

Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
January 21, 2009

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Selection of Service Provider for Superintendent Search
2. Closed Session (Personnel)

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 8:00 a.m. on January 21, 2009 at the Morris Education Center. Present were Mike Rogers, Chairman; Chris Whitmire, Vice Chairman; Tawny McCoy, Shelia Norman, and Cindy Petit. Also present were Dr. Sonna Lyda, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; David Sutton, Director of Personnel; and Lenora Moody, *Transylvania Times*. The purpose of the meeting was to select a service provider for the superintendent search and to discuss a personnel matter in closed session. Mrs. McCoy gave the invocation and Mr. Whitmire led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order.

1. Selection of Service Provider for Superintendent Search

Chairman Rogers recommended that the Board use Roberts & Stevens, PA for the superintendent search and NCSBA for the community input survey. He noted that both firms are excellent and experienced, and that Roberts & Stevens is very familiar with Transylvania County and the Board. Mr. Rogers further recommended using separate survey instruments for staff and community. Mr. Whitmire recommended having paper surveys available at the input sessions for anyone without Internet access. Results from the online surveys would be compiled by NCSBA and the Board would tally results from the paper surveys. Mr. Whitmire also requested that the Board have the opportunity to review all survey questions before releasing the surveys.

Chairman Rogers estimated that the survey would cost between \$500 and \$750. Board members were in agreement to try to keep total costs for the superintendent search within the lower range, preferably under \$10,000.

ON A MOTION BY MR. WHITMIRE, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board voted unanimously to contract with Roberts & Stevens for superintendent search services and with the North Carolina School Boards Association for the staff and community survey component. March 14, 2009 was selected as the cutoff date for applications.

Dr. Lyda distributed a draft schedule for ten public input sessions. She noted that the sessions will be advertised through the ProActive Alert System, newspapers, and the TCS website. Two Board members will host each session. A suggestion box will be provided for each session. One central office administrator will be assigned as support person for each session. Anyone may attend any session at any location at his or her convenience.

2. Closed Session

ON A MOTION BY MR. WHITMIRE, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the Board went into closed session at 8:30 a.m. to discuss information that is not a public record (employee personnel files), pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and 115C-319. Present in the closed session were Mr. Rogers, Mr. Whitmire, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Petit, and Dr. Lyda. At 9:04 a.m., ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MR. WHITMIRE, the Board reconvened in open session.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary