

Gaston County Legislative Meeting
Thursday, February 24, 2022
Meeting 7:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a Legislative Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff K. Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Kevin Collier, Lee Dedmon, Steve Hall, and Robbie Lovelace (Justin Davis, Dot Guthrie and Brent Moore absent).

Additional attendees from Gaston County Board of Education included: Superintendent, W. Jeffrey Booker, Gaston County Board of Education Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associates Superintendents Melissa Balknight and Gary Hoskins, Administrative Assistant Andrea Stephens and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Attendees from the Legislative Delegation included: Senator Ted Alexander, Representative Kelly Hastings, Representative Donnie Loftis and Representative John Torbett.

Chairman Ramsey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Below are items that were discussed:

COVID-19

- The mental health impact on instruction
- COVID-19 funds
- Additional duties and responsibilities that teachers have endured since the inception of the pandemic
- Student growth

Calendar

- Local boards of education desire calendar flexibility. This would allow local school districts to align their calendar with local community college calendars and conclude first semester by the holiday break.

K-3 Class Size

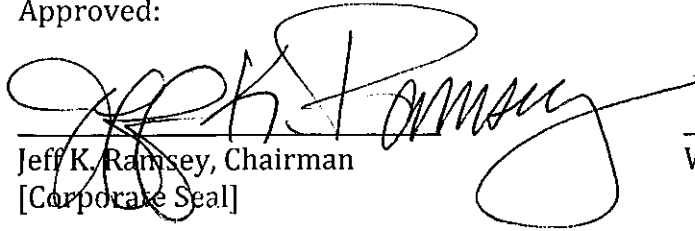
- Eliminate mandatory K-3 class size.

Retirement Wait Period for Teachers

- Temporarily remove six month retirement wait period for teachers who desire to return to the workforce.

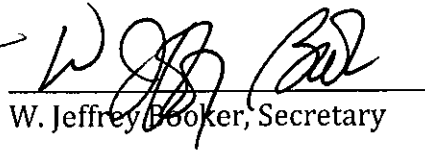
The Gaston County Legislative Delegation Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Approved:



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Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
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W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: 3/21/2022