

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
October 18, 2010**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Closed Session (Acquisition of Property)
3. Public Comment
4. Good News Report
5. Former Students in the Military
6. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Personnel Report
7. FY11 Budget Resolution
8. Non-Faculty Coaches
9. Rtl Questions and Answers
10. Policy:
 - A. JGA "Corporal Punishment"
 - B. JGA-R "Corporal Punishment"
 - C. JGA-E "Corporal Punishment"
11. DRS ABCs Local Option Goals for 2010-2011
12. Important Dates
13. Other Items
14. Public Comment

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on October 18, 2010 at the Morris Education Center. Present were Chris Whitmire, Chairman; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chairman; Cindy Petit; and Sue Fox. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; and approximately 25 staff members, media representatives and guests. Mrs. Fox gave the invocation and Chairman Whitmire led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Whitmire welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He reported that Shelia Norman had an unexpected conflict arise which prevented her from attending.

1. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MRS. PETIT, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the meeting agenda for October 18, 2010 was unanimously approved.

2. Closed Session

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the Board went into closed session to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(5). Present in the closed session were Mr. Whitmire, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Petit, Dr. McDaris and Norris Barger. Following discussion, ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the Board reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

3. Public Comment

Sue Null addressed the Board regarding the harassment and bullying of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) students in schools. She cited a recent national spate of suicides by young people who were the victims of physical, verbal or electronic

bullying. She reported that a 2009 survey of middle and high school students found that nearly 9 of 10 GLBT students experienced harassment and/or felt unsafe at school due to their sexual orientation. Ms. Null distributed copies of the School Violence Prevention Act and urged the Board to implement training programs for administrators, teachers and counselors in order to make schools safer for all students. Chairman Whitmire thanked Mrs. Null for sharing her concerns and stated that the Board takes student safety very seriously. He pointed out that the Board has an anti-bullying policy (ACB "Interpersonal Human Relations and Student Grievance Procedures") in place which addresses discrimination, bullying and harassment in the schools.

4. Good News Report

Dr. McDaris introduced Lydia Folckomer, BHS student representative, to the Board. Chairman Whitmire complimented Miss Folckomer for her outstanding performance as Belle in last year's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Dr. McDaris recognized the student artwork from RES that was on display in the board room, and reported the following items:

DICTIONARIES FOR THIRD GRADERS

The Brevard Rotary Club will be providing dictionaries for each third grade student this year. Thank you to Brevard Rotary!

TCAE DONATES TO TCS AFTER-SCHOOL

The Transylvania County Association of Educators (TCAE) held an ice cream social and supply drive at the Transylvania County Library in September to benefit the TCS after-school program. Like other programs and departments, the after-school program has suffered from budgetary cuts. The group took in over \$100 in cash contributions as well as donations of scissors, pens, pencils, markers, highlighters, crayons, glue and glue sticks, notebook paper, notebooks, watercolor paints and brushes, puzzle/activity books, coloring books, card games, foam craft shapes, stencils, jump rope, and novelty items for prize boxes. Because the RES after-school program is just starting up, RES received the lion's share of the supplies. The rest of the supplies were divided equally among the other after-school programs.

RHS WINNERS AT MOUNTAIN STATE FAIR

The following students from Rosman High School won ribbons at the Mountain State Fair in September:

Sterling Whitmire, first place, apple butter
 E. J. Alexander, first place, triple berry jam
 Hannah Chappell, first place, peach jam
 Brianna Galloway, second place, apple butter
 Siarra Lekan, second place, spiced pear jam
 Brighton Orr, second place, blackberry jam
 Jessica Morgan, second place, salsa
 Juan Mundo-Mendez, third place, salsa
 Autumn Franks, third place
 Bethany Green, third place, strawberry rhubarb jam

In addition, teacher Billie Wilson took first place and Best of Show for her quilted garment bag and first place for her apron.

ASSOCIATION OF DIRECT INSTRUCTION AWARD

Brevard Middle School student Josmar Jose Antonio won national recognition for academic improvement through the Association of Direct Instruction. Brevard Elementary School nominated him for the award last year as a fifth grader. He will receive a plaque and a \$200 check from the organization.

BHS ALUMNI NIGHT

Brevard High School held its second annual "Alumni Night" on October 8, 2010. All BHS alumni were invited to come and eat for free before the football game. The event was sponsored by the BHS Leadership Club and Student Council. CW the booster club is growing and doing great things.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Chairman Whitmire read a proclamation designating November 14-20, 2010 as American Education Week in Transylvania County (see attached). In celebration of American Education Week, all current and retired school system employees will be invited to Thanksgiving lunch as guests of the Board at the school cafeteria of their choice on Thursday, November 18, 2010. ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the proclamation was approved.

5. **Former Students in the Military**

The Board of Education 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. Dr. McDaris reported that no new names had been added to the list. Additional names will be included as they are received.

