

Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
September 15, 2008

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution of Recognition, Thanks, Commendation and Congratulations
----Reception----
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The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on September 15, 2008, at the Transylvania County Library. Present were Teresa McCall, Chairman; Mike Rogers, Vice Chairman; Bill Cathey; Jenni Pogue; and Chris Whitmire. Also present were Dr. Sonna Lyda, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant, and approximately 90 staff members, guests and media representatives.

Chairman McCall requested a moment of silence to remember Brevard High School student, Jessie Garren. Jessie passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. Chairman McCall thanked the counselors, faculty and staff of BHS for their care and compassion for students during this difficult time.

Mr. Cathey gave the invocation and Mrs. Pogue led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McCall called the meeting to order.

1. Resolution of Recognition, Thanks, Commendation and Congratulations

- Twenty-five year pins and certificates of appreciation were awarded to the following staff members who have completed 25 years of service with Transylvania County Schools:

Mike Bailey, PFES
Marilyn Edie, DRS

- Dony's Merrill announced the *2008-2009 Media Specialist of the Year*, Sarah Justice of RHS. Mrs. Justice received a \$500 check and a plaque from the Board.
- Dr. Scott Elliott announced the *2008-2009 Counselor of the Year*, Gwen Turner of BHS. Mrs. Turner received a \$500 check and a plaque from the Board.

- Dr. Scott Elliott named two teachers as *Rookie of the Year for 2008-2009*: 1) Maura Goodrich, RHS, and 2) Stacey Seefeldt, BHS. Ms. Goodrich and Ms. Seefeldt each received a \$200 check and a plaque from the Board.
- Dr. Sonna Lyda announced the *2008-2009 Principal of the Year*, David Williams, BMS. Mr. Williams received a \$500 check and a plaque from the Board.
- Principals introduced the following individuals who were named as *Teacher Assistant of the Year* by their schools. (Teacher Beth Aspray introduced the BES Teacher Assistant of the Year.) Each school-level Teacher Assistant of the Year received a \$200 check and a plaque from the Board. Dr. Kathy Haehnel announced the 2008-2009 District Teacher Assistant of the Year, Karen Britt. As district winner, Mrs. Britt received an additional \$500 award from the Board.

Christy Galloway	BES
Jerry Fletcher	BHS
Karen Britt	BMS
Penny Owen	DRS
Wanda Benjamin	PFES
Linda Souther	RES
Lori Branchfield	RMS
Julie Hardison	TCH

- Principals introduced the following individuals who were named as *Teacher of the Year* by their schools. (Teacher Samantha Ray introduced the BES Teacher of the Year.) Each school-level Teacher of the Year received a \$500 check and a paperweight from the Board. Kelly Johnson, Vice President and Community Market President of Wachovia Bank, announced the 2008-2009 District Teacher of the Year, David Galloway. Ms. Johnson presented a \$1,000 check from Wachovia and a crystal apple to Mr. Galloway.

Megan Monk	BES
Ashley Dickson	BHS
Toni Haley	BMS
David Siniard	DRS
Tammy Ducker	PFES
Elaine Goar	RES
Julie Queen	RHS
JoEllen Hamilton	RMS
David "Mick" Galloway	TCH

ON A MOTION BY MR. WHITMIRE, SECONDED BY MR. ROGERS, the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Transylvania County Board of Education that recognition, thanks, commendation and congratulations be expressed to the persons named.

The Board recessed for a brief reception in honor of these outstanding educators. Chairman McCall thanked Carolyn Gordon and the Child Nutrition staff for providing the excellent refreshments. Chairman McCall announced that Mr. Rogers had to leave after the recognitions due to his son's appendix surgery in Asheville.

2. Public Comment

Tracie Hebrock, parent, thanked the Board, superintendent, teachers, principals, and administrators for all that they do for children. She reported that the bully-free task force is definitely working. She also commended Mike Rogers as an inspiration to parents for his commitment and leadership.

3. Good News Report

Dr. Lyda reported the following items:

- The school year is off to a great start. Hats off to teachers who got classrooms ready for students with only two workdays.
- The ExxonMobil Corporation has generously contributed \$5,000 to seven Western North Carolina counties through a math and technology grant. Cherokee, Henderson, Madison, Polk, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey Counties will share in the grant that will be used to purchase equipment to strengthen students' mathematical understanding through the use of integrated technology.
- Erika Williams' and Jody Bettencourt's Science Fair project has been selected to go on to the 2008 National Middle School Science Competition. Three hundred semi-finalists were selected from 1,943 entrants across the United States and Puerto Rico. On September 17, thirty national finalists will be announced from the 300 semifinalists. Those 30 will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC for a four-day event where they will compete for over \$40,000 in scholarships. The top 10 winners will be announced on October 22.
- Melissa Howell has been named Math Teacher of the Year for Transylvania County Schools. She will be honored at the state math conference in Greensboro in October.

4. Former Students in the Military

The Board reviewed the list of former TCS students who are serving or have served in the U.S. Military. Chairman McCall expressed appreciation to all of the individuals and their families for their dedication and sacrifice.

5. Consent Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MR. CATHEY, SECONDED BY MRS. POGUE, the following items were approved:

- Minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting
- Minutes of the June 16, 2008 closed session
- Personnel report for September 15, 2008 (see attached)
- Superintendent's evaluation for 2007-2008

6. FluMist Project

Steve Smith, Director of the Transylvania County Health Department, presented a proposal to provide the FluMist intranasal influenza vaccine to all Transylvania County School students free of charge. The vaccine is being funded through a grant received by the Health Department. It will be administered by school nurses at each of the schools. Written parental permission for the vaccine will be required. The vaccine is not available for staff through the grant-funded project. Board members commended the project as a great opportunity for the county and a great convenience for parents. The vaccine will be administered mid-October through mid-November.

7. School Health Advisory Council 2008-2009

Dr. Lyda presented the School Health Advisory Council membership roster for 2008-2009. The roster will be updated as more names are received. ON A MOTION BY SECONDED BY MRS. POGUE, SECONDED BY MR. WHITMIRE, the School Health Advisory Council members for 2008-2009 were approved.

8. FY09 Budget Resolution

Norris Barger presented the final Budget Resolution for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. ON A MOTION BY MR. WHITMIRE, SECONDED BY MRS. POGUE, the FY09 Budget Resolution was approved (see attached).

9. Core Curriculum Concentration Area Requirements

At its retreat in February, the Board discussed the idea of requiring a four-course concentration for graduation. Dr. Scott Elliott and Dr. Jeff McDaris have worked with a committee to identify possible concentrations that would represent a quality sequence of coursework. They shared a list of concentration areas/requirements and answered questions from the Board. The Board commended Dr. Elliott and Dr. McDaris for their work on this project. The proposed concentration requirements will be drafted into the appropriate policy for the Board's review in October with approval in November in order to be ready for January registration.

10. Technology Plan 2009-2013

Dony Merrill presented revisions to the district Technology Plan for 2009-2013. The plan must be approved by the local board and submitted to DPI by November 1. Revisions reflect changes/new language from the state. Mrs. Merrill explained that the plans are living documents, updated throughout the year. If there are state dollars at the state level that are available for technology beyond the current PRC, the state awards those dollars to the district plans they see as most deserving. Dr. Lyda saluted the technology department for all of their innovations and improvements, the Board for their ongoing support, and Mrs. Merrill for her leadership. Approval of the plan will be requested at the October meeting.

11. Important Dates

Sept. 16	BHS Open House	5:30 – 7:00 pm	BHS
Sept. 16	BHS Senior Parent Night	7:00 p.m.	BHS

Sept. 16	"Taste of Transylvania" (CISTC fundraiser)	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Brevard Music Center
Sept. 23	RHS Open House/Hot Dog Dinner	5:30 – 7:00 pm	RHS
Sept. 23	"The Misuse of Prescription Drugs"	7:00 p.m.	RHS Auditorium
Sept. 24	Parent Advisory Council	7:30 a.m.	MEC
Sept. 25	Superintendent's Communication Council	3:45 p.m.	MEC
Sept. 25	<i>NCSBA District 8 Fall Meeting</i>	<i>3:30 – 8:00 pm</i>	<i>Bethel Elementary, Canton</i>
Sept. 26	Student Advisory Council	7:30 a.m.	MEC
Oct. 15-17	<i>NCSBA Annual Law Conference</i>		<i>Asheville</i>
Oct. 20	REGULAR MEETING	6:30 p.m.	MEC
Oct. 21	"The Misuse of Prescription Drugs"	7:00 p.m.	BHS Auditorium
Oct. 27	Teacher Workday		
Nov. 11	Holiday – Veteran's Day		
Nov. 17	REGULAR MEETING	6:30 p.m.	Transylvania Co. Library

Mr. Whitmire emphasized the importance of the drug abuse prevention presentations to be given at the high schools on September 23 and October 21, respectively.

12. **Other Items**

Chairman McCall recognized the Board of Education candidates present, Jeremy Queen, Cindy Petit, Tawny McCoy, and Jenni Pogue, and wished them luck in the November election.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. POGUE, SECONDED BY MR. CATHEY, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

**PERSONNEL REPORT
9/15/08**

- I. ACCEPT THE REPORT OF RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS ACCEPTED/INITIATED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FROM/FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Sonya Whitesides, Bookkeeper, Child Nutrition, effective August 28, 2008

- II. APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

Licensed Personnel

Kelley Eyster, Teacher, BMS, effective September 29, 2008

Classified Personnel

Steven Galloway, Bus Driver, TCS, effective September 16, 2008

Debbie Jones, Custodian, DRS, effective October 1, 2008

Kristy Meece, Bus Driver, TCS, effective September 16, 2008

Ronnie Morgan, Bus Driver, TCS, effective September 16, 2008

- III. ACCEPT THE REPORT OF TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Michelle Galloway, from 50% Child Nutrition Worker, BMS, to 50% Child Nutrition Worker, BMS, and 40% Bus Driver, PFES

- IV. APPROVE THE LEAVES OF ABSENCE RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

None

- V. APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEES:

Substitute Teachers

Michael O'Grady, Western Carolina University (Bachelor's degree)

Kelly Rice, Western Carolina University (Bachelor's degree in progress)