

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Pilot Mountain Middle School

March 2, 2026

4:00 P.M.

Call to Order	The Surry County Board of Education met in regular session on March 2, 2026, at Pilot Mountain Middle School with all members present. Mr. TJ Bledsoe, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
Closed Session	On a motion by Mr., seconded by Mr., the board entered into closed session at 4:00 p.m. for the following reasons: to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under state or federal law, including but not limited to N.C.G.S. §115C-319 and N.C.G.S. §115C-402, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1); to discuss the price or other material terms of a contract for the acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143- 318.11(a)(5); and to consider the qualification, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee, or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6).
Adjourn Closed Session	On a motion by Mr. Badgett, seconded by Mr. Scales, the board adjourned from closed session at 5:15 p.m.
Open Session and Approval of Agenda	The board entered open session at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Tony Hutchens led the invocation and pledge. On a motion by Mr. Scales, seconded by Mr. Hutchens, the board unanimously approved the agenda.
Recognitions	The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the following:
Student Leaders of the Quarter	Student Leaders of the Quarter Presenter: Jodi Southern/School Designees Information: One winner from each grade span will be celebrated.
Teacher of the Month	Surry County Schools' Teacher of the Month Presenter: Dr. Travis L. Reeves Mr. Jeff Fitzgerald, Accurate Insurance Solutions, Inc. SCS Principals Information: The Board of Education is asked to congratulate the following Teacher of the Month recipients: • February Teacher of the Month - Laiken Reece - NSHS & MMMS • March Teacher of the Month - Caleb Whitaker - MMMS
Leader of the Month	Surry County Schools' Leader of the Month Presenter: Dr. Travis L. Reeves SCS Principals Information: The Board of Education is asked to congratulate the following Leader of the Month recipients: • February Leader of the Month - Dove Hunter - Central Office • March Leader of the Month - Crystal White - SCHS
Surry Sunrise Rotary Donation	The Board of Education was asked to recognize Surry Sunrise Rotary for its generous donation of \$13,205.50 to Surry County Schools for food insecurity.

National Board
Certified Teachers

The Board of Education was asked to recognize the Newly Named and Renewed National Board Certified Teachers
Presenter: Shannon DuPlessis and Kristy Cox

The Board of Education was asked to recognize and congratulate our newest and recently renewed National Board Certified Teachers for their accomplishments!

Information:

Congratulations to the following teachers who were recently notified that they have completed the requirements for National Board Certification. These teachers have participated in a rigorous process that helps them advance the quality of teaching and learning in their discipline and with the students they serve at different developmental levels. If you could, please join me in welcoming up to the podium our 14 newly certified teachers:

- Craig Smith, Surry Central High School
- Elijah Bryant, Dobson Elementary School
- Brandi Phillips, Shoals Elementary School
- John Strickland, Cedar Ridge Elementary School
- Kelsey York, Cedar Ridge Elementary School
- Kayla Widner, Mountain Park Elementary School
- Jessica Dunlap, Cedar Ridge Elementary School
- Kaitlin Kidd, Dobson Elementary School
- Casey Hodges, Cedar Ridge Elementary School
- Lucila Cabrera, Franklin Elementary School
- Molly Snow, Shoals Elementary School
- Jennifer Collins, Franklin Elementary School
- Marlana Jarrell, Cedar Ridge Elementary School
- Carson Payne, Dobson Elementary School

An extra congratulations also goes out to 6 teachers who were recently notified of their successful National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) renewal. To retain NBCT status, teachers must complete a periodic demonstration of their knowledge and skills by submitting a Profile of Professional Growth (PPG) demonstrating how their practice continues to align with the Five Core Propositions in their certificate area.

- Susan Marion, East Surry High School
- Courtney Willard, Pilot Elementary and Westfield Elementary Schools
- Lauren Simpson, Pilot Mtn. Elementary School
- Amy Chandler, Pilot Mtn. Middle School
- Shelley Higgins, Central Middle School

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Smith signed up for public comment.

Board of Education meetings are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the official business of the school district. The public is cordially invited to attend board meetings to observe the board as it conducts its official business. The Board, as elected representatives of the school district, also wishes to provide a forum to citizens to express interests and concerns related to the school district. To provide an opportunity for input while conducting an orderly meeting, individuals or groups may be heard by the board in accordance with policy 2300, section D, paragraph 2, which addresses public hearings.

Middle-of-Year School Improvement Plans Update	The Board of Education was asked to review the Middle of the Year School Improvement Plans Update. Presenters: Dr. Shelley Goins Information: MOY SIP Executive Summary MOY SIP Updates
Read to Achieve Updates	The Board of Education was asked to review the Read to Achieve Updates. Presenter: Abby King Information: Please review the attachment for Read to Achieve Updates as of February 2026. Attachments/Links: 2025-2026 Third Grade Proficiency Data- Board Update
Gentry Middle and Meadowview Middle Consolidation Update	Dr. Travis L. Reeves provided an update to the Board on the consolidation process for Gentry Middle and Meadowview Middle schools.
Surry County Schools Educational Foundation Update	Dr. Travis L. Reeves provided an update on the SCS Educational Foundation
Committee Meetings Updates	• Curriculum Committee Meeting Update - Committee Chairman, Mr. Dale Badgett • Finance Committee Meeting Update - Committee Chairman, Mr. Raleigh Scales • Athletic Committee Meeting Update - Committee Chairman, Mr. Kent Whitaker • Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Update - Committee Co-Chairmen, Mr. Tony Hutchens and Mr. Kent Whitaker
Superintendent’s Report	Dr. Travis L. Reeves shared updates with the BOE. Superintendent’s Monthly Report - March 2026 1. Student Achievement 2. Supportive, Safe, and Secure Environments 3. Engaged Employees 4. Family & Community Engagement 5. Operational Effectiveness Information: Dr. Reeves will share updates with the Board of Education.
General Personnel Report	The Board was asked to approve the General Personnel Report as part of the Consent Agenda.
Student Transfers	The Board was asked to approve student transfers as part of the Consent Agenda.
Field Trips Approval	The Board was asked to approve the presented field trip requests as part of the Consent Agenda.
Contract to Audit Accounts - Surry Engagement Letter	The Board of Education was asked to approve the Surry Engagement Letter-Contract To Audit Accounts Letter as part of the Consent Agenda.

Mount Airy Garden Club Bench Donation in Honor of Ann Lowry Yokeley	The Board of Education was asked to approve the donation of a "buddy" bench by the Mount Airy Garden Club as part of the consent agenda. The Garden Club seeks to put a bench on the playground at Copeland Elementary School in memory of Ann Lowry Yokeley, who is a long-term member and who worked/retired from Copeland with 30 years of service. The bench is being made by MAHS students and will include a memorial plaque. The bench will be placed on school grounds in April. Sponsor: Beckie Payne.
East Coast Migrant Head Start Project name change to Grow Early Learning Corp	The Board of Education was asked to approve an updated LOU and MOU to reflect the name change of East Coast Migrant Head Start to Grow Early Learning Corp. as part of the consent agenda. East Coast Migrant Head Start Name Change
Cedar Ridge Electrical Line Improvement	The Board of Education was asked to approve an easement for Surry Yadkin Electrical Cooperative to install a “Self Healing Circuit” to the school. They will be installing another power line from the opposite direction along Flippin Road to the school. This new line will help reduce power outages at the school. Information: CEDAR RIDGE EASEMENT FOR SYEMC
Motion	Motion to approve the Consent Items by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Scales Carries 5/5
Surry Central High School Locker Room Renovation	The Board of Education was asked to approve the renovation of the men's football locker room as presented. The cost of the renovation will be covered by a parent donation. Presenter: Stephen Bruner Quote: Quote for Locker Room Renovation Current Locker Room Images Image 1 Image 2 Image 3 Image 4 Image 5 Renovation Proposal Picture Information: SCHS requested to renovate our men’s Football locker room. This project would entail removing and replacing the current lockers, installing epoxy resin/chip flooring, and painting the walls. The full amount of this project is being covered by a parent.
Motion	Motion to approve the renovation of the men's football locker room as presented by Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Mr. Hutchens. Carries 5/5

2025-2026 School Calendar Update

The Board of Education was asked to approve the updated 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented.

- [2025-2026 School Calendar Updated](#)
- [Calendar Recommendations](#)

Motion

Motion to approve the updated 2025-2026 School Calendar Option number one by Mr. Badgett, seconded by Mr. Scales.
Carries 5/5

Board Comments

The Board of Education provided updates and comments.

Announcements

Announcements of upcoming events were shared with the board:

- Spring Break March 9-13, 2026
- Board Visit and Lunch at FES - March 5, 2026
- Elementary Book Battle on March 6, 2026
- SCS Beginner's Day - March 17, 2026
- Board Visit and Lunch at DES - March 19, 2026
- Board Visit and Lunch at PMMS - March 20, 2026
- Board Visit and Lunch at GMS - March 25, 2026
- DARE Graduation CRES and RES April 1, 2026

Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Scales, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

TJ Bledsoe, Board Chair
Surry County Board of Education

Travis L. Reeves, Ed.D., Superintendent
Surry County Schools