

Gaston County Schools  
Board of Education Retreat  
Friday, January 27, 2023  
Immediately Following Board of Education Meeting

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The Gaston County Board of Education held its annual retreat on Friday, January 27, 2023 immediately following the Board of Education Meeting in the Linda Rader Staff Development Center, 240 Eighth Avenue, Cramerton, NC. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Josh Crisp, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace, Brent Moore, and 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, and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Dr. Booker presented "Reflection" as a group activity.

**Technology Support Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Aaron Slutsky who presented a PowerPoint on Technology Support Services. Discussion followed.

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**Accountability and Strategic Planning Progress**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Rebekka Powers who presented a PowerPoint on Accountability and Testing. Discussion followed.

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**Academic Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Melissa Balknight who presented a PowerPoint on Academic Services. Discussion followed.

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**Auxiliary Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Morgen Houchard who introduced Mr. David Bellamy with LS3P. Mr. Bellamy presented a PowerPoint on Grier Middle School Replacement.

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Dr. Morgen Houchard presented a PowerPoint on Auxiliary Services.

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**Finance and Operations**

Superintendent Booker recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on Finance.

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**Auxiliary Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Morgen Houchard who presented a PowerPoint on Bond and Capital Projects.

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Superintendent Booker thanked Board Members for attending the Retreat.

Chairman Ramsey thanked Board Members for attending the Retreat and staff for all of their work that went into preparing for the retreat. The next Board of Education Meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2023.

Chairman Ramsey announced the following:

**Curriculum & Instruction Committee Members**

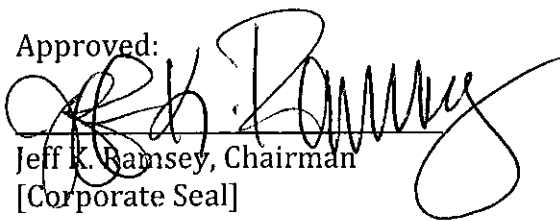
- Dot Guthrie – Chair
- Josh Crisp
- Tod Kinlaw
- Robbie Lovelace

**Operations Committee Members**

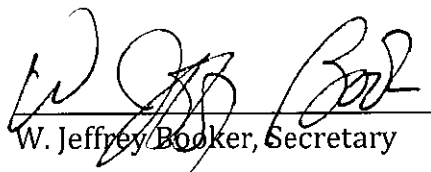
- Brent Moore – Chair
- Dot Cherry
- Lee Dedmon
- A.M. Stephens

The Board Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved:



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

Date Approved: 2/20/2023