

Special Called Board of Education Meeting

June 30, 2026

5:30 PM, at Stearns Education Center Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Mr. Ashworth, Vice Chairman Mr. Covil, Ms. Gibbs, Ms. Page, Ms. Allen, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Stich

Members Absent: None

Others: Superintendent Todd Murphy, Director of Operations Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace and Attorney Chris Campbell

Call to Order and Welcome

Mr. Ashworth called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM and welcomed all in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Budget Amendment - Debbie Lovelace (Action)

Debbie Lovelace reviewed the budget amendment included with the agenda. Chairman Ashworth asked for a motion that the budget amendment be approved as submitted. Ms. Allen made the motion, which Ms. Page seconded. Chairman Ashworth called for questions or comments and there were none. The motion was approved 7-0.

2026-2027 School Calendar Adjustment – Brandon Schweitzer (Action)

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer presented to the Board an adjustment to the previously approved 2026–2027 school calendar. One additional teacher workday was added to meet the state-required minimum of 215 days. Mr. Ashworth called for a motion to approve the 2026–2027 school calendar adjustment. Mr. Stich made the motion, and Ms. Jackson seconded it. Chairman Ashworth called for questions or comments, and there were none. The calendar adjustment was approved by a vote of 7–0.

Student Transfer Request – Brandon Schweitzer (Action)

The Board agreed to vote on the Student Transfer Request as presented. Chairman Ashworth called for a motion to approve the Student Transfer Request. Ms. Jackson made a motion to approve the Student Transfer Request as submitted and it was seconded by Ms. Gibbs. The Student Transfer Request was approved 7-0.

II. INFORMATION PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

None

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

At 5:37 PM Mr. Ashworth entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and Attorney-Client Privilege. Ms. Gibbs made the motion go into closed session, and it was seconded by Ms. Jackson. The motion carried 7-0.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Resumption of Regular Session: With all discussion concluded in closed session, Mr. Ashworth called for a motion to return to open session. At 5:57 pm, Mr. Covil made a motion to return to open session. Mr. Stich seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ashworth called the Board's attention to those matters on the personnel agenda that required Board approval. Mr. Ashworth asked the Board's pleasure in regard to a motion. Mr. Stich made the motion to approve the recommendations of the Superintendent and the Human Resources Specialist. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Information:

Name	Position		School		
Holly Jolley	Cafeteria Assistant		SVE	Resigned	
Kaye Harris	CTE Director		PCHS	Transferred to New Position	

Action:

Name	Position	School	Hometown	College	Licensure Area	Years Exp
Laura Jane Howald	Pre-K Teacher	SVE	Columbus, NC	UNC Greensboro	Early Childhood Ed	20
Jessica Pickard	Teacher-2 nd Grade	PCES	Rutherfordton, NC	Appalachian State	Bachelor of Science	22
Abby Buchanan	Teacher Assistant	SVE	Mill Spring, NC	N/A	N/A	3
Megan Elkins	Teacher Assistant	PCES	Shelby, NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kim Gdoviah	Cafeteria Assistant	TES	Landrum, SC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juanita Parnell	Cafeteria Assistant	PCHS	Campobello, SC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Susan Powell	Cafeteria Assistant	SVE	Mill Spring, NC	N/A	N/A	N/A

Leave:

Name	Position	School	
Nancy Johnson	Pre-K TA	PCES	FMLA
Hannah Elwell	Teacher	PCHS	FMLA
Austin Elwell	Teacher	PCHS	FMLA

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Ashworth declared the meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Mike Ashworth, Board Chair

Todd Murphy, Board Secretary
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