collier presented Ashlynn a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Janiya Adams and Randall Pettus from Bessemer City High School. Last year, Janiya set a new Gaston County single-game scoring record, and this year, she broke her own record by scoring 55 points in a game. Janiya was named an all-conference and all-district performer in basketball.

Randall broke a single-game scoring record, totaling 60 points in a single game. Randall is a two-time winner of the Gaston County Basketball Player of the Year Award and was named the Conference Player of the Year.

Mr. Brent Moore presented Janiya and Randall a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Ryan Harris from South Point High School. Ryan was presented the Luke Kuechly Defensive Player of the Year Award. The honor is given by the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

Mr. Jeff Ramsey presented Ryan a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized Sullivan Absher from South Point High School. Sullivan announced, live on CBS Sports HQ, his decision to attend the University of Notre Dame. Only a junior, Sullivan is a highly-recruited left tackle and ranks as the 10<sup>th</sup> best football prospect in North Carolina.

Ms. Dot Cherry presented Sullivan a Certificate of Recognition.

Chairman Ramsey announced that Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker, Superintendent, earned the prestigious Southwest Region Superintendent of the Year recognition for 2022-2023. This is the second time Dr. Booker has earned this recognition the first time being in 2016-2017. In the fall, Dr. Booker will compete against seven other regional winners for the A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year title.

### **Public Expression – Information**

Ava Clarkson

114 Leeper Avenue

Belmont, NC 28012

RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Although Ava Clarkson completed the Request to Speak Form, Ava Clarkson did not appear at the meeting.

Ryan Simms

105 N. Woodcliff Lane

Mt. Holly, NC 28120

RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Although Ryan Simms completed the Request to Speak Form, Ryan Simms did not appear at the meeting.

Lauren Frady

1327 Perfection Avenue

Belmont, NC 28012

RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Although Lauren Frady completed the Request to Speak Form, Lauren Frady did not appear at the meeting

Josh Sawyer  
2741 Smethwick Lane  
Gastonia, NC 28056

RE: Allowing foreign exchange students in GCS for the 2022-2023 school year

Although Josh Sawyer completed the Request to Speak Form, Josh Sawyer did not appear at the meeting

Chairman Ramsey requested a brief recess at 6:28 p.m. Meeting resumed at 6:35 p.m.

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

The Board considered Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of April 11, 2022 (Regular Meeting) and April 12, 2022 (Joint Board of Education/Board of Commissioner Meeting) as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Steve Hall; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

### **COVID-19 Update – Information**

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

(View PowerPoint)

### **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. Justin Davis; seconded by Mr. Steve Hall that the Board

**Approve that masks are optional for Gaston County Schools (including buses) for all students, staff and visitors on all campuses.**

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

### **Operations Committee Report – Information**

Lee Dedmon is chair of the committee and members are Dot Cherry, Kevin Collier and Brent Moore. 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**

Dot Guthrie is chair of the committee and members are Justin Davis, Steve Hall and Robbie Lovelace. 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 to be used to select the Gaston College Board of Trustees Appointment. The term of this appointment will run from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026. Mrs. Jennifer Davis is completing her current term. For those interested in being considered, the application will be posted on our website and should be returned by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Applicants will participate in an interview to be held immediately before the Board of Education's regular meeting on Monday, June 20.

### **2022-2023 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Grant Application – Action**

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Brett Buchanan who presented a PowerPoint on 2022-2023 Career and Technical Education Grant. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

#### **Motion**

The Motion was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Mr. Lee Dedmon that the Board  
**Approve the CTE local grant application for the 2022-2023 school year**

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

### **School Nutrition SY 2022-2023 Procurement Plan/Formal Bids – Action**

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Angela Calamia who presented a PowerPoint on School Nutrition SY 2022-2023 Procurement Plan/Formal Bids. Discussion followed

(View PowerPoint)

#### **Motion**

The Motion was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board  
**Approve the 2022-2023 School Nutrition Procurement Plan/Formal Bids**

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

### **Alternative School's Modified Accountability System — Warlick Academy – Action**

### **Alternative School's Modified Accountability System — Webb Street School - Action**

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Rebekka Powers who presented a PowerPoint on Alternative School's Modified Accountability System for Warlick Academy and Webb Street School. (Item 15 and item 16 combined into one motion)

(View PowerPoint)

#### **Motion**

The Motion was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board  
**Approve Alternative School's Modified Accountability System for Warlick Academy and Webb Street School.**

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

## **Board Policy Updates – Information**

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. McGraw who reported recent changes require revisions to GCS policies. Staying current on board policies keeps us in alignment with North Carolina State Board of Education policies and NC law. This item will come before the Board as a Consent Item at the June 20, 2022 Board of Education Meeting. Draft policies will be posted on the GCS web page for review.

## **Consent Agenda – Action**

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Reduction in Force – Strategic Planning
- E. Title I Plan
- F. Exceptional Children’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant
- G. Contracts
  - Winthrop University
  - Thrive
  - Support Inc.
  - SpeechCenter
  - Riverside
  - Public Consulting Group
  - Pacific Interpreters
  - The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
  - National Paideia Institute
  - N2Y
  - Melmark
  - Invision
  - Residential Funds
  - EDU Healthcare
  - DocuSign
  - Developmental Day Funds
  - Continuum
  - Cobb Pediatric-Stepping Stones
  - BrightStar Care
  - Bayada
  - AMN Healthcare
  - Teacher Assistant to Teacher Program with Gardner-Webb University
  - Home Turf Landscaping Services (Robinson Elementary, Hawks Nest STEAM and Gardner Park Elementary)
  - Bobby Sanders Landscaping Services (Woodhill Elementary, Southwest Middle, H.H. Beam Elementary, Lingerfeldt Elementary and Forest Heights)
  - Home Turf Landscaping Services (North Belmont Elementary, Mount Holly Middle, Stanley Middle and East Gaston High)
  - Wise Lawnmower Company (Bessemer City High, Bessemer City Middle, Bessemer City Central and Bessemer City Primary)
  - Dump Truck Purchase



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

### **Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Booker reported that we continue to make progress with our payroll system and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. A retro-payment for bi-weekly employees for payroll errors from January, February and some of March ran today. Employees are able to log into their Oracle account and see the retro pay.

Superintendent Booker reported that Chairman Ramsey and Mr. Steve Hall joined him for the commencement ceremony at Gaston Early College High School. 51 seniors received their high school diploma and 49 seniors also earned an associate degree from Gaston College.

Superintendent Booker announced that Wednesday, June 1 is graduation ceremonies for the Gaston County Virtual Academy, Warlick Academy and Webb Street School. Ceremonies for our traditional high schools are Saturday, June 4.

Superintendent Booker reminded parents to take our parent survey by Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Booker announced that end-of-year testing continues this week for our elementary and middle schools and high school exams begin on Wednesday. We also have award ceremonies, concerts and other year-end activities taking place this week.

Superintendent Booker announced that Monday, May 30, is the Memorial Day holiday which means no school for students and employees. We will finish out the school year on Wednesday, June 1, which is the last day of school.

Superintendent Booker thanked students, parents, teachers and all employees for their hard work and dedication. It has been a good school year.

Superintendent Booker reminded everyone that our first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 17.

### **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 Ms. Dot Cherry; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:36 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

**Motion**

The Motion was made by Mr. Steve Hall; seconded by Mr. Lee Dedmon that the Board  
**Award a four-year contract effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026 for the position of  
Executive Director of Human Resources to the following:**

Dr. Kecia Coln

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

**Motion**

The Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore that the Board  
**Award two-year Assistant Principal contracts effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024 for  
the following:**

Stephanie Moose

Carmin Adams

Jenny Carper

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

**Motion**

The Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board  
**Award two-year Principal contracts effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024 for the  
following:**

Anarah Henderson

Aimee Tolleson

Patrick Watson

Joshua White

Jada Owenby

Bridgette Best

Kimberly Reese

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

Superintendent Booker announced the following placements effective July 1, 2022:

Catawba Heights Elementary – Stacy Bradley

Woodhill Elementary – Anarah Henderson

Belmont Central Elementary – Aimee Tolleson

Cherryville Elementary – Patrick Watson

W.B. Beam Intermediate – Joshua White

Costner Elementary – Jada Owenby

Southwest Middle – Glenn Cook

Pleasant Ridge – Bridgette Best

North Gaston – Crystal Houser

Forestview High – Jamie Peoples

Mount Holly Middle – Tyler West

Pinewood Elementary – Kimberly Reese

**Adjournment**

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

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved:

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Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman  
[Corporate Seal]

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W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

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

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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:** 6/20/2022

**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:** 6/20/2022

**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, the 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, 2022 until June 30, 2026.

**Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

The Board needs to make an appointment to the Gaston College Board of Trustees for the following seat that expires June 30, 2022:

Jennifer Davis

Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2022

Other members of the Gaston College Board of Trustees appointed by the Gaston County Board of Education are:

Steve Huffstetler

Term: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023

Julie Stroupe

Term: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024

Jonathan Fletcher

Term: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025

### Policy Implications:

The Gaston County Board of Education will appoint a Gaston College Trustee for the term of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026.

### Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

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

**Department:** Superintendent

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** 2022-2023 Interim Budget

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

### **Main Points:**

The GCS Budget Resolution will not be approved prior to July 1, 2022, since the NC 2022-2023 State biennial 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:**

2022-2023 GCS Budget

### **Recommendation:**

Adoption of Interim Budget at the level of 80% of the 2021-2022 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:** 6/20/2022

**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:

2019-2020: \$1,578

2020-2021: \$1,656

2021-2022: \$1,715

The recommended tuition rate for 2022-2023 is \$1,759 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 \$6,958 to reimburse GCS for the state per pupil appropriation compared to \$6,266 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 2022-2023 tuition rate of \$1,759 for GCS students domiciled outside of Gaston County and an additional \$6,958 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:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** School Meal Pricing

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

### **Main Points:**

Approval to increase the student paid breakfast and lunch meal prices by twenty cents (\$0.20) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Meal	Meal Prices 2016/17	Meal Prices 2021/22	Proposed 2022/23	Proposed Increase
Breakfast	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.40	\$0.20
Lunch K-5	\$2.60	\$2.70	\$2.90	\$0.20
Lunch 6-12	\$2.70	\$2.80	\$3.00	\$0.20

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Increasing the student paid breakfast meal price by \$0.20 and the lunch meal price by \$0.20 will help to offset the increasing cost of food, supplies and labor that the School Nutrition department is experiencing. The average cost of preparing and serving a meal to students has increased by more than 25% this year due to inflation which has increased our cost of food, supplies, fuel and labor.

### **Recommendation:**

Approval to increase meal prices by twenty cents (\$0.20) for paid students for the 2022-2023 school year. This increase is necessary to assist in covering the increased cost of food, supplies and labor necessary to provide meals to students.

### **Policy Implications:**

Policy Code 6220 - Operation of School Nutrition Services

### **Strategic Goal Alignment:**

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

**Submitted by:** Gary Hoskins

**Department:** Associate Superintendent

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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 2021-2022 school year.

**Fiscal Implications:**

We received \$43,249 from the sale of 28 surplus items during the 2021-2022 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

**Gaston County Schools  
Surplus Report**

**Surplus Items FY 2021-2022**

ID	Category	Item Sold	VIN	Miles	Make	Model	Proceeds	Buyer's Address
20210701	Cafeteria/Kitchen Equip.	Refrigerator	N/A	N/A	Whirlpool	W1TXEMFWQ00	\$43.00	Gastonia, NC 28056
22511	Vehicle	Refrigeration Truck (#8002)	1FDXH70P8MVA31952	233,191	Ford (1991)	CF7000	\$2,225.00	Indian Springs, AL 35124
21203	Vehicle	Ford Dump Truck (#7024)	1FDWK74N4HVA28736	152,930	Ford (1987)	F-700	\$3,551.00	Easley, SC 29640
21207	Machinery	Hand Operated Press	N/A	N/A	Dake	25H	\$510.00	Oliver Springs, TN 37840
21208	Machinery	Brake Lathe	N/A	N/A	Ammco	4000	\$359.59	Hudson, NC 28638
21209	Mowing Equipment	Leaf Vacuum	N/A	N/A	Billy Goat	Unknown	\$77.00	Gastonia, NC 28056
22107	Mowing Equipment	Riding Mower	N/A	N/A	Toro	74163	\$650.00	Gastonia, NC 28056
22108	Mowing Equipment	Riding Mower	N/A	N/A	Toro	74163	\$510.00	Gastonia, NC 28056
22109	Mowing Equipment	Riding Mower	N/A	N/A	John Deere	265	\$255.00	Gastonia, NC 28056
22110	Mowing Equipment	Riding Mower	N/A	N/A	Hustler	934778	\$1,926.00	Gastonia, NC 28056
22112	Machinery	Industrial Cabinet Saw (10")	N/A	N/A	SawStop	CB 53230	\$385.00	Earlsville, VA 22936
22530	Trailer	Vehicle Trailer (838-V)	N/A	N/A	Reid (1976)	Unknown	\$1,335.00	Winston-Salem, NC 27105
22404	Vehicle	#8260 (Bus)	1HV8B8KN7NH406689	138,776	International (1992)	3800	\$1,887.22	Seagrove, NC 27341
22406	Vehicle	#8268 (Bus)	1HV8BAAN4VH504976	92,792	International (1997)	3800	\$5,609.00	Gig Harbor, WA 98329
22408	Vehicle	Ford Truck (#7186)	1FDHF25H1VEC20944	Unknown	Ford (1997)	F-250	\$1,088.88	Pfafftown, NC 27040
22411	Vehicle	International Bus (#8261)	1HV8DPLN2PH490329	131,168	International (1993)	3600	\$2,225.00	Seagrove, NC 27341
22425	Computer Printer	Printronix Printer	N/A	N/A	Printronix	P7215	\$52.00	Folcroft, PA 19032
22427	Trailer	Utility Trailer	N/A	N/A	Unknown	58-T	\$385.00	York, SC 29745
22428	Vehicle Equipment	Ladder Rack	N/A	N/A	Weather Guard	Unknown	\$93.00	Concord, NC 28027
22506	Vehicle	Pickup Truck (#8112)	1GCCS14Z8K2216952	175,752	Chevrolet (1989)	S10 Pickup	\$1,175.00	Roberta, GA 31078
22513	Vehicle	International Fuel Truck (#7056)	1HTSCACN7RH605311	24,644	International (1994)	4700	\$7,676.55	Morganton, NC 28655
22517	Vehicle	Chevy Van (#7166)	1GCEG25H5K7155777	51,545	Chevrolet (1989)	G-Series Van	\$1,554.00	York, SC 29745
22519	Vehicle	Chevy Van (#7164)	1GCEG25H6K7155142	99,546	Chevrolet (1989)	G-Series Van	\$580.00	Nichols, SC 29581
22523	Vehicle	Minibus (#8220)	1HV8DACM9RH576373	225,406	International (1994)	3600	\$3,632.00	Asheville, NC 28804
22526	Vehicle	International Bus (#7059)	1HVLN2RM9KH655782	180,403	International (1989)	1753	\$750.00	Mooreville, NC 28117
22601	Trailer	Vehicle Trailer (837-V)	N/A	N/A	Reid	Unknown	\$1,390.00	McLeansville, NC 27301
22607	Welding Equipment	Welder	N/A	N/A	Miller	Shopmate 300 DX	\$1,600.00	Abbeville, GA 31001
22614	Welding Equipment	Welder	N/A	N/A	Miller	Shopmate 300 DX	\$1,525.00	Abbeville, GA 31001
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>\$43,249.24</b>	<b>28 Items</b>

