

GASTON COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION



Shaping Our Future

943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC 28054
July 10, 2023
8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 7/10/2023

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Agenda Adoption

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Consideration of Formal Agenda for Monday, July 10, 2023.

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. Stephen C. Laws **Department:** Superintendent/Public Information

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Agenda

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Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 7/10/2023

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

DEPARTMENT: Communications/Public
Information Department

TOPIC: GOOD NEWS

FOR THE MONTH OF: July 2023

1. **Gaston County Schools** received the prestigious Golden Eagle Award from the United Way of Gaston County. The award recognizes the school district's outstanding participation in the United Way's annual fundraising campaign.
2. Four individuals with a connection to **Gaston County Schools** were presented the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award by the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community. The award recipients include **Kaitlyn Dockery**, a fifth-grade student at **W.A. Bess Elementary**; **Heather Vernitsky**, PTO president at **Springfield Elementary**; **Aubrey Bridges**, a volunteer at **Tryon Elementary School**; and **Flip Bombardier**, a long-time mentor at **York Chester Middle School**.
3. The N.C. High School Athletic Association recognized the **South Point High School** boys' soccer team and the boys' tennis team for achieving the highest combined team grade point average in the state for their respective sports. Additionally, the **South Point** girls' golf team and the **Stuart W. Cramer High School** girls' golf team finished in a three-way tie for having the highest combined team grade point average in the state.
4. **Gregory "Trey" Cherry** of **South Point High School** was recognized by the N.C. High School Athletic Association as one of the 12 recipients of the prestigious Heart of a Champion Award. Additionally, **Emma Taylor** of **Forestview High School** was honored for her contributions to the NCHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council.
5. The following high school student-athletes were named to the N.C. Baseball Coaches Association's all-state team: **Ashton Pope**, **North Gaston**; **Eli Newsome**, **Cherryville**; **Kanon Willis**, **Cherryville**; and **Landon Hahn**, **Cherryville**.
6. In May, students and employees in **Gaston County Schools** participated in the "Walk for Mental Health" awareness campaign, collectively covering a distance of 12,150 miles. Among the schools, **New Hope Elementary** achieved the highest walk total, recording an impressive 3,832 miles.
7. **Bessemer City High School** resource officer **Jeff Thompson** received the Gaston County Employee of the Year award. He was chosen for the award based on his efforts to encourage students to become involved in community service projects. Over the past couple of years, Thompson and the school's Impact Club organized the collection of blankets during the winter months, collected Easter basket items for students at **Bessemer City Primary**, and assisted with the collection of more than \$1,000 worth of school supplies.

8. **Collin Robinson** of **Cherryville High School** signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Pfeiffer University.
9. **Cherryville Elementary** teacher **Crystal Christy**, **Carr Elementary** teacher **Robin Melton**, and **Lowell Elementary** teacher **Celeste Helewski** each received a grant from Sonic Drive-In to support classroom projects and initiatives.
10. The **Cherryville High School** golf team won the Southern Piedmont 1A/2A Conference championship and finished as the runner-up in the western 1A regional championship. **Jackson Tedder** received all-conference honors and was named the conference player of the year. **Blake Tedder**, **Tyler Stroupe**, and **Peyton Huffman** also received all-conference honors.
11. During **Cherryville High School's** annual winter/spring sports awards ceremony, **Landon Hahn** and **Rileigh Kiser** received the Most Outstanding Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards, and **Will Fowler** and **Kendall Chupp** received the Male and Female Scholastic Athlete of the Year awards. Additionally, **Spencer Powers**, a student at **Cherryville Elementary School**, received the "Heart of the Ironmen" Award; **Seth Kaylor** received the Ronald "Scoop" Kiser Award; **Will Fowler** received the McDonald's/KTC Broadcasting Scholar Athlete Award; **Lee Roy Montgomery** received the "For the Love of the Game" Award; **Scott Jenkins** received the "Blue Jacket" Coach of the Year Award; and sports announcer **Danny Eaker** received the Lifetime Ironmen Booster Award.
12. A number of **Cherryville High School** students earned awards and special recognition during the school's annual winter/spring sports awards ceremony. Awards recognizing students for their outstanding achievements in athletics were presented to **Numarius Good**, **Landon Hahn**, **Carson Kelly**, **Nate Bookout**, **Chance Hunt**, **Laila Davis**, **Krista Davis**, and **Kate Bookout** for basketball; **Robbie Bowman**, **Caleb Hovis**, **Tobias Miller**, **Kam Bolin**, and **Chase Miller** for wrestling; **Sarah Eaker**, **Landyn McBride**, **Anna Leigh Jones**, **Kylie Reynolds**, and **Lani Philbeck** for cheerleading; **Krista Davis**, **Laila Davis**, **Landyn McBride**, **Lexi McSwain**, and **Ava Miller** for softball; **Harleigh Williams**, **Camryn Bell**, **Tyler Foley**, and **Steve Wyatt** for track and field; **Faith McNeill**, **Gracie Truesdell**, **Lila Grace Sermersheim**, and **Kate Bookout** for soccer; **Nate Bookout** and **Corey Alston** for tennis; and **Peyton Huffman**, **Jackson Tedder**, **Michael Griffin**, and **Blake Tedder** for golf.
13. **Patrick Blee** and **Charlie Birtwistle** of **South Point High School** were named Academic All-Americans by the National High School Coaches Association.
14. **Webb Street School** received a donation of \$7,000 from The Rooster of Gastonia during the inaugural Rooster Olympics, which featured music vendors, food trucks, games, and raffles.

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 7/10/2023

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: 7/10/2023

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Approval/Correction of Minutes

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☒ Action ☐ Information

Main Points:

Approval of Minutes of:

June 12, 2023 (Regular Meeting)

June 15, 2023 (Work Session)

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, June 12, 2023
Meeting 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. 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 Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Josh Crisp, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace (absent), Brent Moore, and Mr. A.M. Stephens III.

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendents Melissa Balknight and Gary Hoskins, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Chief Technology Officer Aaron Slutsky and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Recognition of Superintendent

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Todd Hagans who reported that Superintendent Booker will be leaving Gaston County Schools at the conclusion of the school year after more than nine years as Superintendent. Mr. Hagans recognized the Honorable Chief Resident Superior Court Judge David Phillips, the Honorable Judge Justin Davis, Mr. Mark Upchurch, Mr. Kevin Collier, Mr. Reeves McGlohon and Mrs. Andrea Stephens. Mr. Hagans highlighted some of the significant accomplishments of Superintendent Booker during his tenure at Gaston County Schools. Chairman Ramsey presented a crystal vase to Superintendent Booker. Board Members thanked Superintendent Booker for his leadership and commitment to Gaston County Schools.

A brief reception was held honoring Superintendent Booker.

Good News – Information

Mr. Todd Hagans recognized Ms. Lynn Whiteside, principal of New Hope Elementary School. Over the past 10 years, New Hope Elementary has successfully raised a total of \$69,496.35 in support of the American Heart Association! In the past three years alone, the school has surpassed \$47,000 in fundraising, which shows the growing support for the school-wide efforts to support the American Heart Association.

Mr. A.M. Stephens III presented a recognition plaque to Ms. Whiteside.

Mr. Todd Hagans recognized Ms. Aissatou Diouf of Ashbrook High School. Last week, Aissatou was among the distinguished service award winners, who were recognized by the Gaston County Jaycees during a dinner and ceremony. Aissatou is the founder of a non-profit chapter of Cancer Kids First NC, which focuses on providing support for children with cancer. She rallied a group of teen volunteers, who have worked to bring awareness to pediatric cancer and collected more than \$1,000 through various fundraisers. Each month, it is Aissatou's goal to have either a fundraiser, collection drive, or some type of service project to benefit Levine Children's Hospital. Additionally, she is one of 18 students to be selected to participate in the North Carolina Governor's School and will attend the prestigious academic enrichment program beginning next week at Winston-Salem State University where she will study natural science.

Mrs. Dot Guthrie presented a recognition plaque to Aissatou.

Mr. Todd Hagans recognized Mrs. Darlene Byers of Pleasant Ridge Elementary School for receiving the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Teacher. Mrs. Byers is a veteran educator with more than 20 years of successful teaching experience. This past school year, Mrs. Byers volunteered to teach a group of 40 students that needed additional academic support with an emphasis on small-group and one-to-one personalized instruction.

Ms. Dot Cherry presented a recognition plaque to Mrs. Byers.

Mr. Todd Hagans reported our Accountability Department is responsible for conducting a school-based audit for PowerSchool, which is our student information system. Every two years, an audit is completed for each school. Mr. Hagans recognized the schools that achieved a perfect score of 100 percent on the PowerSchool audit, meaning they had no errors for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

- Darla Mellon — Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences
- Natasha Fulbright — Hawks Nest STEAM Academy
- Toni Lowrance — Cramerton Middle School
- Dolly Bristol — East Gaston High School
- Kathy Wellborn — Webb Street School

Chairman Jeff Ramsey and Ms. Dot Cherry presented a recognition plaque to each employee.

Mr. Toddy Hagans recognized the schools that scored a 99 percent on the PowerSchool audit for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

- Melissa Knox — Sherwood Elementary
- Bonnie Saylor — Ashbrook High School
- Leah Stewart — Gaston Early College High School
- Deborah McCarn — Hunter Huss High School
- Kristin Boone — North Gaston High School
- Becky Ford — Stuart W. Cramer High School
- Teresa Whitesides — Belmont Central Elementary
- Angela Weaver — Pleasant Ridge Elementary
- Cherri Johnston — Belmont Middle School

- Susan Johnson — Mount Holly Middle School
- Judy Mauldin — Southwest Middle School
- Christy Kiser — Highland School of Technology

Chairman Ramsey and Ms. Dot Cherry presented a recognition plaque to each employee.

Superintendent Booker thanked our district-level PowerSchool specialists, Scott Cassell and Susie Bradley, for working with our school data managers and ensuring that our student data is current and accurate.

Public Expression – Information

No one signed up for Public Expression.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

The Board considered Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of May 1, 2023 (Work Session) and May 15, 2023 (Regular Meeting) as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Josh Crisp; motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Operations Committee Report – Information

Brent Moore is chair of the committee and members are Dot Cherry, Lee Dedmon and A.M. Stephens III. 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 Josh Crisp, Tod Kinlaw and Robbie Lovelace. Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Josh Crisp of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee who provided a summary of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Career & Technical Education Update – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Brett Buchanan who presented a PowerPoint on 2022-2023 Career & Technical Education Highlights.

(View PowerPoint)

School Nutrition Annual Report – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Angela Calamia who presented a PowerPoint on School Nutrition Annual Report.

(View PowerPoint)

School Nutrition School Year 2023-2024 Formal Bids – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Angela Calamia who asked the Board to consider approval of the 2023-2024 formal bids for the period beginning August 1, 2023 – July 31 2024.

Motion

The Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board

Approve the 2023-2024 School Nutrition Formal Bids

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

Out-of-County Tuition – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on Out-of-County Tuition.

(View PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Josh Crisp that the Board

Approve the 2023-2024 tuition rate of \$1,779 for GCS students domiciled outside of Gaston County and \$8,945 for GCS students domiciled outside of North Carolina

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

2023-2024 Budget Update – Information

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

(View PowerPoint)

2023-2024 Interim Budget – Action

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

(View PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Josh Crisp that the Board

Approve the 2023-2024 Interim Budget at the level of 80% of the 2022-2023 Budget

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

New Classroom Teacher Recruitment and Retention Bonus – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on New Classroom Teacher Bonus.

(View PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board
Approve the recruitment and retention bonus for new classroom teachers as outlined by Mr. Hoskins

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

Superintendent Selection Process, North Carolina School Boards Association – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Sam Thorp, NCSBA - Assistant Legal Counsel for Superintendent Searches who presented a PowerPoint on the Superintendent Search Process. Discussion occurred.

(PowerPoint)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Mr. A.M. Stephens III that the Board
Move forward to post our Superintendent vacancy with the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 and hold a scheduled Work Session as soon as possible to discuss customizing the survey. Move application deadline to Monday, August 7, 2023 and utilize the paid advertising option with American Association of School Administrators (AASA) for sixty days.

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

Consent Agenda – Action

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Federal Programs Budget 2023-2024
- E. Contracts
 - Ashbrook High School – Boiler/Chiller Replacement
 - Kiser Elementary School Media Center Carpet Replacement
 - Cellular Telephone Contract
 - VoIP Contract
 - WAN Contract
 - Restorative Practices Professional Development
 - 2023-2024 Career and Technical Education Local Application System Grant
 - Student-Specific Support Aids

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

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Booker thanked the Board for the earlier recognition.

Superintendent Booker recognized and thanked Todd Hagans and the Communications Department for all the “behind the scenes” work you do with our events. Our events always run smoothly and efficiently and we thank you for everything you do.

Superintendent Booker reported we had the privilege of hosting 15 graduation ceremonies that featured more than 2,000 students proudly receiving their well-deserved diploma.

Superintendent Booker announced we have transitioned to our summer work schedule for both our schools and central office buildings. Monday through Thursday, we are open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays. The summer schedule will be in effect until Friday, July 28.

Superintendent Booker highlighted several summer programs already in progress:

The Commissioners School of Excellence is currently underway and will conclude Thursday, June 15, 2023 after two weeks of activities. Our Camp Gaston summer enrichment program began last week, and our summer nutrition program, which offers convenient access to meals at various school and community sites throughout the county, will continue until August 3, 2023. Information about the summer meals program is on our website.

Superintendent Booker reminded everyone that new student enrollment and kindergarten registration are ongoing throughout the summer. We encourage parents to register online to avoid the rush in August.

Chairman Ramsey thanked Superintendent Booker for his dedication, devotion and leadership to make Gaston County Schools the success that it is and we wish you continued success.

Chairman Ramsey reported we typically do not hold a Board Meeting in July but we may need to hold a meeting in July to continue discussion on the superintendent search.

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 Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Josh Crisp; motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:22 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:44 p.m.

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mr. Tod Kinlaw that the Board

Award a two-year Assistant Principal contract effective July 1, 2023 for the following:

William Benson, Jr.

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

Adjournment

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

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:

Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]

W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Thursday, June 15, 2023
Meeting 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a work session on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry (via phone), Josh Crisp, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace (absent), Brent Moore (arrived after meeting in progress), and A.M. Stephens III (via phone).

Additional attendees include: Attorney Sonya McGraw, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Chief Technology Officer Aaron Slutsky and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Agenda Adoption - Action

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Josh Crisp; motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

Mr. Tod Kinlaw led the invocation.

Superintendent Search Process, North Carolina School Boards Association – Action

Chairman Ramsey introduced Mr. Sam Thorp, NCSBA - Assistant Legal Counsel for Superintendent Searches who joined by zoom and presented a PowerPoint on the Superintendent Search Process. Discussion occurred concerning community and staff surveys.

(PowerPoint)

Motion

A Motion was made by Mr. Josh Crisp; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board

Move forward with surveys that Sam Thorp, NCSBA - Assistant Legal Counsel for Superintendent Searches will customize taking into consideration comments and suggestions from Board Members to address the specific community expectations and needs for our district. Final survey will be reviewed before going “live”.

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

Adjournment

All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tod Kinlaw; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Approved:

Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]

W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 7/10/2023

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Superintendent Search Survey

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

The Gaston County Board of Education hired the N.C. School Boards Association to facilitate a nationwide superintendent search process that will select the next superintendent of Gaston County Schools.

An essential part of the superintendent search process is conducting a survey to gain input from stakeholders, including school employees, parents, students, business/civic leaders, and the community about what they would like to see in the next superintendent. The Superintendent Search Survey includes questions about the characteristics, experience, knowledge, skills, etc. that the person chosen by the Board of Education to lead the school system should possess.

The survey is available on the Gaston County Schools website, and the deadline to complete the survey is July 17. All stakeholders who have an interest in Gaston County Schools are encouraged to take the Superintendent Search Survey.

Fiscal Implications:

The survey is part of the NCSBA's superintendent search service that has been authorized by the Board of Education.

Recommendation:

Once the survey is complete, the NCSBA will analyze, compile, and present the survey data to the Board of Education. The NCSBA recommends that the Board of Education take the data into consideration when determining who will be selected as the next superintendent of Gaston County Schools.

Policy Implications:

While there are no policy implications, conducting the survey is a standard procedure used during a superintendent search process.

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Todd Hagans **Department:** Communications/Superintendent's Office

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 7/10/2023

Agenda Item Title/Topic: Closed Session

Type of Item: ☐ Consent ☐ Action ☒ Information

Main Points:

Closed sessions shall be held when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted by law.

– N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel

– N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) Consultation with Attorney

In order to consult with the Board's attorney and protect the attorney client privilege, and to receive advice with respect to the lawsuits captioned:

—22-CVS-2828 Greene vs. Golden and The Gaston County Board of Education et al.

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

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

—21-CVS-5016 Bostic vs. Phroneberger and The Gaston County Board of Education

—21-CVS-5017 Lukinoff vs. Barber and The Gaston County Board of Education

—21-CVS-5018 Brittain vs. Beason and The Gaston County Board of Education

—21-CVS-5019 Long vs. The Gaston County Board of Education

—23-CVS-812 NCAE et al. vs. The Gaston County Board of Education

—Any other legal matters.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

Board to consider information provided in Closed Session in accordance with G.S. §143-318.11.

Policy Implications:

N/A

Strategic Goal Alignment:

Other: Policy or Gen Statute. See above.

Submitted by: Sonya McGraw, Attorney **Department:** Legal/Superintendent's Office