The Stokes County Board of Education held a work session on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices in Danbury, NC.

Link for Board Work Session Meeting:



https://tinyurl.com/yck7z85v

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

The administration that participated: Dr. Brad Rice, Superintendent; Dr. Jared Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Lanette Moore, Executive Director of Finance; Dr. Byan Taylor, Director of Human Resources; 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 Offier; Mr. Richie Roberts, Director of Maintenance and Facilities; Mrs. Rachel Cain, Director of Testing and Accountability; Dr. Matt Tedder, Director of Transportation; and Mrs. Regina Robertson-Turney, Interim School Nutrition Director.

Mrs. Pam Bolejack, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education, and Ms. Lisa Ranzo, Administrative Assistant in training, were present. Mr. Frederick Johnson, Legal Counsel for the Board of Education, was absent.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, 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 3-0. Knight and Rogers were absent.

RECESS TO OPEN SESSION

Vice-Chairman Robertson returned the meeting to an open session at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, the agenda was approved by a 3-0 vote. Knight and Rogers were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(Video 2:54 - 19:51)

A. Discussion of Capital Project Update:
(Video 2:54 - 8:38)

Mr. Richie Roberts presented updates for the Capital Reserve Projects and the Capital Budget Projects.

B. Discussion of Fencing Project Update:
(Video 8:39 – 15:52)
Mr. Richie Roberts presented updates for the fencing and ramp projects using overhead diagrams of North Stokes High School and South Stokes High School.

C. Discussion of West Stokes Additional First Responder:
(Video 16:32-20:05)
Dr. Jared Jones presented the need for an additional First Responder at West Stokes High School. This request was moved to Action Agenda, Item F.

ACTION AGENDA
(Video 20:07 – 32:26)

A. Approval of Personnel and Coaching:
(Video 20:07 – 20:28)
Upon motion by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Personnel and Coaching were approved by a 3-0 vote. Knight and Rogers were absent.

B. Approval of School Nutrition Price Increase (High Schools Only):
(Video 20:30 – 24:36)
Regina Robertson-Turney presented the 26/27 proposed price increase for High School lunch only. The current price is $3.00; the proposed price is $3.25.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, the price increase was approved by a 3-0 vote. Knight and Rogers were absent.

C. Approval of Novant Post-Accident Drug Testing MOU:
(Video 24:37 – 25:49)
Dr. Matt Tedder shared that Novant Health would now handle drug testing for bus drivers, at the same cost as the previous provider.

Upon motion by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Approval of Novant Post Accident Drug Testing MOU was approved by a 3-0 vote. Knight and Rogers were absent.

D. Approval of South Stokes Tennis Court Fencing Bid Tabulation:
(Video 25:50 – 26:45)
Mr. Richie Roberts presented bid tabulations for South Stokes tennis court fencing replacement. Nickelston Fence Company was the lowest bid.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, Nickelston Fence Company was approved by a 3-0 vote to complete tennis court fencing at South Stokes High School. Knight and Rogers were absent.

E. Approval of Wayground:
(Video 26:28 – 30:52)
Dr. Kimberly Thompson-Hairston presented a recommendation for districtwide adoption of Wayground, a digital platform to enhance student learning.

Upon motion by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, Wayground was approved by a 3-0 vote. Knight and Rogers were absent.

F. Approval of Listing Agreement for Real Estate Services:
(Video 31:07 – 31:58)
Dr. Rice presented the listing agreement for Kent Hunter Realty to sell the Meadowbrook property.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, Kent Hunter Realty was approved by a 3-0 vote. Knight and Rogers were absent.

G. Approval of Additional First Responder at West Stokes High School
(Video 31:59 – 32:26)
Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Robertson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, an additional first responder at West Stokes High School was approved by a 3-0 vote. Knight and Rogers were absent.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr.Jared Jones reviewed the Information and Announcement items on the Agenda.
(Video 32:28 – 34:53)

PERSONNEL
August 3, 2026

Category	Last Name	First Name	Position	School	Effective Date
Leave of Absence	Moorefield	Reid	Teacher Assistant	348- Sandy Ridge	8/5/26 - 9/16/26
Leave of Absence	Webster	Bethany	ELA Teacher	338- Piney Grove	8/5/26 - 6/1/27
Add Position	Thigpen	Eddie	Interim Assistant Principal	304- Chestnut Grove	8/5/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Breeden	Kathryn	5th Grade Teacher	312- Germanton	8/5/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Donciu	Diana	Teacher Assistant	314- Mount Olive	8/5/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Hariston	Tiffany	Financial Secretary	356- Walnut Cove	8/4/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Hooker	Scotty	Custodian	352- South Stokes	8/5/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Mabe	Samantha	Bus Driver	328- Nancy Reynolds	8/5/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Nastvogel	Kimberly	School Nutrition Assistant	350- Southeastern	8/6/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Smith	Kathryn	3rd Grade Teacher	354- London	8/5/2026
New Hire - Permanent	Watts	Brandi	Reading Interventionist	304- Chestnut Grove	8/5/2026
New Hire - Temp with Benefits	Gilley	Molly	Title 1 TA	342- Poplar Springs	8/5/26 - 6/1/27
New Hire - Temp with Benefits	Huff	Michella	Title 1 TA	342- Poplar Springs	8/5/26 - 6/1/27
New Hire - Temp with Benefits	Mabe	Alysha	Title 1 TA	328- Nancy Reynolds	8/5/26 - 6/1/27
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Carswell	Megan	Substitute Teacher	001- Systemwide	8/5/2026
New Hire - Temp No Benefits	Forrest	Eddie	Drivers Ed Instructor	500- Transportation	8/4/2026
Resignation	Brown	Carolyn	School Nutrition Assistant	304- Chestnut Grove	7/24/2026
Rescind Resignation	Edwards	Jessica	Science Teacher	338- Piney Grove	7/22/2026
Declined the Position	Martin	Tara	Science Teacher	338- Piney Grove	8/5/2026
For Information Only - No Action Needed					
Change	Shoaf	Maya	School Nutrition Assistant	304- Chestnut Grove	8/5/2026
Transfer / Change Position	Ashley	Taylor	ELA Teacher	338- Piney Grove	8/5/26 - 6/1/27
Transfer	Behrens	Julia	1:1 EC TA	358- West Stokes	8/5/2026
Transfer	Fried	Kelly	1:1 EC TA	358- West Stokes	8/5/2026

No further business was presented, and upon motion by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Vice-Chairman Robertson, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m. by a 3-0 vote.

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Vice-Chairperson Secretary