

Henderson County Board of Public Education

MINUTES

May 11, 2026

The Henderson County Board of Public Education held a meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 beginning at 4:00 pm, at 414 4th Avenue West, Hendersonville, NC. The meeting was accessible to the public via a livestream link at, <http://hcpsnc.org/live>.

Board Members Present: Amy Lynn Holt, *Chairperson*, Dr. Kathy Revis, *Vice Chairperson*; Beth Campbell; Stephanie Cantwell; Blair Craven; Shelia Dale; Alyssa Norman

Administrative Staff Present: Mark R. Garrett, Superintendent; Shannon Marlowe, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer; Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer; Scott Rhodes, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Attorney Present: John Henning

Board Clerk: Tawana Clayton

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Amy Lynn Holt called the meeting to order at approximately 4:07 p.m. Mrs. Holt requested everyone present to stand as a West Henderson High School Army JROTC representative led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

Mrs. Holt asked those present to remain standing and take a moment of silent reflection.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt acknowledged receipt of the meeting agenda and called for a motion to approve it as presented. Mr. Blair Craven moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Alyssa Norman seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved*)

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Mark R. Garrett and principals showcased the HCPS students who will enlist in the military this year:

East Henderson High School: Jamie Chacon Quiterio - National Guard; Estrella Hernandez - Martinez - US Army; Emiline Tucker - National Guard

Hendersonville High School: Leland Carroll - Army

Innovative High School: Kenny Malis (HCEC)- National Guard

North Henderson High School: Denver Capps - Army; Elaina Elliott - Air Force; Nicolas Flores Gomez - Army; Micah Hartline - Army; Keyla Lopez Castillo - Marines; Trenton Markley - Air Force; Derek McAdam - Marines; Yaceliz Pacheo Trejo - Air Force; Cayden Ramsey - Army

West Henderson High School: Kaida Pace - Air Force

Principals presented certificates to the following students:

Elizabeth Stark - Hillandale

Principal Dr. Katie Bradley recognized Elizabeth for winning the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest. Elizabeth wrote about having lunch with Benjamin Franklin. Teacher: Maria Dean

Bruce Drysdale Elementary School

Assistant Principal April Summey recognized:

Bruce Drysdale Spelling Bee Squad: Congratulations to the BDS Spelling Bee Squad for winning first place at the 2025 Kiwanis Spelling Bee. Students: Luke Collazo, Jeremiah Langston Lopez, Malakai Letchworth, Jolie Romesberg, Scarlett Smith, and Caleb Yoder. Teachers: Suzanne Pilkington and Allison Keever

Bearbotics Team:

The Bearbots Robotics Team of Bruce Drysdale Elementary won an Innovation Project Finalist Award at the FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge: The Bearbots Robotics Team of Bruce Drysdale Elementary won an Engineering Excellence Award at the FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge. Savannah and Chris Brundage achieved the Coach and Mentor Award for their leadership of the Bruce Drysdale Elementary Bearbots Robotics Team. Students: Carlos Colin-Hernandez, Liam Soto, Sofia Cruz, Youmi Womack, Christopher Clouse, Amiyah Miller, Hayden Hoy, Carter Edney, Santiago Sanchez Brito, Yakshit Soni, Heavenly Michel, Ruby Reed, Noah Frias, Kayden Terry, Elijah Nevers, Vaclav Dorvtel, Raymond Riviero, Hailey Clouse, Kieran Chamberlain, Rhys Burnham, and Kaleb Aguilar

Heavenly Michel: Heavenly Michel has been selected as the 5th grade winner of the Joseph McDowell Chapter American History Essay Contest. Students were asked to go back in time and meet one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Heavenly wrote about meeting Benjamin Franklin. Teacher: Victoria Shaffer

Hendersonville Elementary School

Principal Carolyn Henderson recognized the Hendersonville Battle of the Books team. The Hendersonville Elementary School Battle of the Books Team earned 1st Place at the Henderson County Battle of the Books Competition on April 2, 2026. The team then represented Henderson County Public Schools at the regional competition on April 16, where they also captured the Regional Battle of the Books Championship. Their outstanding season concluded with a trip to the state competition. Teacher: Kara Lindsey

Henderson County Career Academy

Principal Kirbey Farley recognized several Career Academy students.

Rodney Hayes won First Place, Automotive Service Technology (CCP) at the recent SkillsUSA State competition. Ro will now advance to compete at the national level at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, held June 1st through 5th in Atlanta, Georgia.

JNCG State Conference Results: Catori Vinson placed third in the prepared public speaking event. Blu Heintz and Skylar Harper placed second in the Project L.O.V.E. event. Caleb Smith, Curtis McCraw, Aidan Johnson, and Colton Arilotta placed third in the Creative Decision Making event. Teacher: Arthur Kelly

East Henderson High School

JNCG State Conference Results: Wyatt Price placed second in the Employability Skills Category. The East Henderson Team placed second in the Promotional Video Category. Teacher: Shelby Focarino

West Henderson High School

Principal Luke Manuel recognized the NCTC Theatre Honors Group.

The West Henderson High School Honor's NCTC class participated in the regional One-Act Play Festival in November where they received the Audience Choice Award and moved on to the State One-Act Play Festival. While competing at the State level they once again won the Audience Choice Award while allowing them advance onto the National level at SETC. They ended on a high note and were given a Finalist Production Award at SETC placing them in the top five shows. Congratulations to Cole Reasoner for his outstanding achievements, including Excellence in Acting Awards at regionals and state. He also received Excellence in Acting Physicality at SETC. Natalia Husted also received an Excellence in Acting Award at regionals. Caroline Frampton won an Excellence in Acting Award at the State level, Annalise Youmans and AJ Briggs for their SETC Nationals All-Star Cast wins, Hayden Eckenberg for his state win in Excellence in Sound Design, and Lillie Thompson for her regional win in Excellence in Production and Design. Congratulations to Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Parent for receiving Excellence In Directing Awards at Regionals and State.

SCHOOL FEATURES – Hendersonville Elementary, North Henderson High School, Rugby Middle School
Each month, this spotlight will give the opportunity to showcase unique programs, traditions, and successes happening across all 23 of our schools.

Hendersonville Elementary: Cubcat Café & Adaptive PE Unit

Mary-Beth Elliott and Kayla Fadden presented on Cubcat Café and the Adaptive PE Unit.

Cubcat Café: Intensive intervention students work with their PawPals (5th grade students), working together to run a restaurant: Design a menu, plate the food, greet, clean-up and teach problem solving skills. Next year they are partnering with Outback Steakhouse to go into the restaurant and talk to professionals

Adaptive Inclusive Unit: Students did activities with visual impairment, wheel chairs, etc. The discussion and follow-up from students afterwards was the best part.

Rugby Middle School: Fine Arts Night

Maureen Johnson and Heather Fender presented on the 12th Annual Fine Arts Night stating the evening is more than an event-it is a celebration of student voice, expression, and community connection. The event includes Strings and Band performances, The Raiders of the Lost Script (Improv Theatre Group), photography and art, along with food trucks and community engagement.

North Henderson High School: Squires “Knights in Training”

Assistant Principal Tracy Queen shared about a tradition that was recently revived three years ago. The “Mini Graduates” tradition began at Edneyville High School and is now part of North Henderson’s graduation ceremony. North Henderson invites students from its five feeder schools — Clear Creek, Dana, Edneyville, Fletcher, and Sugarloaf to participate. Two kindergarten students from each school serve as squires, walking onto the football field alongside the Top 10 seniors during graduation.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – One County, Many Leaders

Student leaders from all six high schools shared how they’ve been using their time during the monthly district student government meetings.

Building Bridges Between Schools:

- Meetings are more than SGA (Presented by Early College)
- School Pride (Presented by East Henderson)
- Community Outreach (Hendersonville High)
- Connecting Schools (West Henderson)
- School Mission/Purpose (North Henderson)
- Fundraisers (Presented by Career Academy)

PUBLIC INPUT – 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

At 4:50 p.m. Mrs. AmyLynn Holt opened the meeting for public input on the 2026-2027 proposed budget. One person addressed the Board. Proposed budget public input ended at 4:54 p.m. *No action was taken.*

BOARD MEMBERS’ OBSERVATIONS

Beth Campbell shared that she recently visited Glenn C. Marlow Elementary, where they spoke about how the community came together to support the school through the loss of both a student and a teacher over the past year.

Alyssa Norman congratulated the Class of 2026 and said she hopes everyone has an amazing summer.

Dr. Kathy Revis also congratulated the Class of 2026, wishing students success in whatever adventure comes next. She thanked parents for entrusting their children to HCPS and noted that end-of-year testing is an opportunity for students to shine and demonstrate what they have learned throughout the year.

Shelia Dale praised the school system, recognizing the teachers, administrators, parents, and community for their continued support. She said she is proud of the district and its students.

Stephanie Cantwell shared that one of the military enlistees will be leaving next week for an overseas assignment that will last about three years. She asked the community to keep the student and his family in their prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 5:02 p.m. Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt opened the meeting for public comment. Seven people addressed the Board. Public comments ended at 5:27 p.m. *No action was taken.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt cited the Board's receipt of the Consent Agenda presented for approval upon recommendation of the Superintendent. Prior to the meeting, Board members received documentation relative to the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Meeting Schedule
 - 1. HCBPE Regular Business Meeting [*Monday, June 8, 2026, 4:00 p.m., (Closed Session at 3:00 pm) (Boardroom)*]
- B. Minutes
 - 1. April 13, 2026 (*Regular Business Meeting*)
- C. Personnel (*as presented in closed session*)
- D. Student Acceptances/Releases (*as presented in closed session*)
- E. Budget Amendment

Mr. Blair Craven moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Mrs. Stephanie Cantwell seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved.*)

OLD BUSINESS

- A. HCPS Device Protection Plan – (*Mr. Grant Adkins, Director of Technology*)
Grant Adkins, Director of Technology, presented the board with two options for an HCPS Device Protection Plan for consideration, following up on the discussion held in March and April. The board voted for Opportunity #2, which is a \$10 mandatory technology fee for 6-12 grade students.

Mr. Blair Craven moved to approve opportunity #2, \$10 mandatory technology fee for 6-12 grade students. Mrs. Beth Campbell seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved.*)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action – (2026-2027) Inter-unit Student Transfer Agreements – (*Dr. Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer*)
Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Carl Taylor presented the 2026-2027 Inter-unit student transfer agreements for Board approval. Dr. Taylor stated that the agreements between Henderson County Public Schools Board of Public Education and Polk County Board of Education and the Rutherford County Board of Education are the same as in previous years under which both parties have cooperated for years.

Mrs. Stephanie Cantwell moved that the Agreements for Inter-Unit Student Transfers (POLK COUNTY - SALUDA SECTION) and (RUTHERFORD COUNTY - BAT CAVE/LAKE LURE SECTIONS) be approved as presented. Mrs. Alyssa Norman seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved.*)
- B. Action – NHHS JROTC Out of Country School Trip – (*Dr. Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer*)
Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Carl Taylor presented the North Henderson High School JROTC Out of Country School Trip for board approval. Per Policy 3320, school trips that require travel outside of the continental United States must receive prior approval from the board. The North Henderson High School Air Force JROTC is requesting approval for a student trip to Japan during the 2027 summer break (June 16 – 24). This all-inclusive, guided tour will be organized by EF Educational Tours. The proposed

itinerary includes visits to multiple regions of Japan, including three days in Tokyo. While in Tokyo students will explore significant cultural and historical landmarks gaining exposure to Japan's economic, political, and cultural landscape. Travel between regions will include riding a high-speed train, providing students the opportunity to view Mt. Fuji. In other regions, students will visit historic temples, shrines, and sites connected to Imperial Japan. This trip directly supports the JROTC curriculum, including units on international relations, global cultural studies, military history, leadership, and technological advancement. The experience will provide students with meaningful real-world connections to their coursework.

Mr. Blair Craven moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve the North Henderson JROTC Out-of-Country Trip to Japan. Mrs. Stephanie Cantwell seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

C. Action – Authorization to Submit Federal Program Applications – *(Dr. Shannon Marlowe, Assistant Superintendent)*

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Shannon Marlowe presented the authorization to submit federal program applications. Dr. Marlowe stated that on an annual basis, the School Board is asked to grant authorization for staff to submit applications to receive Federal Title I, Part A, (PRC 050), McKinney-Vento, Homeless Education (PRC 026), Title I, Part C, Migrant Education (PRC 051), Title II, Part A Supporting Effective Instruction (PRC 103), Title III, Part A (PRC 104 and 111) funds and Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (PRC 108).

Mr. Blair Craven moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education grant staff the authorization to submit federal funding applications as outlined in the request. Dr. Kathy Revis seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

D. Action – Alternative Accountability Model Options 2026-2027 – *(Dr. Shannon Marlowe, Assistant Superintendent)*

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Shannon Marlowe presented the alternative accountability model options for 2026-2027 for Board approval. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is requesting input as to the accountability option we wish to utilize at our alternative school, the Career Academy. This determination is made and reported on an annual basis. We are recommending that the School Board continue to use Option B: Alternative Schools Progress Model that rewards student persistence and weighs heavily on academic growth. This model also allows three years of data for achievement reporting.

Mrs. Shelia Dale moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve Option B: The Alternative Schools Progress Model as the accountability model for the Career Academy for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Blair Craven seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

E. Action – Lottery Application – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*

Chief Finance Officer Bernie Sochia presented the Public School Building Capital Fund/North Carolina Education Lottery Application for Board approval. The Public School Building Capital Fund/N. C. Education Lottery Application is to request funds currently available (\$833,729.09) to pay debt service on the 2008 Installment Financing Contract debt issue for the Hillandale and Mills River Elementary School construction projects. All funds received from the N. C. Education Lottery are currently being used for debt service on these school building projects. This is the final lottery proceeds request for the construction at these schools as the last bond payment was recently made.

Mr. Blair Craven moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve the North Carolina Education Lottery Application as presented. Mrs. Beth Campbell seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

- F. Action – Sole Source & Purchase/Contract over \$90,000 – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*
Chief Finance Officer Bernie Sochia presented the following Noncompetitive Procurement with Federal Funds or purchase/contract in excess of \$90,000 for Board approval.
- Trane: Upgrades to the HVAC system at Flat Rock is part of the 2024-25 Capital Outlay project list and there is still \$228,000 remaining in the budget. This \$112,215 purchase is being made under OMNIA CO-OP contract pricing at the recommendation of the Maintenance Director.
- Melmark: Contract using a combination of State and Medicaid funds to enroll an EC student in a special education school in Charlotte. Tuition for the 2026-27 year is to be \$108,942.60.
- ASAP Mobility: Contract using a combination of State and Medicaid funds to transport an EC student from Hendersonville to Melmark for the 2026-27 school year. Based on the parameters of the agreement, the estimated cost for the year will be \$62,700. ASAP Mobility was chosen following an RFP process which included follow up phone conversations with the responding vendors and references.
- Clarity: To exercise the second one year option to renew the contract for Sign Language Interpreter service as provided in the bid awarded previously using Medicaid funds. Contract is not to exceed \$249,999. Current year to date expenditure is \$112,730.
- WNC Source: To provide required EC preschool services using Developmental Day Center grant funds of \$121,500.
- Public Consulting Group: To continue the partnership with PCG for managing and consulting on Medicaid billing for the EC Department. The contract will use \$27,410 in local funds and an estimated \$130,000 of Medicaid funds based on a 13% of funds recovered. This is also presented as a vendor of highly specialized technical service with continuity of service procurement waiver.
- Curriculum Associates: After over 9 years working with this product, to provide continued instruction and diagnostics with iReady Math (K-5) and iReady Reading (6-8). Funds are not to exceed \$325,610 from a combination of Title I and State Textbook funds. Because Federal Title I funds are included, this is also a procurement waiver approval for sole source of the materials and continuity of service in the classrooms.
- Pearson: Pearson provides evaluation software for school psychologists and speech therapists. The cost is approximately \$32,250 based on a per student formula of identified students. This is presented as a sole source of proprietary software and curriculum continuity. The funding will be from Medicaid funds.
- Letterland: Letterland is the existing district initiative that supports phonics instruction in all K-2 classrooms as well as a tool in the Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework. Letterland is the sole source of material for the adopted program and provides the needed continuity of service to the students. The estimated cost is \$36,884 using Title I funds.
- Lexia: Lexia English and Lexia Aspire are the district adopted English language development tools for teachers and students. This will provide 600 student licenses and 100 teacher licenses. This is presented as a procurement waiver as a single source of proprietary software and the only one compatible with existing materials allowing for curriculum continuity. The cost will be \$80,000 for Lexia English, and \$36,000 for Lexia Aspire using Federal Title III (Language Acquisition) and Title I- School Improvement funds.
- Franklin Covey: This is presented for transparency of sole source because federal Title I funds are potentially involved at the choice of the individual schools and not to exceed \$50,000 in total. The Leader in Me web license and Leader in Me Coaching provides options for onsite coaching days, new staff training, district PD, and The Leader in Me Online.
- Ellevation: Presented as a confirmed sole source, Elevations is a national data management system that tracks enrollment, testing and accommodations for English learners. Using Title III (Language Acquisition) funds, the expected cost of the contract is not to exceed \$35,000.

The Office of Budget and Management (OMB) issues Uniform Guidance Procurement Standards (UG) for local governments that receive and expend federal financial assistance. All purchases of goods that exceed \$30,000 and services that exceed \$50,000.00 and will include federal funds, require issuing a bid solicitation using the Uniform Guidance 'micro-purchase' procedures. One exception to these new guidelines is for 'noncompetitive procurement' which means that the item is only available from a single source provider or that a specific item is necessary for continuity of equipment. Procurement under this exception requires annual local Board approval. A local HCPS committee reviews all potential sole source vendors using established NC DPI and UG guidelines. Additionally, pursuant to board policies 6420, Contracts with the Board, and 6430, Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies, any purchases or contracts in excess of \$90,000 must be approved by the Board.

Mr. Blair Craven moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve the procurement waivers, contracts and purchases as presented. Dr. Kathy Revis seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

- G. Action – (2026-2027) County Appropriation Request – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*
Chief Finance Officer Bernie Sochia presented the 2026-2027 County Appropriation Request. The local appropriation request is the summary of the Budget Workshop held in April 2025 and is presented for Board of Education approval. The request will be forwarded to the Henderson County Board of County Commissioners for consideration for funding of the Local Current Expense and Capital Outlay Funds. The 2026 - 2027 budget priorities include, East Henderson High School Safety Enhancements, Local Payroll Uncontrollables (Legislated Salary & Benefit Rate Increases), Local Operational Increases (Utility Rate Increases). The Board discussed the following items from the February budget work sessions: Tennis courts at East High School, options for a tiered certified supplement for longevity or a 1% salary increase, and the potential return of the third penny to MRTS funds.

Mr. Blair Craven moved to approve the 2026-2027 appropriation request including a request for a 1% local supplement increase for certified and non-certified staff in FY27. Dr. Kathy Revis seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

- H. Discussion – Out of County Tuition Fee – *(Board Members)*
Superintendent Mark Garrett led a discussion regarding out-of-county tuition fees collected from families residing outside of Henderson County who wish for their children to attend Henderson County Public Schools. Mr. Garrett shared information regarding the revenue generated through these tuition fees. The Board discussed the challenges of competing with private and charter schools, as well as the potential benefits of eliminating tuition fees for out-of-county families. Following discussion, the Board directed Superintendent Garrett to work with the Board attorney to revise Policy 4135 to reflect the potential waiver of tuition fees and to address additional stipulations related to the acceptance of out-of-county students. The Board will review the proposed policy revisions at the June Board meeting.
- I. Discussion – 2025-2026 Year End Budget Amendment Resolution – *(Mr. Mark Garrett, Superintendent)*
Superintendent Mark Garrett shared a draft 2025-2026 Year End Budget Amendment Resolution with the Board for consideration. Superintendent Garrett discussed the purpose of the resolution, which authorizes the Board Chair and Superintendent jointly to approve budget amendments that transfer monies from one appropriation to another within the same fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
Mr. Blair Craven directed the Superintendent to present the 2025-2026 Year End Budget Amendment Resolution at the June 8, 2026 board meeting for approval. Dr. Kathy Revis seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Capital Update – *(Mr. Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer)*

Chief Administrative Officer Carl Taylor provided the board with status updates on the construction and facility projects currently underway or planned in the near future:

HCPS Projects:

- Program and Conceptual Phasing Study - East Henderson - In Progress
- Water Cut Off Valves - East Henderson -
 - Pre-Bid Meeting: May 27, 2026
 - Bid Opening: June 10, 2026
- HVAC Upgrade (F-Hall) - Flat Rock -
 - Pre-Bid Meeting: May 20, 2026
 - Bid Opening: June 3, 2026
- Pedestrian Bridge Replacement - Rugby - In Progress
- Electric Panel Replacement - West Henderson - Pre-Bid Meeting: May 20, 2026

MRTS:

- HVAC System - Atkinson
 - DPI Approval: April 28, 2026
 - Pre-Bid Meeting: May 21, 2026
 - Bid Opening: June 3, 2026
- HVAC Controls Replacement - Sugarloaf, Middle Schools, NHHS, WHHS - In Progress
- Paving - Hillandale - Work will begin first week of June
- Roofing - Flat Rock (F-Hall), East Henderson (C-Hall, Media Center) - Completed
- New Construction - Bus Garage
 - Architect: LS3P Associates
 - Construction Manager at-Risk: Edifice Construction
 - Kickoff Meeting: May 13, 2026

No action was taken.

B. Financial Statements – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*

Chief Finance Officer Bernie Sochia presented the financial statements and results of operations of the Local Current Expense and Other Restricted Funds for the 2025-26 fiscal year as of April 30, 2026: Revenues received totaled \$38,373,174 and expenditures made totaled \$29,757,463. This represents 93% and 72% of the budgeted amounts for the year. The remaining anticipated revenue is mostly Medicaid funds. Expenditures are still tracking to stay within the amount of fund balance appropriated since the State has yet to pass a complete budget.

Results of operations of the Enterprise Fund for the 2025-26 fiscal year as of March 31, 2026:

- a. For Child Nutrition, revenues received of \$6,882,716 and expenditures made of \$6,953,307 resulted in a net deficit of \$70,591. An increase of \$22,082 for the month.
- b. For Child Care, revenues received of \$863,901 and expenditures made of \$937,040 resulted in a net deficit of \$73,139. An increase of \$3,113 for the month and at 79% of the budgeted deficit for the year. *No action was taken.*

C. General Operations – *(Mr. Mark R. Garrett, Superintendent)*

Superintendent Mark Garrett shared upcoming dates and events shared:

Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year: Ready to Shine - Class of 2039!

May: Mental Health Awareness Month; Asian American Pacific Islander Month

May 14: Top Scholars Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Blue Ridge Conference Hall

May 18: National Speech Language Pathologist Day

May 22: Last Day of School, Traditional/Early College Calendar (Early dismissal at 12:00 noon)

May 22: Henderson County Public Schools High School Graduation:

- Henderson County Early College, 5:00 p.m.
- Hendersonville High School, 6:00 p.m.
- North Henderson High School, 6:00 p.m.
- East Henderson High School, 7:00 p.m.
- Henderson County Career Academy, 7:00 p.m.
- West Henderson High School, 7:30 p.m.

May 25: Memorial Day Holiday, No school for staff and students (Flex calendar)

May 29: Last Day of School, Flex Calendar (Early dismissal at 12:00 noon)

June 8: HCBPE Regular Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom; Closed Session, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 1A

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Stephanie Cantwell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Alyssa Norman seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved at 6:46 p.m.)*

Minutes approved: June 8, 2026