Method of Disposal: Govdeals.com

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** K-12 Summer Learning Plan

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

**Main Points:**

Gaston County Schools is offering engaging summer opportunities for elementary, middle, and high school students through multiple departments within Academic Services - including traditional academics, AIG, Exceptional Children, and ESL. These opportunities are being housed at multiple school sites throughout the district. Teachers have the opportunity to teach at the camps and receive job-embedded professional development to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Utilize ESSER funding as provided to support expanded instructional opportunities.

**Recommendation:**

Continue to support expanded instructional opportunities.

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

**Submitted by:** Melissa Balknight

**Department:** Academic Services  
Associate Superintendent of Academic Services

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Board Policy Updates

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

### **Main Points:**

Recent changes in State and Federal law, State Board of Education Policy revisions, and general maintenance of policies upon review by staff, require revisions to Gaston County Board of Education Policies.

See attached for complete list of policies to be revised. See the GCS website for draft policies.

This matter will come back to the Board for approval at its next meeting.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

None

### **Recommendation:**

Board of Education will review recommended proposed policy revisions.

### **Policy Implications:**

Policies will be revised as approved by the Board of Education.

### **Strategic Goal Alignment:**

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

**Submitted by:** Sonya C. McGraw

**Department:** Legal

2022 Updates

<b>GCS Policy #</b>	<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Adopt</b>	<b>Revise</b>
2150	Board Member Conflict of Interest		x
2400	Board Policies		x
2410	Policy Development		x
2420	Adoption of Policies - Rescind this policy because the information has been added to policy 2410, Policy Development.		
2440	Dissemination and Preservation of Policies		x
2450	Policy Review and Evaluation - Rescind this policy because the information has been added to policy 2410, Policy Development.		
2460	Suspension of Board Policies - Rescind this policy because the information has been added to policy 2410, Policy Development.		
3102	Online Instruction		x
3230/7370	Technology Responsible Use		x
3430	School Improvement Plan		x
3480	Attendance		x
4110	Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admissions		x
4240	Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety		x
4260	Student Sex Offenders		x
4381	Student Code of Conduct		x
6220	Operation of School Nutrition Services		x
7510	Leave		x
7700	Evaluation of Licensed Employees		x
7720	Evaluation of Non-Licensed Employees		x
8320	Depositories		x
8535	Payroll Deductions		x
9400	Sale, Disposal, and Lease of Board Owned Real Property		x

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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. Board Policy Updates
- E. Contracts
  - Blackboard Renewal
  - Panorama Education
  - Athletic Trainer — Amendment
  - Cropper GIS, LLC.
  - Successful Practices Network
  - Education Direction System
  - Curriculum Associates (K-8) — Amendment
  - Nursing Services Update
  - Holbrook Middle School Paving
  - New Hope Elementary School Paving
  - Hunter Huss High School Paving — Amendment
  - Gardner Park Elementary School Paving — Amendment
  - Catawba Heights Elementary School Paving — Amendment
  - Cherryville High School LED Lights

**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:** 6/20/2022

**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:** 6/20/2022

**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 2021-2022 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 - May**  
**Transfers Between Functions**

**State Public School Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services		489,137
5300	Alternative Programs and Services	421,671	
5400	School Leadership Services		726
5800	School-Based Support Services	19,423	
6100	Support and Development Services		84
6800	System-Wide Pupil Support Services	48,854	
		<u>489,948</u>	<u>489,948</u>

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

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

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

**Local Current Expense Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services	22,361	
5300	Alternative Programs and Services	6,222	
5400	School Leadership Services	100	
5500	Co-Curricular Services		22,616
6100	Support and Development Services	865	
6400	Technology Support Services	11,883	
6500	Operational Support Services		159,159
6600	Financial and Human Resource Services	141,804	
6900	Policy, Leadership and Communication/Public Information Services		1,460
		<u>183,234</u>	<u>183,234</u>

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

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

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

**Federal Grants Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services	2,029,437	
5200	Special Population Services		6,231
5300	Alternative Programs and Services		68,888
5800	School-Based Support Services		400,180
6200	Special Population Support and Development Services		1,914
6500	Operational Support Services		1,540,855
8100	Payments to Other Governmental Units		11,369
		<u>2,029,437</u>	<u>2,029,437</u>

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

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

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

**Restricted Grants Fund**

Function	Description	Expense Increase	Expense Decrease
5100	Regular Instructional Services	50	
5200	Special Population Services		14,000
6500	Operational Support Services		50
8100	Payments to Other Governmental Units	14,000	
		<u>14,050</u>	<u>14,050</u>

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

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

**2021-2022 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		5,722,503
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	5,722,503	
		This amendment budgets the SB2- Waivers to Dollars funds - for ABC Waiver Allotment Revision #58 FY22 (PRC010)		
2	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(1,114,125)
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	(1,114,125)	
		This amendment adjusts the Disadvantaged Students allotment - for ABC Waiver Allotment Revision #58 FY22 (PRC024)		
3	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(900,000)
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	(900,000)	
		This amendment adjusts the Classroom Materials allotment - for ABC Waiver Allotment Revision #58 FY22 (PRC061)		
4	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		(3,708,378)
	5330		(3,708,378)	
		This amendment adjusts the At-Risk Students allotment - for ABC Waiver Allotment Revision #58 FY22 (PRC069)		
5	3100	Revenue - State Public School Fund		500,000
	6400		500,000	
		This amendment adjusts the Business System Modernization allotment - Allotment Revision #55 FY22 (PRC153)		
<b>Total State Public School Fund Amendments</b>			<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**Gaston County Schools  
Changes in Appropriations**

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

**Federal Current Expense Fund**

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	3600	Federal Revenue		(185)
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	(185)	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the Career and Technical Education Grant - FY22 (PRC0017)		
2	3600	Federal Revenue		6,291
	5200	Special Population Services	6,291	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the IDEA Preschool Grant - FY22 (PRC049)		
3	3600	Federal Revenue		2,179
	7200	Nutrition Services	2,179	
		This amendment budgets funds for the School Nutrition Equipment Grant - FY22 (PRC053)		
4	3600	Federal Revenue		833,747
	5200	Special Population Services	833,747	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the IDEA, Part B Handicapped Grant - FY22 (PRC060)		
5	3600	Federal Revenue		7,000
	5200	Special Population Services	6,396	
	6200	Special Population Support and Development Services	604	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the IDEA State Improvement Grant - FY22 (PRC082)		
6	3600	Federal Revenue		15,764
	6100	Support and Development Services	15,764	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the Title II - Improving Teacher Quality Grant - FY22 (PRC103)		
7	3600	Federal Revenue		106,932
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	106,932	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the ESEA Title I - School Improvement Grant - FY22 (PRC105)		

# Federal Current Expense Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
8	3600	Federal Revenue		5,083
	5300	Alternative Programs and Services	5,083	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant - FY22 (PRC108)		
9	3600	Federal Revenue		91,448
	5800	School-Based Support Services	91,448	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the IDEA, Part B (611) Risk Pool Grant - FY22 (PRC114)		
10	3600	Federal Revenue		19,500
	5200	Special Population Services	19,500	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the IDEA, Part B (611) Targeted Assistance Grant - FY22 (PRC118)		
11	3600	Federal Revenue		30,496
	5800	School-Based Support Services	30,496	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the IDEA State Improvement Grant - FY22 (PRC163)		
12	3600	Federal Revenue		54,987
	6500	Operational Support Services	54,987	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the ESSER II-Supplemental-K12 Emergency Relief Fund Grant - FY22 (PRC171)		
13	3600	Federal Revenue		53
	5200	Special Population Services	53	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the ESSER II Instructional Support Contract Grant - FY22 (PRC173)		
14	3600	Federal Revenue		6
	7200	Nutrition Services	6	
		This amendment adjust funds for the CRRSA-ESSER II-School Nutrition COVID Support Grant - FY22 (PRC174)		
15	3600	Federal Revenue		(143,551)
	8100	Payments to Other Governmental Units	(143,551)	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the ESSER III-K12 Emergency Relief Fund - FY22 (PRC181)		
16	3600	Federal Revenue		(320,763)
	5800	School-Based Support Services	(320,763)	
		This amendment adjusts funds for the ARP-ESSER III-Cyberbullying & Suicide Prevention Grants Grant - FY22 (PRC192)		



# Federal Current Expense Fund

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
17	3600	Federal Revenue		(100,238)
	5800	School-Based Support Services	(100,238)	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the ARP-ESSER III-GAGGLE Grants - FY22 (PRC193)		
18	3600	Federal Revenue		1,831,977
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	1,831,977	
		This amendment adjusts the budget for the ARP-ESSER III - Teacher Bonuses Grant - FY22 (PRC203)		

**Total Local Current Expense Fund Account**

<u>2,440,725</u>	<u>2,440,725</u>
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**Gaston County Schools  
Changes in Appropriations**

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

**Restricted Grants Fund**

#	Function	Description	Expense Increase (Decrease)	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
1	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		1,292,049
	5800	School-Based Support Services	1,292,049	
		This amendment adjusts the School Resource Officers funds for FY22 (PRC039)		
2	3200	Local Sources - Restricted		12,227
	5400	School Leadership Services	12,227	
		This amendment budgets the Assistant Principal Interns funds for FY22 (PRC067)		
1	4800	Local Sources - Restricted		10,165
	5100	Regular Instructional Services	10,165	
		This amendment adjusts the Teacher of the Year funds for FY22 (PRC0508)		
			<u>1,314,441</u>	<u>1,314,441</u>

**Total Restricted Grants Fund Amendments**

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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
06-20-22	None				

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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. Drafts of policies were presented to the Board at its May 23rd meeting. They were also placed on the GCS website.

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.

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

**Submitted by:** Sonya C. McGraw

**Department:** Legal

2022 Updates

<b><u>GCS Policy #</u></b>	<b><u>Policy Title</u></b>	<b><u>Adopt</u></b>	<b><u>Revise</u></b>
<b>2302</b>	<b>Remote Participation In Board Meetings</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3100</b>	<b>Curriculum Development</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3410</b>	<b>Testing and Assessment Program</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3420</b>	<b>Student Promotion and Accountability</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3450</b>	<b>Graduation Requirements</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3470</b>	<b>Student Records</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3610</b>	<b>Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4020</b>	<b>Parental Involvement</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4120</b>	<b>Domicile or Residence Requirements</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4152</b>	<b>Unsafe School Choice Transfer</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4176</b>	<b>Children of Military Families</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4200</b>	<b>School Safety</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4300</b>	<b>Student Behavior Policies</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>5021</b>	<b>Registered Sex Offenders</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>6340</b>	<b>Use of Student Transportation Services</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>6390</b>	<b>Transportation Service /Vehicle Contacts</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>7130</b>	<b>Licensure</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>7290</b>	<b>Communicable Diseases-Employees</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>7320</b>	<b>Confidential Information</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>7510</b>	<b>Leave</b>		<b>X</b>

## 2022 Updates

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## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** NCDOT Right of Way Land Purchase (Hwy US74)

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

**Main Points:** Gaston County Schools (GCS) has a request from NCDOT to sell a small portion of the surplus land that GCS owns in Cramerton, NC. NCDOT is planning road improvements to Wilkinson Blvd and a small portion of GCS owned property is needed by them. Approximately .125 acres is being acquired as right of way, leaving 36.495 acres remaining on the right with access to Wilkinson Blvd (US 74) and Lakewood Road. Also being acquired is a permanent utilities easement containing approximately .156 acre, a permanent drainage easement containing approximately .038 acre, and a temporary construction easement containing approximately .144 acre. Gaston County agrees with this request and sale.

**Fiscal Implications:** An offer for \$28,550.00 has been submitted to purchase the .125 acres, a permanent utilities easement containing .156 acres, a permanent drainage easement containing .038 acres, and a temporary construction easement containing approximately .144 acres.

**Recommendation:** Accept the offer of just compensation (\$28,550) based on the fair market value for the aforementioned property.

**Policy Implications:** N/A

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

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

**Department:** Auxiliary Services



**SUMMARY STATEMENT/CONTINGENT OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY  
DUE TO THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY AND DAMAGES**

TO: The Gaston County Board of Education, a  
Corporate Body  
943 Osceola Street  
Gastonia, NC 28054

DATE: 2/28/22

TO: Lessee, if Applicable  
N/A

TIP/PARCEL NO.: U-6146 028

COUNTY: Gaston

WBS ELEMENT: 48392.2.1

DESCRIPTION: US29/US 74 from SR 2209 to SR2016/SR2017 and Bridge #350082 over South Fork Catawba River

Dear Property Owner:

The following contingent offer of just compensation is based on the fair market value of the property and is not less than the approved appraised value for the appropriate legal compensable interest or interests. The approved value disregards any increase or decrease in the fair market value of the property acquired due to influence caused by public knowledge of this project. The contingent offer of just compensation is based on an analysis of market data, comparable land sales, and, if applicable, building costs in the area of your property. **Please retain this form as it contains pertinent income tax information.**

Value of Right of Way to be Acquired	\$ 10,000.00
Value of Permanent Easements to be Acquired	\$ 13,950.00
Value of Temporary Easement (Rental of Land) to be Acquired	\$ 4,600.00
Value of Improvements to be Acquired	\$ 0.00
Damages, if any, to Remainder	\$ 0.00
Benefits, if any, to Remainder	\$ 0.00
minus	
<b>TOTAL CONTINGENT OFFER</b>	<b>\$ 28,550.00</b>

The total contingent offer includes all interests other than leases involving Federal Agencies and Tenant owned improvements.

(A) Description of the land and effects of the acquisition

Subject property described in Deed Book 4838, page 842, Gaston County Registry, contains approximately 36.620 acres of which .125 acres is being acquired as right of way, leaving 36.495 acres remaining on the right with access to Wilkinson Blvd (US 74) and Lakewood Road. Also being acquired is a permanent utilities easement containing approximately .156 acre, a permanent drainage easement containing approximately .038 acre, and a temporary construction easement containing approximately .144 acre.

