

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026

MEETING OF THE VANCE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. Call to order / Welcome / Invocation:

- A. Chairwoman, Allison Capps, called the February 9, 2026, meeting of the Vance Charter Board of Directors (the Board) to order.
- B. The agenda is attached as "Attachment A."
- C. The following Board members were present: Rob Bailess, Trey Brown, Allison Capps, Gill Frazier, Jennifer Honeycutt, Justin Milstein, Jill Perkins, Anna Seamon, Laura Jean Stewart, Charles Turrentine, Sr., and Megan Wilkins.
- D. The following additional individuals were present: Alexis Benitez, teacher representative, Dr. Brian Mathis, Executive Director, Julie Finch, K-8 Principal, Susan Satterwhite, High School Principal, Lance Stallings, Athletic Director and Dean of Students, and Jim Wrenn, Board Attorney

II. Public comments: None

III. Approval of Minutes:

Allison Capps announced that Board members should have received minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting and asked for any corrections or a motion to approve. Gill Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes. Jill Perkinson seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

IV. Administration Report:

Brian Mathis offered the Administration report.

- A. Current enrollment is 948 students.
- B. Since the last meeting, 25 discipline referrals were processed: 12 for insubordination or disrespect, 8 for cell phone misuse, and 2 vaping incidents (one involving THC). The student involved in the THC incident did not appeal the exclusion recommendation and is no longer enrolled at Vance Charter.

Due to recent inclement weather, the school has used three remote learning days and has two remaining. If additional closures occur, make-up instructional days will be required. Dr. Mathis proposed March 9 (optional teacher workday) and April 3 (Good Friday) as potential make-up days if needed

After a brief discussion, Justin Milstein made a motion to approve these days as make up instructional days if needed. Rob Bailess seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

- C. Dr. Mathis presented the 2025-2026 testing program plan, which had previously been discussed at the November Board meeting and distributed to the Board before this meeting. The plan, recommended by school leadership and the testing coordinator, supports improved growth scores through retesting opportunities.

Megan Wilkins made a motion to approve the testing plan. Laura Stewart seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

- D. Vance Charter will observe Sever Weather Preparedness Week March 2 – 6 and will participate in the statewide tornado drill on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Third quarter report card night is Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.
- F. No performance framework items are due currently.

Susan Satterwhite offered the High School Principal's Report.

- G. Mrs. Satterwhite shared positive attendance and behavior data from the first semester reflecting staff commitment to the three C's: clear, concise, and consistent expectations.
  - i. Excessive absence behavior (8 or more days a semester) improved by 40% in Fall 2025 over Fall 2024.
  - ii. Comparing Fall 2024 to Fall 2025, we saw a decrease in behavior referrals by 47, which is a 41% improvement. Phone violations improved by 26%.
- H. We will induct 46 new members into our National Honor Society Chapter on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am: 40 sophomores qualified with a 3.75 GPA or higher and 6 seniors are being added to our NHS chapter.
- I. ACT Prep continues every Wednesday; our juniors will take the ACT on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- J. April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our annual Ag Day. This year we are expanding to include a college fair as well and we are rebranding it as Ag and College Career Day at Vance Charter.
- K. Mrs. Satterwhite shared preliminary data for the Class of 2026 regarding college applications and acceptances.
  - i. Through NC College Connect, 63 of 89 seniors (71%) with GPAs of 2.8 or higher have received direct admission offers from participating North Carolina colleges and universities.
  - ii. Class of 2026 has applied to 12 in-state colleges outside of the NC College Connect program and 26 out of state colleges.
  - iii. Students have already been admitted to 14 colleges through early action or rolling admissions: UNC Chapel Hill (12), NC State (11), High Point (5), Louisiana State University (2), Auburn (1), Clemson (1), Eckerd College (1), Johnson and Wales (1), Nebraska Wesleyan (1), New Mexico State (1), Randolph Macon (1), Savannah College of Art and Design (1), University of Alabama (1), and Wake Forest University (1).
  - iv. We are very excited that over 10% of our senior class were accepted to UNC Chapel Hill and NC State.
  - v. Eleven students have committed and finalized offers at four-year institutions, while others are waiting to receive financial aid offers or regular decision results. The official deadline to commit is May 1.
  - vi. In the Class of 2026, we have a Morehead Finalist, a Park Scholar Finalist and a Presidential Scholar Finalist.

- L. The high school registration bulletin is being finalized and will soon be posted on the school website. We're adding four new classes for the 26-27 school year.
- M. 9<sup>th</sup> grade parent-student registration sessions will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in the library.
- N. A sophomore parent meeting will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss EOC testing and the College and Career Promise.
- O. Each month teachers recognize students for outstanding character through the Knights Shining Bright program. These students receive a heartfelt note from one of their teachers or a certificate and a small treat. We'll also recognize these students at our Annual Awards Day in April.
- P. For Black History Month we are celebrating by highlighting HBCUs and having guest speakers share about the HBCUs in our area.
- Q. A big thank you to Ms. Kerns and our SGA leadership team for a wonderful winter spirit week and winter dance on Saturday night.
- R. Dr. Mathis reiterated how proud he is of the VCS seniors and the college acceptance data that was provided. VCS is not solely focused on college prep, VCS strives to educate all students – students with college aspirations, students wanting to join the military, students hoping to attend a technical school, and students that are interested in joining the workforce directly after graduation – and this shows that VCS can do that effectively.
- S. Mrs. Satterwhite concluded by noting that there are many other wonderful things to share about the Class of 2026 but she chose to highlight this data and the class's performance. Even if students don't choose to go to college, they've put in the work and done what's required to be there.

Lance Stallings offered the Athletic Director's Report with updates on spring tryouts and winter sports standings.

- T. High school tryouts begin next week for spring sports. The tryout schedule is listed below:
  - i. Spring 2026 High School Tryouts
    - Baseball: Feb 16
    - Softball: Feb 16
    - Girls Soccer: Feb 16
    - Boys Golf: Feb 17
    - Boys Tennis: Feb 17
  - ii. Spring 2026 Middle School Tryouts
    - HS Dance (8<sup>th</sup> grade only): Feb 23
    - Baseball: Feb 23
    - Softball: Feb 25
    - Girls Soccer: Feb 25
    - Boys Golf: Feb 26
    - Boys Tennis: Feb 25

- U. SWIM: The VCS swim team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the conference for both men's and women's teams. The NCHSAA Regionals were cancelled due to inclement weather. Caroline Honeycutt, Joe Honeycutt, and Zaharah McNish will represent VCS at the State Championships on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to Head Coach Bridget Craddock who was voted Coach of the Year for our conference.
- V. BOWLING: The VCS women's bowling team won the conference championship, earning an automatic bid to the state championships. The men's team placed third in the conference. The conference tournament will be held Wednesday to determine additional qualifiers for the state championships on Friday.
- W. BASKETBALL: Our men's basketball team is ranked #1 in 1A for the state. Our women's team is ranked #3 in the state in our division. The varsity conference tournament has been cancelled this year due to rescheduled games.
- X. Senior night for cheer, dance, and basketball will be this Friday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, when we host Oxford Prep.
- Y. Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> is the booster club's second 220 Fish Plate Fundraiser. Our annual booster club golf tournament and silent auction is scheduled for Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Finance:

The Finance Report was offered by Jennifer Honeycutt.

- i. For the month ending January 2026, we are reporting a surplus of \$304,189.80. This time last year we reported a surplus of \$181,089.41.
- ii. Approximately 47% of the budgeted spend remains with 42% of the year left.
- iii. Dr. Mathis will meet with Prestige later this week for the quarterly review of our financials.
- iv. Our Days Cash on Hand remains very strong at 128 days.

B. School and Community Relations:

Laura Stewart offered a brief update.

- i. Our second semester teacher breakfasts will be held on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can attend either of these, for any length of time, please do.

C. Student Recruitment:

Jill Perkins provided the Student Recruitment update.

- i. The VCS lottery is now open and will close on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. The first orientation scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to inclement weather.
- iii. We will hold an orientation on February 19<sup>th</sup> in the media center.
- iv. The lottery will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

D. Policy, Curriculum, and Personnel: No report.

E. Building and Grounds: No report

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Closed Session: Personnel

- A. Megan Wilkins made a motion to move into a closed session. Jennifer Honeycutt seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.
- B. Laura Stewart made a motion to come out of the closed session. Anna Seaman seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.
- C. Charles Turrentine Sr. made a motion to accept the personnel recommendation. Laura Stewart seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

IX. Next Meeting Dates

The next committee meetings are on March 2, 2026, and the next Board meeting is on March 16, 2026.

X. Adjournment:

Megan Wilkins made a motion to adjourn. Her motion was seconded by Justin Milstein and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
This the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026  
By      Laura Jean Stewart  
          Secretary to the Board