The Stokes County Board of Education held a work session on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices in Danbury, NC.

Link for Board Work Session Meeting:



https://tinyurl.com/2x7mkspk

The Board Members who participated were Mr. Justin Duncan, Chairman; Mr. Von Robertson, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Jessica Bennett, member; Mrs. Cheryl Knight, member; and Mr. Mike Rogers, member.

The administration that participated: Dr. Brad Rice, Superintendent; Dr. Jared Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Anna McGee, Director of Curriculum K-5 & AIG; Mr. Neil Atkins, Director of Curriculum 6-12; Dr. Kimberley Thompson-Hairston, Director of Media and Technology & Public Information Officer; Mr. Richie Roberts, Director of Maintenance and Facilities; Mrs. Rachel Cain, Director of Testing and Accountability.

Ms. Lisa Ranzo, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education, was present. Mr. Frederick Johnson, Legal Counsel for the Board of Education, was absent.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Chairman Duncan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board entered closed session at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (1), (a) (3), and (a) (6), the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference. The vote was 5-0.

RECESS TO OPEN SESSION

Mike Rogers returned the meeting to an open session at 5:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Video 1:12 – 1:35)

The agenda was amended to include the approval of WSHS CTE Building Engineering RFQ Results.
Upon motion by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the amended agenda was approved by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Video 1:40 – 7:56)

Kaitlyn Marshall Brewster, Assistant Principal of King Elementary School, presented the Board with thank-you cards and a thank-you video from the students for improvements to the gym. Chairman Duncan said that the Board appreciates her sharing her comments, cards, and video.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(Video 8:01 – 1:21:03)

A. Discussion of School Improvement Plans:
(Video 8:27 – 1:14:50)

Anna McGhee shared that the Curriculum and Instruction Teams have been working with Administrators and SIT Chairs to provide PD on how to streamline planning, reduce redundancy, and increase the impact of SIT. Each School Improvement Plan presented tonight is centered on 3 goals:

- Improve Student Outcomes
- Minimize Opportunity Gaps
- Increase Educator Efficacy

1. Chestnut Grove Middle School – Dr. Doug Rose presented
2. Nancy Reynolds Elementary School – Mr. Michael Richardson presented
3. North Stokes High School – Mr. Ricky Vernon presented
4. Pinnacle Elementary School – Ms. Carrie Linville presented
5. Walnut Cove Elementary – Mitzi Sheppard presented
6. West Stokes High School – Dr. Sam Jones presented

Rachel Cain explained to the Board that the Growth Index is determined by a complex formula that school systems do not receive. She stated that if a school performs within the range of (-2 to +2), then the school is considered to have met growth. That range is set by EVAAS.

B. Discussion of South Stokes High School Softball Access:
(Video 1:14:59 – 1:21:03)

Richie Roberts presented information about safety concerns regarding access to the softball field at South Stokes HS. Mr. Roberts stated that, at present, there is no good way to access the field. Mr. Roberts would like to obtain bids for . The Board agreed unanimously to allow Mr. Roberts to solicit bids for stairs, handrails, a sidewalk leading to the field, and an ADA-accessible parking lot, and safety netting.

ACTION AGENDA
(Video 1:21:07 – 1:29:07)

A. Approval of Personnel and Coaching:
(Video 1:21:07 – 1:21:19)

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, the Personnel and Coaching were approved by a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Policy Updates:
(Video 1:21:21 – 1:24:59)
1. Policy 6140 Student Wellness
2. Policy 6140 Health and Wellness (Administrative Procedures)
3. Policy 6125 Administering Medicine to Students

Upon motion by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the policy updates were approved by a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Southeastern Middle School Track Re-Paving Bid Tabulation:
(Video 1:25:02 - 1:27:30)

Richie Roberts presented bid tabulations, with Turner's Paving having the lowest bid of $58,000. Vice-Chair Robertson asked whether this bid includes striping the track. Mr. Roberts stated that it does not. He estimated it would cost $ 3,000 to stripe.

Upon motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the re-paving of the track at Southeastern Middle School by Turners Paving was approved by a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of West Stokes High School CTE Building Engineering RFQ Results:
(Video 1:27:33 – 1:29:07)

Mr. Richie Roberts presented RFQ results, with Peterson Gordon having the highest rating of 37.

Upon motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the CTE building at West Stoke High School by Peterson Gordon was approved by a 5-0 vote.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Video 1:29:09 – 1:30:37)

Dr.Jared Jones reviewed the Information and Announcement items on the Agenda.

PERSONNEL
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Category	Last Name	First Name	Position	School	Effective Date	External Applicants	Internal Applicants	Comments
Leave of Absence	Shuler	Cindy	Bus Driver	350-Southeastern	10/2/26 - 10/30/26			
Change Status	Cable	William "Bill"	Van Driver	500-Transportation	8/13/2026			Sub Van Driver to Permanent Part time Van Driver
New Hire - Permanent	Bullins	William	Part Time Custodian	316-King and 312-Germanton	10/6/2026	6	0	
New Hire - Permanent	Kiser	Megan	Recep./Financial Secretary/Data Mgr	340- Pinnacle	10/26/2026	15	1	
New Hire - Permanent	Robinson	Sarah	EC Teacher	316- King	10/19/2026	2	0	
New Hire - Permanent	Smith	Austin	Bus Driver	356- Walnut Cove	10/6/2026	4	0	
New Hire - Permanent	Vaughan	Camden	2nd Grade Teacher	328- Nancy Reynolds	10/28/2026	6	0	
New Hire - Temp with Benefits	Hutchens	Carley	Pre-K TA	340- Pinnacle	10/19/2026	11	0	Pending background check
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Cheek	Lori	Substitute Teacher	001-Systemwide	10/6/2026			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Harris	Lisa	Tutor	356- Walnut Cove	10/15/26 - 5/27/27			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Linville	Lilian	Substitute Teacher	001-Systemwide	10/6/2026			Pending receipt of final reference
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Moser	Kaylin	Substitute Teacher	001-Systemwide	10/6/2026			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Sands	Thomas	Sub Bus Driver	001-Systemwide	10/6/2026			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Small	Kimberly "Renee"	Substitute Teacher	001-Systemwide	10/6/2026			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	White	Rhonda	Substitute Teacher	001-Systemwide	10/6/2026			
Resignation	Bullins	Alan	HVAC Mechanic	400-Maintenance	10/9/2026			Personal Reasons
Resignation	Bullins	Laura	Kindergarten TA	354- London	10/16/2026			Personal Reasons
Resignation	Hodge	Donna	Bus Driver	348- Sandy Ridge	9/22/2026			Health
Resignation	Inman	Valicia	Kindergarten TA	354- London	10/16/2026			Relocating
Resignation	Snow	Timmy	2nd Grade Teacher	316- King	10/20/2026			Personal Reasons
Resignation	Wilkes	Chakka	EC Teacher	316- King	10/31/2026			WSFCS
For Information Only - No Action Needed								
Change	Slade	Stephanie	Teaching Assistant	314- Mount Olive	10/6/2026			change from Title 1 TA to Permanent TA

No further business was presented, and upon motion by Chairman Duncan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. by a 5-0 vote.

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Vice-Chairperson Secretary