

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
June 15, 2010**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Personnel Report
4. Resolution of Recognition, Thanks, Commendation and Congratulations
5. FY11 Interim Budget Resolution
6. Student Handbooks 2010-2011
7. Other Items
8. Public Comment

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on June 15, 2010 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct necessary end-of-year business. Present were Tawny McCoy, Vice Chairman; Shelia Norman; Cindy Petit, and Sue Fox. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; David Sutton, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Scott Elliott, Director of 9-12 Education; Lenora Carver, *Transylvania Times*; and two guests. Mrs. Norman gave the invocation and Mrs. Fox led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman McCoy called the meeting to order. She reported that Mr. Whitmire was away on military duty in the Gulf.

1. **Approval of Agenda**  
ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting agenda for June 15, 2010 was approved as presented.
2. **Public Comment**  
Mr. Norman Bossert spoke on behalf of the Brevard Jewish Community to commend Rosman High teacher, Stacie Dotson, in her efforts to teach students about the Holocaust. He presented a letter to the Board commending Ms. Dotson for her vision and Transylvania County Schools for their support of her efforts to change the world for the better, one child at a time.
3. **Consent Agenda**  
ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the personnel report for June 15, 2010 was unanimously approved (see attached).
4. **Resolution of Recognition**  
ON A MOTION BY MRS. PETIT, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board approved the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Transylvania County Board of Education that commendations, thanks and congratulations be expressed to the person(s) named who have retired or will retire during the 2009-2010 school year, in grateful appreciation for their years of dedicated service to public education:

Name	Position	Location	Years
Cheryl Barton	Teacher	RHS	30
Wanda Benjamin	Teacher Assistant	PFES	31
Sue Bolen	Teacher	TCHES	21
Sam Cathey	Teacher	TCHES	32
Vera Crane	Child Nutrition Worker	BHS	34
Mildred Dobbins	Courier	MEC	35
Elizabeth Fuller	Teacher	PFES	35
James Galloway	Custodian	RES	5
Charles Garren	Custodian	BHS	9
Judy Hannum	Teacher Assistant	PFES	12
Jean Holland	Teacher	PFES	30
Sharon Hooper	Lead Teacher	PFES	31
Suzanne Miller	Teacher	BMS	21
Sonya Morris	Teacher	PFES	31
Margaret Selle	Teacher	PFES	31
Martha Snow	Counselor	RES/TCHES	36
John Tinsley	Coordinator	MEC	26 FT; 9 PT

#### 5. **FY11 Interim Budget Resolution**

Dr. McDaris commented on the state budget. He stated that the Legislature is still in session; however there is hope that the budget could be finalized by June 30. Dr. McDaris noted that the focus of debate at this time is funding for K-12 education versus funding for the UNC system. He believes that the university system, due to its ability to raise revenue through endowments, research grants and other means, should be willing to absorb heavier budget cuts than K-12 schools.

Dr. McDaris presented the Interim Budget Resolution for 2010-2011 (see below). ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Interim Budget Resolution for the 2010-2011 year was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, that interim appropriations be made available for the purpose of paying salaries and the usual and customary expenses of the Transylvania County Schools for the period beginning July 1, 2010, until adoption of the 2010-2011 Budget Resolution. Interim appropriations so made and expended shall be charged to the proper appropriations in the Budget Resolution. Passed by majority vote of the Transylvania County Board of Education on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.

*/s/ Chair*

*/s/ Secretary*

#### 6. **Student Handbooks 2010-2011**

Student handbooks for 2010-2011 were presented as information on June 7. Dr. Scott Elliott presented the new changes based on discussion from that meeting. Dr. Elliott discussed the following:

- Replaced reference to Policy IK-R with excerpts from Policy IK-R.
- Replaced specific contact names with general position titles.
- Confirmed change in BES start time from 8:10 to 8:00 a.m.

- Clarified educational field trips and absences. If a student is out of school participating in an activity that was originated, initiated or sponsored by the school (e.g., science fair, music competition, etc.), this would not count as an absence. Absences for parent-initiated, non-school sponsored activities, even if educational in nature, would count as a lawful absence. There is no formal request form in policy; the requests are evaluated by school administration on a case-by-case basis.

Dr. Elliott informed the Board that elementary and middle school principals feel that the policy language may be excessive and intimidating to some parents. They plan to work on ways to make their handbooks more user-friendly in the future.

Mrs. Norman reiterated her concern about a statement in the BMS handbook, "Leggings are not trousers." Dr. Elliott explained that the school has not banned leggings; the statement means that leggings may not be a student's only bottom apparel. Worn appropriately (e.g., with a skirt or long tunic), leggings would be acceptable attire.

Mrs. Norman expressed concerns about the BMS tardy policy. Dr. Elliott explained that three tardies equal one absence. He confirmed that a student could, through excessive tardies, generate enough unlawful absences to be a problem. However, tardies typically would not count toward juvenile court referrals. Dr. McDaris reported that elementary and middle school tardies are one of the most difficult issues for educators to deal with because tardiness is usually the fault of the parent, not the child.

Mrs. Norman asked about a statement regarding RMS homework. Dr. Elliott explained that board policy provides guidelines for the amounts of homework per grade level. He stated that the principal's intent was simply to inform and remind parents that homework would be given in reasonable and appropriate amounts.

ON A MOTION BY MRS. PETIT, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the student handbooks for 2010-2011 were unanimously approved.

## 7. Other Items

Dr. McDaris thanked Board members and administrators for helping to make the high school graduations a big success. Dr. McDaris noted that Rosman High had the largest graduating class ever, and commended the RHS seniors for selecting the Brevard Music Center as their venue this year.

Dr. McDaris informed the Board that a special board meeting would be needed during the week of July 12 in order to approve the AIG report. The AIG report for 2010-2013 is due in Raleigh by July 15, and the next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2010. Dr. McDaris gave a reminder that the Board returns to its once-a-month meeting schedule in July.

Mrs. Norman reported that the state is looking at marketing schools to better prepare students for global competition. She recently attended a state meeting at which foreign language fluency K-12 and teacher exchange programs were discussed. She reported that the initiatives under discussion were exciting; however, responsibility for funding the programs would likely be placed on the local districts. Dr. McDaris agreed that the curriculum integration and immersion components being considered by the state are exciting concepts, and agreed that funding would be a problem for smaller systems.

Additionally, he expressed concern that any move toward a more nationalized curriculum not leave out the important regional and cultural components.

Vice Chairman McCoy expressed thanks and congratulations to Dr. Jeff McDaris for an excellent first year as Superintendent of Schools. Dr. McDaris stated that he could not have done it without the support of the Board and a tremendous staff systemwide. He thanked everyone for their efforts to make TCS a great place to work and learn.

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary

**PERSONNEL REPORT  
June 15, 2010**

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

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Kelly Zachary, Child Nutrition Worker, effective June 4, 2010

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

Licensed Personnel

Candice Brown, Interim Teacher, BHS, effective August 20, 2010 for the 2010-11 school year  
Ami Fish, School Counselor, RES (70%) and TCH (30%), effective August 20, 2010 for the 2010-11 school year

Jennifer Galloway, Teacher and Coach, TCH, effective August 20, 2010

Amber Scott, Interim Part-Time School Psychologist, TCS, effective August 20, 2010

Classified Personnel

None

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

Licensed Personnel

Marie Dean, from Teacher, RES, to Lead Teacher (11-month position), PFE, effective July 1, 2010

Classified Personnel

None

- 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

None

Substitute Child Nutrition Workers

None