



**Minutes**  
Board of Directors  
Communities in Schools of Robeson County  
October 27, 2025

Members Present

Steve Branch*	Morgan Jones	Montressa Smith*
Crystal Brayboy*	Mary Beth Locklear*	Charles Townsend*
Tre' Britt	Jan Maynor*	Joe Williams
Anthony Buie	James Mitchell	
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	Mazie Gibson/Love Notes
Monica Graham – Grant Writer/Testing Coord.	Johnny Hunt/Golf Tournament
Tim Heath/JCPC	Buddy McLean/Auditor

Agenda Item I- Welcome

Danny Stedman welcomed everyone to the board and to our new location. He thanked Board Member, Steve Branch for providing us the opportunity to have this beautiful office space. Latasha Murray called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. The agenda was presented and approved by the board. She read the CIS mission statement. Mrs. Murray then stated that the meeting would now go into open session.

Agenda Item II – Minutes

Jan Maynor presented the minutes from the September 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

Latasha Murray presented the CIS of Robeson Financial 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 September Financial report was then presented to the board for approval. The motion was made to approve the CIS Academy September 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 September Financial Report, all were in favor and the motion carried. Buddy McLean then presented the CIS Academy Audit to the board for approval. He stated that there were no findings in the audit and that all procedures and guidelines were applied and followed. He commended the staff for a job well done. The motion was made to approve the CIS Academy Audit, all were in favor and the motion carried.

We will not go into closed session.

### Agenda V– CIS Academy Report

Mr. Jonathan Blue reported on the CIS Academy. We held a Parent’s Night where the parents, students and teachers came together to Talk, Listen and Protect. We had a very good attendance. The first nine weeks ends October 24<sup>th</sup> and report cards will go out on Friday, October 30. The students went on field trip October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Child Nutrition program is moving along, we are planning on proceeding with the Program that will allow all the students at CIS Academy to eat free. It will be a process and not take in effect until the first of the next school year. We are in the process of Charter Renewal and two things that we need the board to agree that we are doing is

1. Adherence to By-Laws
2. Open Meetings Law + Board Meeting.

The motion was made to agree to items #1 and #2, all were in favor and the motion carried.

We will not go into back into open session.

### Agenda VI – Executive Director’s Report

Dr. Stedman provided an update concerning plans for program sustainability and personnel for the 2026-27 year and let the board know how important all fundraising, giving and grants would be for this current year. He further talked about grants received and those we are waiting on, as well as those that are currently being written and planned to be written. Dr. Stedman introduced the following to provide an overview of the programming they were providing this current year under various grants.

- 1. Dr. Mazie Gibson – Cross Roads (Love Notes) Where a New Journey Begins**
- 2. Mr. Tim Heath – Red Springs Middle School After School Warriors**
- 3. Ms. Monica Graham – Project CACE (FAFSA**

### Agenda VII – Board Chair

Latasha Murray then ended the meeting when no other business was brought forth. Our next meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00pm and it will be held at Robeson Community College. The culinary department will be hosting the Thanksgiving/Christmas meal.

Recorded and Submitted,

Board Secretary

Connie Britt, Office Finance Manager

Jan Maynor