

Agenda
Board of Education Retreat
Gaston College – Robinson Building Room 126
201 US-321, Dallas, NC 28034
January 30, 2025
Josh Crisp – Chairman
Dot Cherry – Vice Chairman

Lee Dedmon, Gastonia Township
Tod Kinlaw, South Point Township
Robbie Lovelace, Cherryville Township
Brent Moore, Crowders Mountain Township



Jeff K. Ramsey, At Large
Janna Smith, Gastonia Township
A.M. Stephens, III, Riverbend Township

8:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting
(See Agenda)

Board of Education Work Session
(Following the Regular Monthly Meeting)

Welcome

Chairman, Josh Crisp

- *The vision of Gaston County Schools is to inspire success and a lifetime of learning.*

State of the Schools Address

Superintendent, Morgen Houchard

- *Mission Statement – Through outstanding employees and community partners, Gaston County Schools provides innovative educational opportunities for all students in a safe and nurturing learning environment.*

Bond and Capital Work – Present/Future

Assistant Superintendent, Bessie Harvey

- *Healthy, Safe and Responsible Schools – Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.*

Break

Kick Off Budget Process 2025-2026

Associate Superintendent, Gary Hoskins

- *Innovation – Every employee uses innovative practices to serve all students, parents and other stakeholders.*

Accreditation Process

Chief Accountability Officer, Kelly Cunningham

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Choice Programs

Assistant Superintendent, Rebekka Powers

- *College and Career Ready – Every student will graduate prepared for college, the workforce and other life-enhancing opportunities.*

Lunch

Demographic Study and Utilization Report

Matthew Cropper, President - Cropper GIS Consulting, LLC

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Board Responsibilities and Roles

Chris Campbell, Attorney Campbell and Shatley, PLLC Attorneys at Law

- *GCS Policy Code 2010: The Board recognizes the importance of an effective working relationship between the Board and Superintendent. The Board further recognizes the distinct and separate areas of responsibilities of the Board and Superintendent of the school system. The Superintendent is responsible for the administration of the system of schools consistent with the Board's policies.*

Closing Remarks

Adjournment