

**Minutes**  
**Transylvania County Board of Education**  
**June 21, 2010**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Public Comment
  2. Good News Report
  3. Former Students in the Military
  4. Important Dates
  5. Other Items
  6. Public Comment
  7. Recognition of Retirees
- Reception ----

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 21, 2010 in the Brevard Middle School Media Center. Present were Tawny McCoy, Vice Chairman; and Sue Fox. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; David Sutton, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Kim Elliott, Director of K-8 Education; Dr. Scott Elliott, Director of 9-12 Education; Principals Tony Meachum, Tammy Bellefeuil, Donna Wilde, Donna Raspa, and Brian Weaver; Lenora Carver, *Transylvania Times*; and approximately 25 guests. Mrs. McCoy 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 absent due to military duty, Mrs. Norman was attending an NCSBA workshop, and Mrs. Petit was away on family vacation.

1. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

2. **Good News Report**

Dr. McDaris reported the following good news items:

*CNA ACHIEVEMENT*

On May 31, nine students from Trina Hendrick's Health Occupations class at BHS took the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) exam, and all nine students passed. One more student is scheduled to take the exam in June. This achievement is another example of the excellent real-world preparation being provided to students through the Transylvania CTE programs.

*MEALS FOR HAITI*

In May, two Brevard High School students, Marielle DeJong and Gabbie Hoekstra, organized a "Meals for Haiti" event to help with earthquake recovery efforts. In cooperation with the Raleigh-based *Stop Hunger Now* organization, over 100 volunteers gathered at BHS and assembled, packaged and boxed 10,000 meals. Marielle and Gabbie also solicited financial assistance from local businesses to help cover the cost of the meals (\$0.25 each).

*LILLIAN COTHRAN GOLDEN APPLE AWARD*

On June 4, Jane Reese, RMS/RHS Bookkeeper, was named the 2010 recipient of the "Lillian Cothran Golden Apple Award." Jane has worked at RMHS for 43 years. Although she officially retired six years ago, she is still a permanent fixture at the

school and in the community. One student described her as “the most under-appreciated, but most important person in the school.” The Cothran award is named for former RHS science teacher, Lillian Cothran, whose 39-year career exemplified outstanding dedication to her students and community and high standards and expectations for all. Each year, the students at RHS vote on the staff member who they believe best embodies Mrs. Cothran’s commitment to education, loyalty and dedication to RHS, and positive impact on students.

#### *BHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY*

On May 26, the Brevard High School chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 14 new members. The students were selected based upon their excellent character, demonstrated leadership, and community service. These outstanding individuals will join current members for the 2010-2011 year in completing individual service projects and tutoring throughout the community. This year’s inductees are Jennifer Badger, Jessica Bamford, Jamie Barnes, Jane Margaret Bell, Rachel Berezik, Hannah Bingle, Paul Connell, Alex Goden, Lily Jones-Herbst, Wesley Holland, Wesley Kreigsmann, Rodrigo Martinez, Elisabeth Moore, and Jordan Silvia.

#### *TCHES Career Day*

The T.C. Henderson Elementary School Career Day on June 11 was a big hit. Students saw fascinating demonstrations of jobs they might consider in the not so distant future. Presenters included Olympia Skovol, author; Kim Green, banker with United Community Bank; Officers Sizemore, Rory, and Bonnie from the County K-9 unit; Pete Mockridge, ceramic artist from Mud Dabbers; and John Wayne Hardison, arborist from High Country Tree Services. Mr. Mockridge demonstrated a potter’s wheel in action and let students handle clay as it was shaped. Mr. Green discussed banking and played a money game with small groups competing to reach \$1. Ms. Skovol talked about publishing and the journey she made to create a book from beginning to end. Mr. Hardison climbed trees and spoke of safety requirements and the importance of taking care of our forests. Officer Sizemore showed how his fellow K-9 officers (Rory and Bonnie) are used to find missing people and illegal substances. The students had a wonderful time interacting with these community presenters. Our schools are fortunate to have such great role models for students.

#### *PFES Second Graders Show Their Patriotism*

Second grade students in Carrie Norris’ class at PFES have learned what it means to be patriotic. During the school year, students had the opportunity to send letters to active military personnel, meet soldiers, learn to name the 50 states alphabetically, and researched interesting facts about the United States. The students had a chance to showcase their knowledge on June 11 when they performed a Memorial/Flag Day program for parents, grandparents and community veterans. The second graders thanked all of the brave men and women who fight for our country every day. There is no doubt these young people will look at the American flag and understand the values and sacrifice that it represents.

### **3. Former Students in the Military**

The Board reviewed the list of former students from Brevard High School, Rosman High School, and Davidson River School who are currently serving or have previously served in the U.S. Military. There were no new names.

**4. Important Dates**

Jun. 28	Begin 4-day summer schedule
July 5	Holiday
July 19	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Aug. 16	Resume 5-day regular schedule
Aug. 16	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Aug. 16-17	District Leadership Retreat, BHS Media Center
Aug. 18-19	New Teacher Orientation, Rogow Room
Aug. 20-24	Teacher workdays
Aug. 25	First pupil day
Sept. 6	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 20	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Rogow Room

**5. Other Items**

Dr. McDaris expressed thanks to Carolyn Barton and the Child Nutrition staff for catering the retiree reception.

**6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7. Recognition of Retirees**

Vice Chairman McCoy read the following resolution that was approved June 15, 2010:

**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
Kathy Holcomb	Office Support	BES	25
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

Mrs. Fox and Mrs. McCoy presented each retiree with a crystal apple. Dr. McDaris offered special thanks to colleague John Tinsley and hearty congratulations to all. Mrs. Carver took a group photo of the retirees for the newspaper.

There was no further business, and the Board adjourned at 6:50 p.m. for a reception in honor of the above-named individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary