

The Franklin County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin County Schools' Riverside Campus. Quorum was met with the following members present: Chair Mrs. Meghan Jordan, Vice Chair Mr. Chris Perry, Dr. Elizabeth Keith, Dr. Candice Hinton, Mr. Tom Harris, Mr. Thomas Piper, and Mrs. Paige Sayles. There was no one absent. Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler and Attorney Boyd Sturges were present. Chair Mrs. Meghan Jordan called the meeting to order.

Media: Mr. Gary Cunard, *The Franklin Times*

A Moment of Silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Dawayne McIntosh, Director of Communications, recognized Character Trait of the Month Students.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mr. Thomas Piper, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

During Public Comment Jennifer Paylor (15 Falls Creek Dr. Youngsville, NC 27596) spoke in concern of the new policy changes regarding Title IX.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mr. Chris Perry, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the March 10, 2025 board meeting, March 20, 2025 emergency board vote and the March 1, 2025 work session minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Perry, seconded by Dr. Candice Hinton, and unanimously carried to approve the policies for action as presented. Policies for Action: 3320 School Trips, Remove 1725/4035/7236 Title IX Sex Discrimination- Prohibited Conduct and Grievance Procedures, Add 1725/4035/7236 Title IX Sexual Harassment- Prohibited Conduct and Reporting Process, 1726/4036/7237 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process, 1710/4020/7230 Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law, 1720/4030/7235 Title IX Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex, 1725/4035/7236 Title IX Sexual Harassment- Prohibited Conduct, 4023/7233 Pregnant and Parenting Students and Employees, 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services, 1300 Governing Principle- Parental Involvement, 1500 Governing Principle- Safe, Orderly and Inviting Environments, 1600 Governing Principle- Professional Development, 1700 Governing Principle- Removal of Barriers, 1742/5060 Responding to Complaints.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mrs. Paige Sayles to approve the 2025-2026 Local Current Expense and Capital Outlay Budgets as presented. The motion passed with a vote of five to one with Dr. Candice Hinton, Dr. Elizabeth Keith, Mrs. Paige Sayles, Mr.

Thomas Piper, and Mr. Chris Perry voting in favor of the motion, and Mr. Tom Harris voting against the motion.

A motion was made by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, seconded by Dr. Candice Hinton, and unanimously carried to approve the Day Treatment Services for Elementary Students located at the Vine Academy Building for the 2025-26 school year pending approval from DHHS as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mrs. Paige Sayles, and unanimously carried to approve the amended summer remediation plan for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

Information was shared on policy updates and an overview of the Business Advisory Council, no action was taken.

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler gave a brief oral Superintendent's Report.

Chair Mrs. Meghan Jordan, announced upcoming meetings.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mr. Chris Perry, and unanimously carried to go into closed session for the purpose of G.S.143.318.11(a)(1)(3) Personnel/Consult with Attorney.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mr. Chris Perry, and unanimously carried to approve the April 15, 2025 Personnel Report as presented and attached herein.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mr. Chris Perry, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Meghan Jordan, Chair

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Teresa Everett, Clerk to the Board