

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
January 31, 2012**

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session on January 31, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. in the Pisgah Forest Elementary School Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting was to have lunch with students and staff. Chris Whitmire, Chair; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chair; Shelia Norman and Sue Fox were present. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Kim Elliott and Dr. Scott Elliott. Mike Bailey, Principal; and Marie Dean, Lead Teacher, welcomed the Board. Chairman Whitmire called the meeting to order.

The Board enjoyed lunch and received an update on the Live Project house on Memory Lane. Dr. Scott Elliott reported that the housing market is not encouraging for sale right now. The Board discussed upcoming budget talks with the County Commissioners. Dr. McDaris gave a brief overview of funding challenges for FY13. Vice Chairman McCoy gave a report from the Commissioner's meeting on January 30. Chairman Whitmire noted that fund balance is likely to be a major topic of discussion for both boards. Board members were in agreement that it would be prudent to begin designating portions of the TCS fund balance in order to help create an understanding of why the school system needs to maintain a fund balance. Dr. McDaris pointed out that in an emergency situation, the school system's current fund balance would not cover even one month's payroll. It was noted that the county's fund balance had increased last year. Chairman Whitmire asked for input on starting dates for this year's "two on two" meetings. It was agreed that the 2/2 meetings could wait until March due to the unavailability of any concrete information regarding state funding.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary