Communities In Schools
Robeson County

Minutes

Board of Directors
Communities in Schools of Robeson County
February 23, 2026

Members Present

Steve Branch*	Morgan Jones *	Montressa Smith*
Crystal Brayboy*	Mary Beth Locklear	Charles Townsend*
Tre' Britt	Jan Maynor	Joe Williams
Anthony Buie*	Lynn Criswell*	
Rebecca Cummings	Latasha Murray*	
Faline Dial	Mary Jane Richardson	
Suzanne Jackson*		

Staff Present

Dr. Danny Stedman, Executive Director	Connie Britt, Office Finance
Jonathan Blue, Principal CIS Academy	Johnny Hunt
Monica Graham	

Agenda Item I- Welcome
Latasha Murray called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm. The agenda was presented and approved by the board. She read the CIS mission statement.

Agenda Item II – Minutes
Latasha Murray presented the minutes from January board meeting, for approval. The motion was made to approve the minutes, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Agenda Item III – Finance Committee
Charles Townsend presented the CIS of Robeson Treasurer's Report to the board for approval. The motion was made to approve the CIS of Robeson Treasurer's Report, all were in favor and the motion carried. The CIS Academy January Financial report was then presented to the board for approval. The motion was made to approve the CIS Academy January Financial Report, all were in favor and the motion carried. He then presented the CIS of Robeson County Financial Report to the board for approval. The motion was made to approve the CIS of Robeson County January Financial Report, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Agenda V– CIS Academy Report

Mr. Jonathan Blue reported on the CIS Academy. We will have our Five-Year Renewal visit from DPI on Thursday, February 26, 2026. The CIS Academy will have a Visual Arts Residency the end of February and the first of March. This will be a local Artist who will come in and work with our students in learning more about Art. We are planning an upcoming fundraiser which we will be selling World's Finest Chocolate. Progress Reports will go out on February 24th. We have changed the school calendar so the students will attend school on the next two schedule workdays in order to make up for the two days missed because of the inclement weather. Mr. Blue update the board on the number partnerships that the CIS Academy has with the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and several other local agencies. He also is planning a partnership with Robeson Community College to make sure that our students have all the information they need to further their education, whether it be at a four-year university or a two-year trade school.

Agenda VI-Resource Development Report

Dr. Johnny Hunt gave an update on the planning of the golf tournament. It is scheduled for August 22, 2026, at 9:00 am at the Pinecrest Country Club. The details will be sent out as soon as they are finalized. Dr. Stedman then told the board that our BBQ plate sale is coming up in March and urged all the board members to please sell all their tickets. Dr. Stedman and Monica Graham are working on doing a Bingo night fundraiser. More information on that will be forthcoming. We are still planning on selling raffle tickets for a cruise. This will be an ongoing fundraiser from now until the golf tournament where a winner will be picked.

Agenda VI – Executive Director's Report

Dr. Stedman provided an update to the Board about funding and funding opportunities. During the report from resource development, he provided additional information to the board for each of the proposed fundraising activities. This included: BBQ Sale, Cruise Raffle, Bingo Event, Golf Tournament and the Letter Campaign. Dr. Stedman spoke in detail about the recent purchase of a new yellow bus for the Academy and his plans for paying it off early during the 2026-27 school year. He stressed to the full board the importance of board attendance to the NCDPI Office of Charter School visit to the Academy on February 26th for charter renewal.

Agenda VII – Board Chair

Latasha Murray then ended the meeting when no other business was brought forth. Our next meeting will be on March 25, @ 7:00 am. This will be a virtual meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Recorded and Submitted, Board Secretary

Connie Britt, Office Finance Manager Jan Maynor