

Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Monday, July 10, 2023
Meeting 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.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 (absent).

Additional attendees include: Interim Superintendent Dr. Stephen Laws, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendent Gary Hoskins, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Network Engineer Brad Evans and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Interim Superintendent Laws read a devotional thought and had a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Interim Superintendent Laws led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Ramsey welcomed Interim Superintendent Dr. Stephen C. Laws and Mr. Todd Hagans gave welcoming remarks.

Agenda Adoption - Action

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

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

Good News – Information

Mr. Todd Hagans presented shared Good News items.

(View PowerPoint)

Public Expression – Information

Aaron Wurster
2017 Silvertip Court
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Stuart W. Cramer Baseball Field

Approval/Correction of Minutes

The Board considered Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of June 12, 2023 (Regular Meeting) and June 15, 2023 (Work Session) as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore; motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

Superintendent Search Survey – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Todd Hagans who presented a PowerPoint on the Superintendent Search Survey. Discussion followed.

(View PowerPoint)

Superintendent's Comments

Interim Superintendent Laws wished Chairman Ramsey a Happy Birthday.

Interim Superintendent Laws thanked everyone for extending a warm welcome as he begins the role of Interim Superintendent.

Interim Superintendent Laws reminded everyone that school begins on Wednesday, August 16. Our two Early College programs at Gaston College begin a week earlier on Wednesday, August 9.

Interim Superintendent Laws announced that new student enrollment and kindergarten enrollment is going on this summer. We recommend to register before school starts to avoid the rush.

Interim Superintendent Laws announced as part of the back-to-school process, we are working on hiring teachers and other school employees. We want to remind everyone about the bonus incentive plan for new classroom teachers – the bonus plan is designed to attract new teachers to Gaston County Schools.

Interim Superintendent Laws thanked everyone for the opportunity to work in Gaston County Schools. He is homegrown, educated in Gaston County and mentored by many wonderful people and committed to Gaston County. We will have to navigate without three anchors – Dr. Jeff Booker former Superintendent, Dr. Melissa Balknight, Associate Superintendent who will be leaving us at the end of the month and Dr. Kecia Coln, Executive Director Human Resources who will be leaving tomorrow. There may be some concern when you lose three anchors but we have a plan and we will do our very best. He is excited and thankful for this opportunity.

Chairman Ramsey announced that summer camps have ended and our staff is engaging in professional development over the summer.

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 Mrs. Dot Guthrie; motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 9:07 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:06 a.m.

Motion

The Motion was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board
**Award an Interim Associate Superintendent contract effective July 13, 2023 -
December 31, 2023 for the following:**

Elizabeth L. Folger, Ed.D.

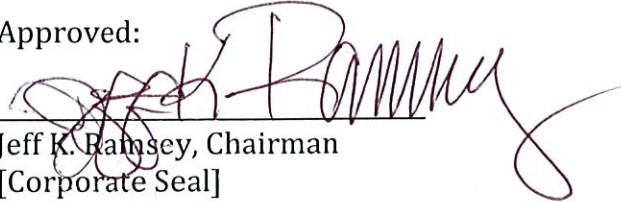
A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (6-0)

Adjournment

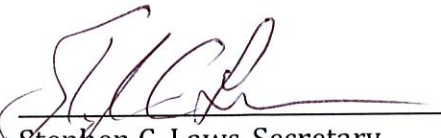
All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Josh Crisp; seconded by Ms. Dot Chery motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Approved:



Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]



Stephen C. Laws, Secretary

Date Approved:

8/21/23

Good News from Gaston County Schools

July 2023

Gaston County Schools

Congratulations, Class of 2023!



More than
\$41 million
in scholarships
and grants

Gaston County Schools

Paul Fuller Mentoring Scholarship



J'Shawn Leach

**Hunter Huss
High School**

Gaston County Schools

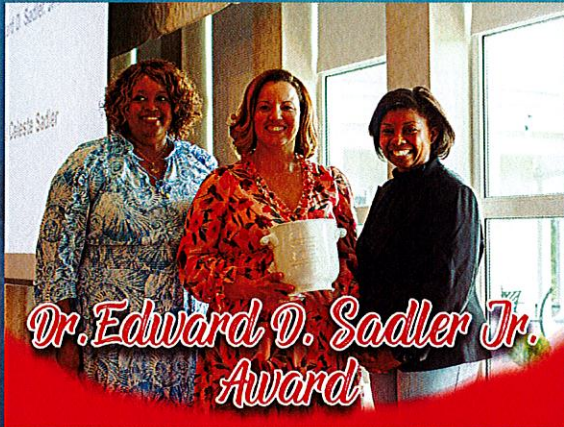
Golden Eagle Award



**Presented
for outstanding
United Way
fundraising campaign**

Gaston County Schools

Dr. Edward D. Sadler, Jr. Award



**Presented to
Celeste Sadler**

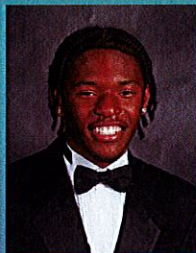
**Coordinator of
Professional Development**

Gaston County Schools

State Champions Outdoor Track and Field



**Camryn Massey
Ashbrook**



**Sincere Moss
Ashbrook**



**Alexis Willis
Stuart W. Cramer**

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North Carolina Governor's School

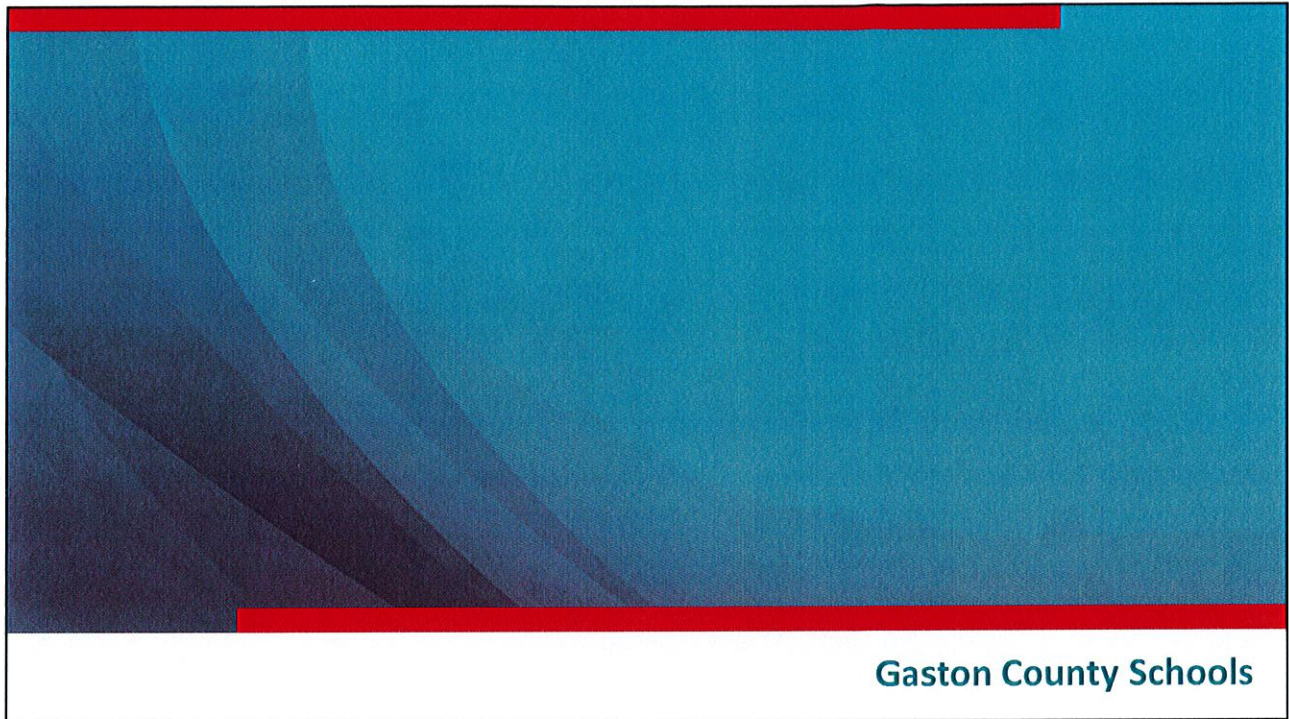


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GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Welcome!
Stephen C. Laws, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent
Welcome, Dr. Laws!
Stephen C. Laws begins time as Interim superintendent. [More](#)

GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Kindergarten Registration
[Register now for kindergarten](#)

Superintendent Search Survey
The Board of Education is seeking input from employees, parents, and the community about the search for the next superintendent of Gaston County Schools. Please take time to complete our survey that gives you an opportunity to provide feedback. [Click here](#) for the survey.

[More Announcements](#)

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Community Sessions

Saturday, July 15, 2023

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Board of Education Community Sessions

Tabernacle Baptist Church

519 W. 19th Avenue, Gastonia

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 15, 2023

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Board of Education Community Sessions

The Pointe Church

6700 Wilkinson Blvd., Belmont

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**Superintendent
Search Survey**

2,520 responses so far

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