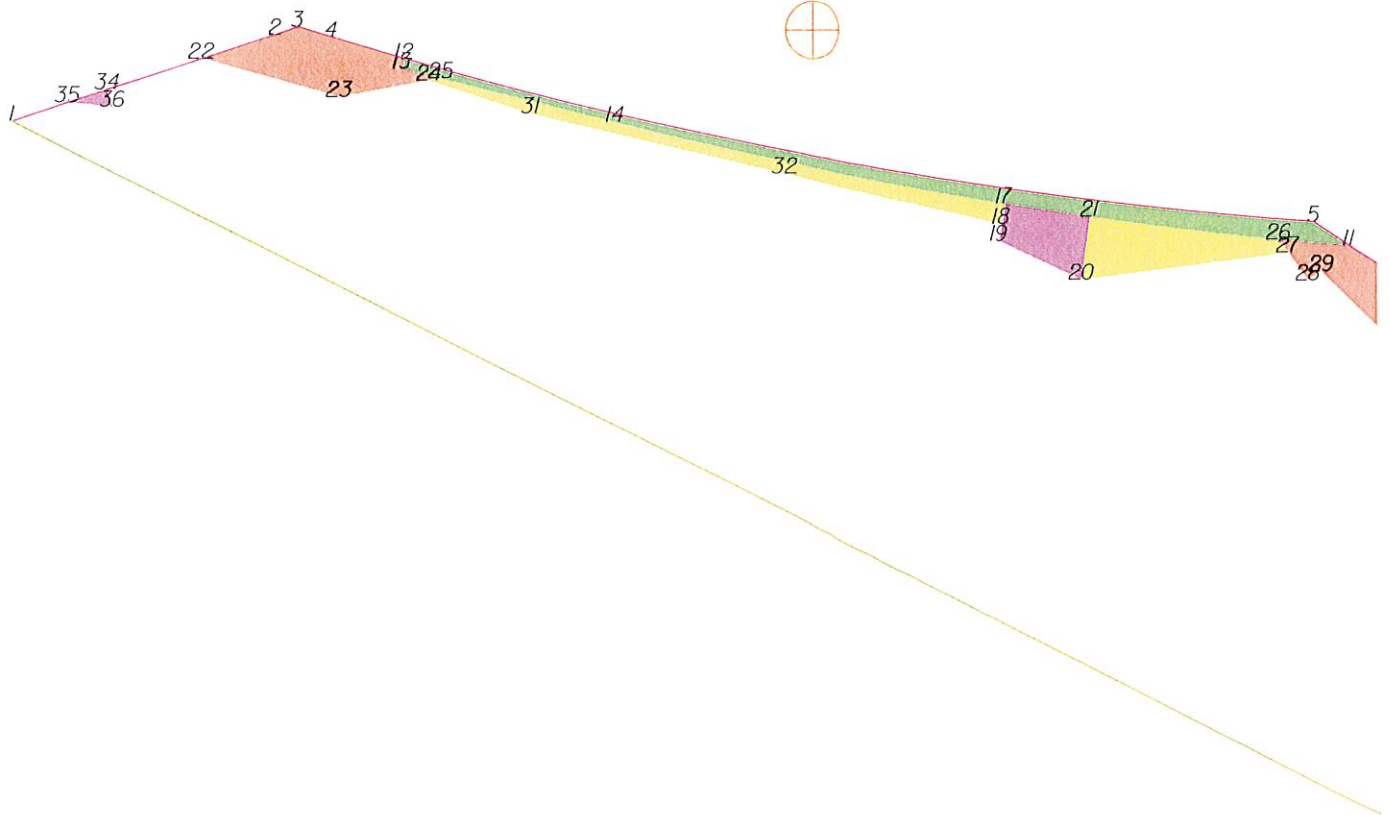
(B) The TOTAL CONTINGENT OFFER includes payment for the improvements and appurtenances described below:  
Metal Gate

Provided there is sufficient time remaining in the project schedule, you may repurchase these improvements for a retention value, with the stipulation that you remove them from the acquisition area at no expense to the Department.

(C) Should you desire to sell the Department the portion of your property considered to be an uneconomic remnant or buildable lot, as explained to you by the Right of Way Agent, the total contingent offer would be: \$ N/A  
Please note that any contingent offer to purchase a remnant/buildable lot is conditioned upon the remnant/buildable lot being environmentally clean prior to the conveyance to the Department. You may be required to provide the Department with a release from the appropriate environmental agency stating that all contaminants have been remediated and/or removed to their standards.

The original of this form was handed/mailed, if out of state owner, to Morgen Houchard, Director of Auxiliary Services  
on 2/28/22 at 20 . Owner was furnished a copy of  
the Right of Way Brochure/Owner's Letter.

-L- Sta 50+00



	SQR FT	ACRES		SQR M	
ROW Right	4177J27	0.096		388.069	
FROM - TO	DISTANCE (FT/M)		BEARING	RADIUS (FT/M)	
-L- Sta 50+00 - 11	344.031	104.861	S 68°18'28.0° E		
11 - 5	24.828	7.568	N 55°33'52.5° W		
5 - 12	549.150	167.381	N 79°44'26.7° W	2700.000	82
12 - 13	5.631	1.716	S 14°15'35.5° W		
13 - 14	129.165	39.370	S 75°44'24.5° E		
14 - 11	443.365	135.138	S 80°19'1.9° E	2778.000	84

	SQR FT	ACRES		SQR M	
ROW Right	1276.874	0.029		118.626	
FROM - TO	DISTANCE (FT/M)		BEARING		RADIUS (FT/M)
-L- Sta 50+00 - 9	557.120	169.811	S 53°52'26.1" E		
9 - 8	6.074	1.851	N 67°30'43.4" E		
8 - 7	135.200	41.209	N 22°26'47.3" W		
7 - 6	27.872	8.495	N 26°54'41.7" W		
6 - 15	13.759	4.194	N 55°33'52.5" W		
15 - 16	61.055	18.610	S 23°37'57.3" E		
16 - 9	113.499	34.594	S 23°37'57.3" E		

	SQR FT	ACRES		SQR M	
PDE Right	1520.977	0.035		141.304	
FROM - TO	DISTANCE (FT/M)		BEARING		RADIUS (FT/M)
-L- Sta 50+00 - 17	153.196	46.694	S 48°39'41.9" E		
17 - 18	12.000	3.658	S 9°21'41.0" W		
18 - 19	10.000	3.048	S 9°21'41.0" W		
19 - 20	54.110	16.493	S 65°4'33.7" E		
20 - 21	37.000	11.278	N 8°18'1.3" E		
21 - 17	51.444	15.680	N 81°10'8.9" W		2778.000 84

	SQR FT	ACRES		SQR M	
PUE Right	2807.039	0.064		260.784	
FROM - TO	DISTANCE (FT/M)		BEARING	RADIUS (FT/M)	
-L- Sta 50+00 - 12	241.666	73.660	S 86°21'58.9" W		
12 - 4	44.866	13.675	N 73°25'40.6" W	2700.000	82
4 - 3	20.808	6.342	N 72°57'6.8" W		
3 - 2	14.231	4.338	S 72°14'49.8" W		
2 - 22	45.423	13.845	S 72°14'49.8" W		
22 - 23	84.215	25.669	S 74°29'41.2" E		
23 - 24	53.712	16.372	N 80°4'50.7" E		
24 - 25	7.324	2.232	N 80°4'50.7" E		
25 - 13	23.682	7.218	N 75°44'24.5" W		
13 - 12	5.631	1.716	N 14°15'35.5" E		

