

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
January 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. District Accreditation and Strategic Planning
2. NCSBA District 8 Meeting (Sept. 2015)
3. Curriculum and Planning

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 7:30 a.m. on January 27, 2015 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a board work session. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The following board members and staff were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS: Tawny McCoy, Chair; Cindy Petit, Vice Chair; Marty Griffin; Ron Kiviniemi; and Betty Scruggs

STAFF: Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; Jeremy Gibbs, Director of Human Resources; Brian Weaver, Director of 6-12 Curriculum & Instruction; Audrey Reneau, Director of K-5 Curriculum & Instruction; Arleca Chapman, Director of Career/Technical Education; Tammy Bellefeuil, Director of Student Services; and Kevin Smith, School-Community Relations Coordinator

District Accreditation & Strategic Planning

Jeremy Gibbs led a workshop for the Board to provide input for district accreditation work and strategic planning. Board members were asked to brainstorm and identify unique features and challenges of the community, how the school system embodies its purpose through expectations for students, notable achievements, and areas for improvement. Board members were provided with a self-assessment diagnostic from AdvanED that will serve as the foundation of the external accreditation review and continuous improvement process. Mr. Gibbs reported that summits will be scheduled in February with staff, parent and student groups for additional stakeholder input.

NCSBA District 8 Meeting

(Postponed)

Curriculum and Planning

Dr. McDaris presented a first look at possible curricular options for the schools. Board members reviewed the advantages, disadvantages, facility considerations, potential costs, and staffing needs associated with each option. Dr. McDaris stated that the options represent his vision for the school system for the future. The educational options will be discussed further as the Board plans for next year and beyond.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MR. KIVINIEMI, SECONDED BY MRS. SCRUGGS, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary