The Stokes County Board of Education held a regular session on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Administrative Office in Danbury, NC 27016.

Link for Board Regular Session Meeting:



https://tinyurl.com/at62djhy

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

The administration that participated: Dr. Brad Rice, Superintendent; Dr. Jared Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Lanette Moore, Executive Director of Finance; Dr. Bryan Taylor, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Kimberley Thompson-Hairston, Director of Media & Technology, & PIO; Mrs. Anna McGee, Director of Curriculum K-5 Education & AIG; Mr. Matt Tedder, Director of Transportation; Mr. Richie Roberts, Director of Maintenance and Facilities; Mrs. Amber Flippin, Director of Exceptional Children; and Mrs. Regina Lankford Turney, Interim Director of School Nutrition.

Mr. Fred Johnson, Legal Counsel for the Board of Education; and Ms. Lisa Ranzo, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education, were present.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Chairman Duncan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board entered a 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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education reconvened the open session at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
(Video 1:14 – 2:06)

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the agenda was approved by a 5-0 vote.

GOOD NEWS
(Video 2:15 – 4:29)

Tina Mabe was recognized as the recipient of the 2026 Ralph W. Eaton Award at the School Nutrition Association of North Carolina Culinary Competition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA
(Video 5:09 – 5:34)

The consent agenda included the following:
A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes, July 20, 2026
B. Approval of Work Session Minutes, August 3, 2026
C. Approval of Policy 3221 Generative AI

Upon motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda by a 5-0 vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Video (5:37 – 14:43)

Stokes County Education Grants:
Provided by Shallow Ford Foundation -9 grants received in 2026, totaling $22,692, awarded in the Spring. Shallow Ford Foundation will hold a grant cycle in the Fall to benefit 2026-2027 students. (August 3-October 2; Fall 2026 Grant Cycle)

DISCUSSION AGENDA
(Video 15:13 – 40:08)

Back to School Updates

A. Enrollment Report
(Video 15:13 – 16:28)

	August 2026	**August 2025**
3rd-Day ADM	5,254	5,291
Pre-Kindergarten	85	92
Total Students	5,339	5,383
Seniors	398	428
Kindergartners	388	361
Student Transfers		
Incoming (Out-of-District)	409	364
Outgoing Releases	149	157

B. Vacancy Report
(Video 16:29 – 17:32)

13 vacancies

2 Teaching Vacancies

- Math/Science at Stokes Academy
- EC Teacher at Walnut Cove Elementary School

3 TA Vacancies

- Stokes Academy
- Mount Olive Elementary School
- ISS at North Stokes High School

2 Bus Driver Vacancies

- Chestnut Grove Middle School (New Bus/Position)
- Stokes Academy (New Bus/Position)

1 Bus Monitor Vacancy

- EC Monitor at Stokes Academy (New Position)

3 School Nutrition Vacancies

- Floating Positions

1 School Nurse Vacancy

- Southeastern Stokes Middle School

1 Counselor Vacancy

- South Stokes High School

C. Class Size Report

(Video 17:33-18:12)

Grade	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
# of Students	393	338	348	392	392	438	2,301
Average Class Size	17.09	15.36	16.98	17.82	19.60	22.46	18.12

No elementary classes have 29 or more students (one class has 28).

Middle School

(Video 20:39 – 26:25)

	CGMS	PGMS	SESMS
Core classes	25	28.3	23.6
Band	17.7	2.3	16
Music	12.1	n/a	n/a
Art	20.6	10.9	15.3
PE	27.1	19.8	20.1
CTE	20.2	13.8	14.6

High School

(Video 26:26- 27:30)

	NSHS	SSHS	WSHS	SECHS
English	21.5	24.9	21.9	13.8
Math	20.7	24.4	22.1	12.8
Science	15.8	19.6	22.1	12.4
Social Studies	18.7	21.5	22.6	12.6
CTE	11.2	15.5	20.1	
PE	18.75	18.6	21.2	
Band	5.5	12	18.3	
Art	13.8	16	19.1	
Chorus / Theatre	n/a	10.7	15.3	

D. Combination Class Report

(Video 18:13 – 20:33)

As of August 17, 2026, the district has six combination classrooms.

GES – 3/4 PES – K/1 & 2/3 WCES – K/1

NRES – K/1 SRES – 4/5

E. Transportation Report

(Video 27:32 – 34:53)

Thursday:
AM - Activity Bus Accident (minor) - Early College at Hanging Rock State Park
AM - Late Buses (Major) - Two known (68 @ SSHS: 60min & 85 @ SEMS: 55min)
PM - Bus 37 stuck in turnaround (cars in cul-de-sac)

Friday:
Yellow Bus Accident (minor) - South Stokes bus backed into parked car
AM - Late Buses (Major) - Two known (68 @ SSHS: 90min & 85 @ SEMS: 40min)
PM - Late Buses (Major) - One known (63 @ SSHS: 30min)

Monday (AM):
AM - Late Buses (Major) - One known (68 @ SSHS: 30min *Sub Driver*)
PM - Late Buses (Major) - Two known (63 @ SSHS: 18min & 51 @ WSHS *broke down*)

Ridership:

Current:

AM - 1,974

PM - 2,646

2025 BOY:

AM - 1,949

PM - 2,618

GPS Update:

TIMS, MCNC, Edulog, Nitor, and our Tech Department hope to resolve server routing and housing issues by Wednesday. Then tablets can be formatted at Edulog and shipped to us to self-install. Everyone in these groups believes we will tentatively be at full functionality "within a week to 10 days."

UPDATE:

The TIMS server has been updated and moved to a new IP, which should allow communication between tablets, TIMS data, and parent portal.

F. School Nutrition Report

(Video 34:57 – 36:26)

1st Day Breakfast 1,292 (76 increase) Lunch 2,994 (95 increase)

2nd Day Breakfast 1,620 (74 increase) Lunch 2,929 (-101 decrease)

3rd Day Breakfast 1,860 (24 increase) Lunch 3,025 (-149 decrease)

G. Dojo – Infinite Campus (Online registration) Report

(Video 36:58 – 40:08)

ClassDojo

Week one: August 10–16

Messages sent **12,466**

Stories posted **731**

Students with connected family **87%**

Families viewing story posts **90%**

Infinite Campus Portal Usage

SY 2026 - 60.49% - Students having a parent with an account

SY2-2027 - 65.03% - Students having a parent with an account

ACTION AGENDA

(Video 40:31 – 44:03)

A. Approval of Personnel and Coaching

Upon motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board of Education approved the Personnel and Coaching, by a 5-0 vote.

PERSONNEL
(Video 40:31 – 45:01)

August 17, 2026

Category	Last Name	First Name	Position	School	Effective Date	External Applicants	Internal Applicants	Comments
Leave of Absence	McNeil	Teresa	EC TA	356- Walnut Cove	8/5/2026 - 10/21/2026			
Change Position	Harbour	Jacob	Career Development Coordinator	200- Central Office	TBD	9	2	
New Hire - Permanent	Brown	Ashleigh	School Nutrition Assistant	312- Germanton	8/13/2026	8	0	Board Polled 8-12-26
New Hire - Permanent	Eades	Ashley	Assistant Principal	332- North Stokes	8/18/2026	16	1	
New Hire - Permanent	Mabe	Jessica	Teacher Assistant	354- London	8/6/2026	29	1	Board Polled 8-5-26
New Hire - Permanent	Miller	Megan	1st Grade Teacher	316- King	8/7/2026	9	0	Board Polled 8-5-26
New Hire - Permanent	Mitchell	Kristien	EC Bus Monitor	338- Piney Grove	8/13/2026			Board Polled 8-12-26
New Hire - Permanent	Noell	Christopher	EC Bus Monitor	360- Early College	8/10/2026	1	0	Board Polled 8-7-26
New Hire - Permanent	Torrey	Kristopher	Math & Science Teacher	324- Stokes County Academy	8/18/2024	7	1	
New Hire - Temp with Benefits	Willson	Alaina	Title 1 Teacher Assistant	356- Walnut Cove	8/7/26 - 5/26/27			Board Polled 8-7-26
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Hansen	Katharine	Substitute Teacher	001- Systemwide	8/18/2026			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Nickless	Jessica	Substitute Teacher	001- Systemwide	8/18/2026			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Roberts	Johanna	Substitute EC Bus Monitor	001- Systemwide	8/18/2026			
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Tetter	Emily	Substitute Teacher	001- Systemwide	8/18/2026			
Resignation	Colato	Kelly	Bus Monitor	338- Piney Grove	8/6/2026			Personal
Resignation	Cox	Krystal	Media Assistant	352- South Stokes	8/18/2026			WSFCS
Resignation	Holland	Catrese	Counselor	352- South Stokes	8/31/2026			WSFCS
Resignation	McGee	Lisa	School Nutrition Assistant	312- Germanton	8/4/2026			Personal
Resignation	Pyrtle	Donna	Financial Secretary/Data Manager	314- Mount Olive	8/31/2026			Personal
Resignation	Thorn	Miranda	Teacher Assistant	314- Mount Olive	8/28/2026			Guilford County

Retirement	Veach	Patricia	Bus Driver	356- Walnut Cove	9/1/2026			
For Information Only - No Action Needed								
Add Role	Warren	Norma	Sub Custodian	358- West Stokes High	8/18/2026			Current Sub Teacher, adding as Sub Custodian
Change	Caudle	Frankie	Floating Bus Monitor	500- Transportation	8/5/2026			Was Bus Driver for Poplar Springs, now floating bus monitor
Transfer	Tilley	Amanda	EC TA	342- Poplar Springs	8/5/2026			Was at WCES, transferred to PSES to fill a vacant role.

B. Approval of Summer Policy Update based on provisions in the 2026 Appropriations Act
(Video 40:47 – 41:18)

Upon motion by Chairman Duncan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board of Education approved the Summer Policy Update by a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Behavioral Framework NC, LLC Contract
(Video 41:22 - 44:03)
This contract provides access to an Autism Specialist who will serve as a consultant and evaluator. The contract will provide personnel for a student. This is the same contract as the 2025-2026 school year, except the amount is changing; not to exceed $150,000.

Upon motion by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, the Board of Education approved the Behavioral Framework NC, LLC Contract for the 2026-2027 school year, by a 5-0 vote.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

No further business was presented. Upon motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. by a 5-0 vote.

_____ Chairperson

_____ Secretary