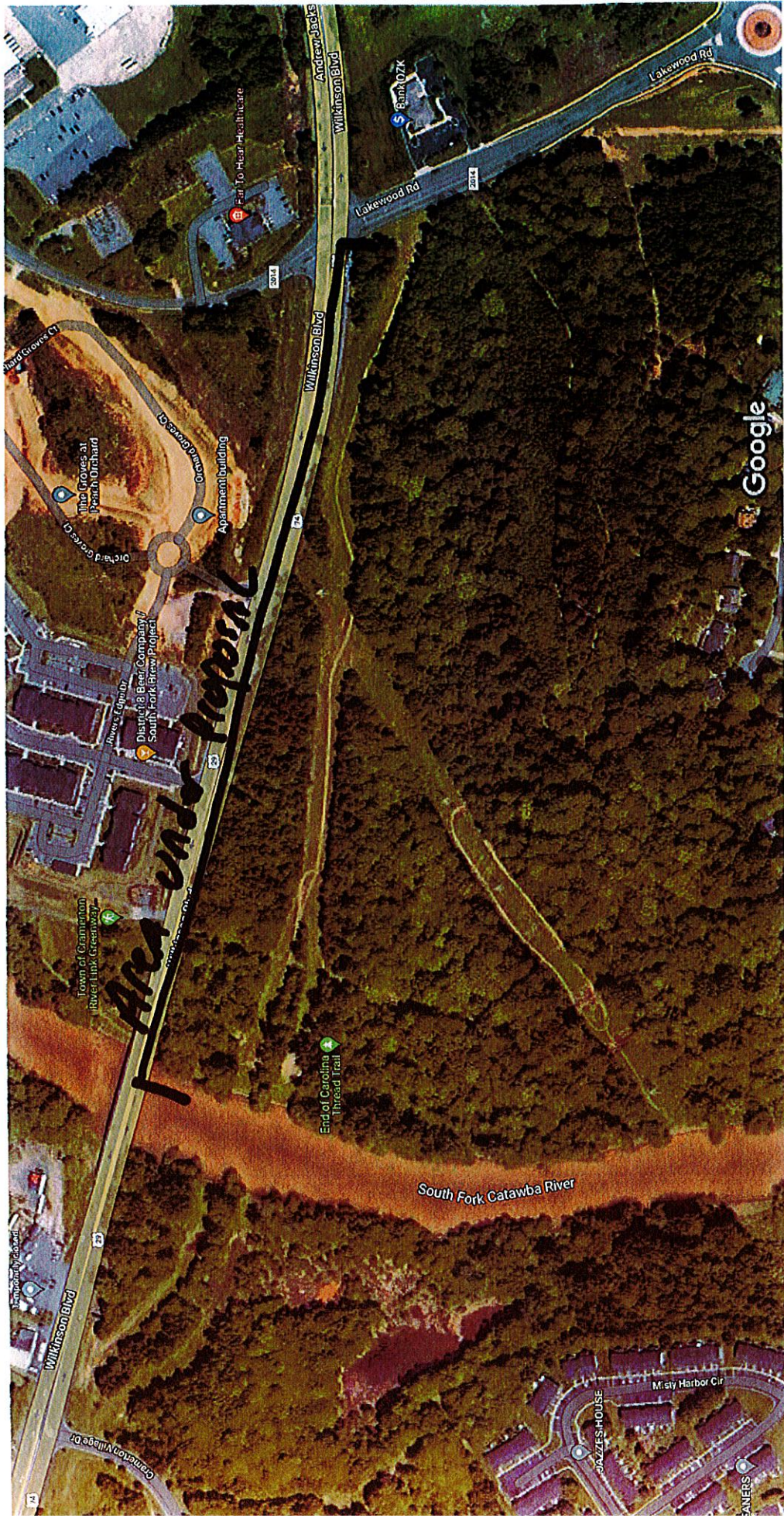
	SQR FT	ACRES		SQR M	
PUE Right	3999.535	0.092		371.570	
FROM - TO	DISTANCE (FT/M)		BEARING	RADIUS (FT/M)	
-L- Sta 50+00 - 11	344.031	104.861	S 68°18'28.0° E		
11 - 26	41.711	12.714	N 84°27'50.7° W	2778.000	84
26 - 27	9.401	2.865	S 35°58'17.1° E		
27 - 28	20.081	6.121	S 35°58'17.1° E		
28 - 29	9.412	2.869	N 55°53'1.3° E		
29 - 30	129.593	39.500	S 44°25'50.8° E		
30 - 16	14.364	4.378	N 47°4'33.4° E		
16 - 15	61.055	18.610	N 23°37'57.3° W		
15 - 11	73.181	22.306	N 55°33'52.5° W		

9 - 16	113.499	34.594	N 23°37'57.3" W		
16 - 30	14.364	4.378	S 47°4'33.4" W		
30 - 33	108.227	32.988	S 26°15'43.7" E		
33 - 9	8.616	2.626	N 70°37'50.5" E		

	SQR FT	ACRES	SQR M		
PDE Right	128.152	0.003	11.906		
FROM - TO	DISTANCE (FT/M)		BEARING	RADIUS (FT/M)	
-L- Sta 50+00 - 34	417.628	127.293	S 85°33'15.9" W		
34 - 35	24.290	7.404	S 72°14'49.8" W		
35 - 36	26.482	8.072	S 84°16'14.0" E		
36 - 34	10.552	3.216	N 17°44'43.9" W		

TYPE	COUNT	SQR FEET	ACRES
Parcel	1	198068.392	4.547
ROW Right	2	5454.001	0.125
PDE Right	2	1649.129	0.038
PUE Right	2	6806.574	0.156
TCE Right	3	6287.092	0.144
ROW Left	0	0.000	0.000
PDE Left	0	0.000	0.000
TDE Left	0	0.000	0.000
TDE Right	0	0.000	0.000
TCE Left	0	0.000	0.000
PUE Left	0	0.000	0.000
TSE Left	0	0.000	0.000
TSE Right	0	0.000	0.000
DUE Left	0	0.000	0.000
DUE Right	0	0.000	0.000
DTE Left	0	0.000	0.000
DTE Right	0	0.000	0.000
AUE Left	0	0.000	0.000
AUE Right	0	0.000	0.000
PCE Left	0	0.000	0.000
PCE Right	0	0.000	0.000
TUE Left	0	0.000	0.000
TUE Right	0	0.000	0.000
REM Left	0	0.000	0.000
REM Right	0	0.000	0.000
Other Left	0	0.000	0.000
Other Right	0	0.000	0.000
PE Left	0	0.000	0.000
PE Right	0	0.000	0.000







**§ 115C-518. Disposition of school property; easements and rights-of-way.**

(a) When in the opinion of any local board of education the use of any building site or other real property or personal property owned or held by the board is unnecessary or undesirable for public school purposes, the local board of education may dispose of such according to the procedures prescribed in General Statutes, Chapter 160A, Article 12, or any successor provisions thereto. Provided, when any real property to which the board holds title is no longer suitable or necessary for public school purposes, the board of county commissioners for the county in which the property is located shall be afforded the first opportunity to obtain the property. The board of education shall offer the property to the board of commissioners at a fair market price or at a price negotiated between the two boards. If the board of commissioners does not choose to obtain the property as offered, the board of education may dispose of such property according to the procedure as herein provided. Provided that no State or federal regulations would prohibit such action. For the purposes of this section references in Chapter 160A, Article 12, to the "city," the "council," or a specific city official are deemed to refer, respectively, to the school administrative unit, the board of education, and the school administrative official who most nearly performs the same duties performed by the specified city official. A local board of education may also sell any property other than real property through the facilities of the North Carolina Department of Administration. The proceeds of any sale of real property or from any lease for a term of over one year shall be applied to reduce the county's bonded indebtedness for the school administrative unit disposing of such real property or for capital outlay purposes.

(b) In addition to the foregoing, local boards of education are hereby authorized and empowered, in their sound discretion, to grant easements to any public utility, municipality or quasi-municipal corporations to furnish utility services, with or without compensation except the benefits accruing by virtue of the location of the said public utility, and to dedicate portions of any lands owned by such boards as rights-of-way for public streets, roads or sidewalks, with or without compensation except the benefits accruing by virtue of the location or improvement of such public streets, roads or sidewalks.

(c) Any sale, exchange or lease of real or personal property by any local board of education prior to June 18, 1982, and pursuant to the authority of G.S. 115-126 is hereby validated, ratified and confirmed. (1955, c. 1372, art. 15, s. 2; 1959, c. 324; c. 573, s. 11; 1961, c. 395; 1975, c. 264; c. 879, s. 46; 1977, c. 803; 1981, c. 423, s. 1; 1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1216; 1983, c. 731; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 975, s. 22.)

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**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:** 6/20/2022

**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 mass notification/communication system that gives us the ability to contact our various stakeholders through telephone calls, e-mail, text messaging, and information/messages sent to the mobile app and social media.

Three years ago, the Board of Education approved our contract with Blackboard. The contract included the option to renew on an annual basis. To maintain pricing that is comparable to the \$171,568.98 cost for the 2021-2022 academic year, Blackboard is offering a three-year renewal that is applicable for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 academic years:

- Cost for 2022-2023 academic year: \$170,996.32
- Cost for 2023-2024 academic year: \$170,996.32
- Cost for 2024-2025 academic year: \$170,996.31

*The proposed cost is \$572.66 lower per year than the current annual rate.*

The three-year renewal includes all current services provided by Blackboard, Inc. as well as an analysis of the current website and the application of a new template. The analysis will aid in the development of a new template for the website, which will be implemented during the 2022-2023 academic year (timeline for website analysis and new template implementation to be determined).

**Fiscal Implications:**

See information above for cost associated with the three-year renewal.

**Recommendation:**

The recommendation is for the Board of Education to approve the Blackboard renewal to maintain the current level of communication with our various stakeholders.

**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:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Panorama Education

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

### **Main Points:**

Panorama Education is a dynamic survey platform that Gaston County uses to seek feedback from external stakeholders of the district through family and community surveys. Survey data is collected, analyzed by Panorama Education and reports are provided through the dynamic analytics dashboard. Reports are reviewed by leadership and are used for district improvement planning.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Fiscal Year 2022-2023: \$51,000

### **Recommendation:**

To approve annual renewal of contracted services with Panorama Education.

### **Policy Implications:**

None

### **Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

**Submitted by:** Rebekka Powers

**Department:** Accountability

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Athletic Trainer — Amendment

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

**Main Points:**

GCS Board Policy 4270 specifies the need for licensed athletic trainers to be present at games and practices to monitor and assess injuries, including head injuries and concussions. CaroMont has provided athletic trainer support at all of the middle and high schools as a contracted service since 2016. The current contract, set to expire on July 31, 2022, includes a clause that allows it to be extended two additional years through July 2024 by adding an amendment to the original contract.

**Fiscal Implications:**

\$161,287 per year for a total of \$322,574 over the two-year period.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the Athletic Trainer Contract Amendment adding an additional two years to the original contract.

**Policy Implications:**

Policy 4270: Concussion and Head Injury specifies the Superintendent shall work toward having a licensed athletic trainer or first responder available for all school practices and games of all high school and middle school sports.

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

Other: Policy or General Statute. See above.

**Submitted by:** Cristi Bostic,

**Department:** Academic Services  
Executive Director of High School Instruction/Athletics

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Cropper GIS, LLC.

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

**Main Points:**

Information was shared June 6, 2022 at the BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting.

Cropper GIS Specializes in demographic and facility planning for K-12 school systems, cities, counties and federal agencies. GCS will utilize the local demographic analysis and forecasting provided by Cropper GIS. These services will allow the school district and local community to make informed decisions and build consensus. Cropper GIS has been in business since 2005 and they serve schools systems and communities all over the Country.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Utilize local funding to support facility planning. Not to exceed \$60,000.

**Recommendation:**

Approve Academic Services Cropper GIS contract.

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

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

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Successful Practices Network

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

### **Main Points:**

Gaston County Schools would like to partner with Successful Practices Network (SPN) which is a not-for-profit organization that works with schools and districts globally. SPN is dedicated to provide up-to-date resources and assistance to achieve success by design, specializing in school leadership. Leaders have different strengths and opportunities for growth, and experience, preparation, and content knowledge vary widely. SPN believes that the most powerful way to develop leadership capacity is not to teach leadership concepts but to have people learn leadership skills while working on key performance objectives. Through focused goals, progress monitoring, rapid coaching cycles, targeted professional development, the performance coaching model empowers future focused teams in resilient districts to achieve very specific and measurable goals.

SPN's executive leadership performance coaching is an intensive, collaborative process individualized for the specific needs of each leader. The coaches are experienced, credentialed educational leaders who establish relationships, provide guidance, and identify priorities with the leadership teams with whom they work.

Information was shared about SPN at the Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting on June 6, 2022.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Not to exceed \$150,000.

### **Recommendation:**

Approval of SPN to support school based administrators.

### **Policy Implications:**

None

### **Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

**Submitted by:** Melissa Balknight

**Department:** Academic Services  
Associate Superintendent of Academic Services

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Education Direction System

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

**Main Points:**

The Innovative Partnership Grant (IPG) was awarded to Warlick Academy. Each IPG recipient must partner with an outside agency to implement data-driven strategies for school transformation.

Education Direction System will partner with school and district teams to facilitate data-driven program and process assessment; actionable strategic planning; outcome-oriented professional learning; and customized coaching for teachers, leaders, and teams. They strive to shift school climate and culture, creating durable mindset and behavior shifts. Though improvement initiatives assess what students do, schools improve because of what adults do. Through their partnership, teachers and leaders learn how to improve professional practice in effective instruction. Importantly, they also experience the power of lasting change through collaborative improvement. This is not an easy change, nor a quick one, but a commitment to partnership and challenging work with individuals and systems therein produces meaningful and lasting improvement.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Utilize \$107,000 of IPG funds to collaborate with Education Direction System.

**Recommendation:**

Approve contract for Education Direction System

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

**Submitted by:** Cynthia Reynolds,  
Director of Federal Programs

**Department:** Academic Services

## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Curriculum Associates (K-8) — Amendment

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

**Main Points:**

Curriculum Associates is the provider of the K-8 math curriculum for Gaston County Schools. In addition to standards-based workbooks and web-based content, Curriculum Associates staff provide on-site professional development at the school and/or district level throughout the school year and summer to support learning and teaching through modeling, coaching, and feedback. This request is for 100 days of professional development to be used by elementary and middle schools. Unused days during the 2022-23 school year will roll over into the 2023-24 school year. The one-year contract for iReady (K-8) and three-year contract for Ready math books (6-8 grades) were approved on April 11, 2022. This is a contract addendum to add an additional \$150,000 to support elementary and middle school teachers through professional development.

**Fiscal Implications:**

\$150,000

**Recommendation:**

Approve instructional strategies for the 2022-2023 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:** Chris Bennett

**Department:** Academic Services

Executive Director of Middle School Instruction

## Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** 06/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Nursing Services Update

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

**Main Points:**

On March 15, 2021, an agenda for consent was brought before the Board of Education for approval to use contract agencies for staffing 30 school nurses. On September 20, 2021, the Board approved the amendment to the BrightStar Care Contract for CNA's to support Covid-19 testing.

Gaston County Schools currently contracts with four agencies to provide nursing services, including student specific contract nurses (updated on May 2022), contract school nurses and contract CNA's for Covid-19 testing. Student Support Services is requesting an extension to the term of the current contracts with BrightStar Care, Maxim, and The Stepping Stones Group for the total amount of 2,900,000 per year.

The NCDHHS Grant was extended through July 30, 2023 and there is \$700,000 remaining to support Covid-19.

Agency	Requested Position	Rate Requested per hour
The Stepping Stones Group	RN	\$45
Maxim	RN	\$48
BrightStar Care	RN CNA CNA Data Entry CNA Translator	\$48 \$32 \$36 \$40

**Fiscal Implications:**

\$2,200,000	Elementary and Secondary School and Emergency Relief Fund 1 (ESSER) will be used to pay for this fund
<u>\$ 700,000</u>	NCDHHS Grant extension
\$2,900,000	

**Recommendation:**

Approve amendment to extend Nursing Services Contracts to staff agency contract RN's and CNA's through the BrightStar Care, Maxim and The Stepping Stones Group agencies to support Covid-19 testing and schools.

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Strategic Goal Alignment:**

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

**Submitted by:** Jill S. Payne,

**Department:** Academic Services

Executive Director of Student Support Services



## **Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Holbrook Middle School Paving

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

**Main Points:**

The gravel bus parking lot at Holbrook Middle School is in need of paving due to age and usage over the years. The lot is adjacent to the football field and is used often for school events.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Two companies placed bids with Ruston Paving submitting the lowest at \$144,900. Funding will be provided by school bond money.

**Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends approval the paving project at Holbrook Middle School.

**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:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** New Hope Elementary School Paving

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

**Main Points:**

The gravel parking lot in front of the athletic field at New Hope Elementary School is in need of paving due to age and usage over the years.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Two companies placed bids with Ruston Paving submitting the lowest bid at \$117,000. Funding will be provided by school bond money.

**Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends approval of the paving project at New Hope Elementary School.

**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:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Hunter Huss High School Paving — Amendment

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

### **Main Points:**

Quinn Sales Inc. was approved at the February Board meeting to repave Hunter Huss High School's parking lots. Alternate #1 which would replace a deteriorating sidewalk above the home side of the football field was left off the original contract. Alternate #1 costs \$26,000 and needs to be added to the contract. In addition, since the original contract was approved, the cost of asphalt, concrete and fuel has increased resulting in an increase in the contract by \$83,910. The original approved amount was \$736,407 and the revised contract will be for \$846,317.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Increase Quinn Sales Inc. contract from \$736,407 to \$846,317 (increase of \$109,910). We will use school bond money for this project.

### **Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends approval of the additional funds needed to repave the parking lots and repair a sidewalk at Hunter Huss 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:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Gardner Park Elementary School Paving — Amendment

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

### **Main Points:**

Quinn Sales Inc. was approved during the February Board meeting to repave Gardner Park Elementary School's parking lots. Since that approval the cost of asphalt, concrete and trucking expense has increased by \$37,820. The original approved amount was \$340,921 making a new total of \$378,741.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Increase Quinn Sales Inc. contract from \$340,921 to \$378,741 (increase of \$37,820). Use 2018 Bond money for this project.

### **Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends approval of additional funds needed for Quinn Sales, Inc., to replace parking lots at Gardner Park Elementary 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:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Catawba Heights Elementary School Paving — Amendment

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

### **Main Points:**

Quinn Sales Inc. was approved during the February Board meeting to repave Catawba Heights Elementary School's parking lots. Since that approval the cost of asphalt, concrete and trucking expense has increased by \$15,080. The original approved amount was \$140,443 making a new total of \$155,523.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Increase Quinn Sales Inc. contract from \$140,443 to \$155,523 (increase of \$15,080).  
Use 2018 school bond money for this project.

### **Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends approval of additional funds needed for Quinn Sales, Inc., to repave parking lots at Catawba Heights Elementary 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:** 6/20/2022

**Agenda Item Title/Topic:** Cherryville High School LED Lights

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

**Main Points:**

LED lights are more cost effective and produce brighter lighting than the current lighting system. LED lighting will save on energy cost and with the brighter lighting improve safety. This contract is for a total school conversion to LED lighting.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Three bids were received with Millennium providing the lowest bid, but they were unable to secure the needed/required materials. Therefore, we would like to award the bid to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) lowest bidder, Light Serve. The contract total is \$171,508.

**Recommendation:**

The Operations Committee recommends approval for Light Serve 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

Last Name	First Name	Category	School
Adcock	Patrick	Resignation	York Chester Middle School - 526
Addington	Brock	Resignation	Catawba Heights Elementary School - 348
Aldridge	Jena	Resignation	Carr Elementary School - 344
Angstadt	Sherrie	Promotion	Carr Elementary School - 344
Beam	David	Promotion	McAdenville Elementary School - 448
Bell	Lisa	Resignation	Brookside Elementary School - 340
Brookshire	Jodi	Promotion	Lingerfeldt Elementary School - 438
Brown	Christen	Resignation	South Point High School - 494
Brown	Christen	Resignation	Transportation - 009
Caldwell	John	Resignation	Forestview High School - 396
Camp	Kourtland	Transfer	School Nutrition - 007
Carter	Erin	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Cheshire	Genora	Transfer	Robinson Elementary School - 488
Cloninger	Sara	Retirement	Carr Elementary School - 344
Conner	Katherine	Transfer	Robinson Elementary School - 488
Duckworth	Ashley	Retirement	Human Resources - 006
Frost	Michael	Resignation	Webb Street School - 394, Transportation - 009
Garcia Gasca	Angelina	Resignation	East Gaston High School - 390
Garris	Ericka	Transfer	South Point High School - 494
Ghent	Christin	New Hire	Mount Holly Middle School - 456
Gibbs	Shannon	Resignation	New Hope Elementary School - 464
Giles	Kathleen	Resignation	School Nutrition - 007
Grant	Jeremy	New Hire	Facilities - 004
Guffey	Morgan	New Hire	J.B. Page Primary School - 431
Henson	Matthew	Resignation	McAdenville Elementary School - 448
Houston	Tamika	New Hire	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Hughes	Michael	New Hire	Facilities - 004
Johnson	Joerether	Transfer	South Point High School - 494
Kirkpatrick	William	New Hire	Warlick Academy - 372
McDowell	Garrison	Termination	Warlick Academy - 372
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McElheney	Kymrie	New Hire	Student Support Services - 012
McElveen	Summer	Resignation	Holbrook Middle School - 426
Mellette	Matthew	Demotion	South Point High School - 494
Phillips	Brian	New Hire	Transportation - 009
Psarianos	Maria	New Hire	Finance and Operations - 006
Queen	Matthew	Resignation	Grier Middle School - 408
Reep	Julia	Retirement	Finance and Operations - 006
Roberts	Miata	New Hire	Bessemer City Central School - 332
Robinson	Courtney	Transfer	Pleasant Ridge Elementary School - 480
Scearce	Adrienne	Resignation	Elementary Instruction - 003
Scearce	Adrienne	Resignation	Gaston Virtual Academy - 550
Sellers	Julie	Resignation	Costner Elementary School - 376
Sellers	Julie	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Smith	Sandra	New Hire	Ashbrook High School - 310
Tacher	Geoffrey	Resignation	Grier Middle School - 408

Last Name	First Name	Category	School
Thomas	Randy	New Hire	Facilities - 004
Walls	Christina	New Hire	School Nutrition - 007
Waters	Gina	Promotion	Finance and Operations - 006
Winecoff	Michelle	Retirement	Mount Holly Middle School - 456