

Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Friday, January 26, 2024
Meeting 8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. 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 (absent), Robbie Lovelace, Brent Moore, and A.M. Stephens III.

Additional attendees include: Interim Superintendent Dr. Stephen Laws, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Interim Associate Superintendent Dr. Beth Folger and Associate Superintendent 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 8:37 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Interim Superintendent Laws read a devotional thought.

Pledge of Allegiance

Interim Superintendent Laws 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 Ms. Dot Cherry; motion carried unanimously. (7-0) (Mr. Stephens was out of the room for the vote)

Good News - Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Todd Hagans who presented a PowerPoint on Good News.

(View PowerPoint)

Public Expression - Information

No one signed up for Public Expression.

Approval/Correction of Minutes - Action

Motion to adopt minutes of December 4 and December 18, 2023 as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore; motion carried unanimously. (7-0) (Mr. Stephens was out of the room for the vote)

Restart Model – Action

Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Cynthia Reynolds who presented a PowerPoint on Restart Updates.

Motion

Motion was made by Mr. A.M. Stephens III; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board

Approve the Restart Model

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

(View PowerPoint)

Consent Agenda – Action

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Contracts
 - North Gaston High School Façade and Security Vestibule Design
 - W.C. Friday Middle School – Professional Services for Entrance Improvements
 - Hunter Huss High School – Professional Services for Stadium Concession and Restroom Improvements
 - Facilities Department – Vehicle Purchase

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

Superintendent’s Comments

Interim Superintendent Dr. Laws saved his comments until the end of the day.

Closed Session

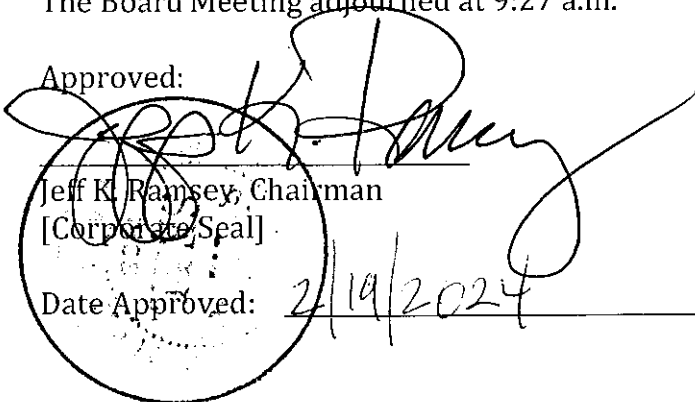
Closed Session was not needed.

Adjournment


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

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Approved:



Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]



Morgen A. Houchard, Secretary

Date Approved: 2/19/2024