6. **Consent Agenda**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the minutes from the September 20, 2010 meeting and the personnel report for October 18, 2010 (attached) were unanimously approved.

7. **FY11 Budget Resolution**

Norris Barger presented the final budget resolution for the FY11 school year. He reported that the State Public School Fund represents a 2.7% decrease from the prior year, and the Federal Fund represents a 3.3% decrease from the previous year. The Local Current Expense Fund represents a 4.8% increase over last year. Mr. Barger also presented the finalized capital outlay priorities list. He reported that the level of capital funding received would cover through project no. 16 (BHS north parking lot resurfacing and drainage) plus \$25,000 for minimal repairs to the BHS football field and \$9,000 for short-term repairs to the CTE roof at RHS. ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the budget resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 was unanimously approved (see attached).

8. **Non-Faculty Coaches**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the Board approved the following non-faculty coaches for winter sports 2010-2011:

Holly Krogman, BHS Women's Basketball
 Bill Baldwin, BHS Indoor Track
 David McNeill, BMS Boys' Basketball
 David Hollingsworth, BMS Boys' Basketball
 Heidi Jordan, BMS Girls' Basketball

Kyle Justice, BMS Wrestling
Mark Ellenberger, BMS Wrestling
Allison Worley, BMS Cheerleading
Cam Dowdle, RHS Basketball
Nathan Owens, RHS Basketball
Chris Thomas, RHS Basketball
Josh Riddle, Head, RMS Boys' Basketball
Alex West, Volunteer Assistant, RMS Boys' Basketball

9. **Rtl Questions and Answers**

Dr. Kim Elliott surprised JoEllen Hamilton, lead teacher at BES, with a plaque and certification of appreciation for her work as the district's Responsiveness to Instruction (Rtl) chairperson for 2010-2011. Dr. Elliott stated that North Carolina is moving toward Rtl as its model of instruction, and TCS is far ahead of the curve thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Hamilton. Members of the district Rtl team and several BES teachers were on hand to share in the presentation. The Board took a short recess to convey their thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Hamilton.

10. **Policies JGA, JGA-R and JGA-E**

Revised Policy JGA "Corporal Punishment" was presented for approval. Dr. Bo Williams reported that no changes had been made to the policy since the first read. The policy as revised prohibits the use of corporal punishment in all schools. Dr. McDaris reported that most school administrators are in favor of doing away with corporal punishment. There were no questions from the Board, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. PETIT, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the Board unanimously approved Policy JGA as presented. ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the Board unanimously rescinded Regulations JGA-R and JGA-E.

11. **DRS ABCs Local Option Goals for 2010-2011**

David River School Principal, Donna Wilde, presented the following ABCs local option goals for 2010-2011:

- The percentage of students that will receive credit in 75% of their courses at DRS will increase by 5%, increasing from 52% in 2009-2010 to 57% for 2010-2011.
- The number of community members involved at Davidson River School for 2010-2011 will be 45 or more.
- Davidson River School staff will contact 100% of its parents/guardians regarding student progress a minimum of 4 times per semester.

Mrs. Wilde reported that DRS served a diverse population of 147 students last year, including young mothers, working students, and homeless students. Fourteen seniors graduated from DRS in 2009-2010, and the school assisted 14 others to graduate from BHS and RHS. She noted that less than 10% of the students attending DRS are there as a result of discipline issues. Mrs. Fox stated that she has long been impressed with DRS and all that the school accomplishes. She emphasized that DRS is a school of alternatives, not an alternative school. Chairman Whitmire expressed his admiration for the creativity, energy, and flexibility exhibited by the DRS teaching staff. Mrs. McCoy expressed admiration for the changing perception of the school from a warehouse for troublemakers to a non-traditional academic school. Mrs. Wilde thanked the Board for its strong support of Davidson River School. ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY,

SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the Davidson River School ABCs local option goals for 2010-2011 were unanimously approved.

12. Important Dates

Oct. 20 Ethics Training, 9 -11 a.m., Asheville, NC
 Oct. 20-22 NCSBA Law Conference, 3 half-day sessions, Asheville, NC
 Oct. 28-29 Teacher Workdays
 Nov. 2 Election Day
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Holiday
 Nov. 15 REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
 Nov. 15-17 NCSBA Annual Conference for Board Member Development, Greensboro
 Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Dinner for Students, Staff, and Retirees; School Cafeterias
 Nov. 24 Teacher Leave Day
 Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Holidays

13. Other Items

Dr. McDaris remarked that many of the students at DRS face challenges over and above those of the typical high school student. He gave an example of a young man at DRS, an emancipated minor who holds down a job in order to maintain his family's home, while at the same time is working toward his high school diploma at Davidson River.

Chairman Whitmire commended the *Transylvania Times* for its recent coverage of a senior project event at RHS that honored military veterans. He reported that the event was a moving and meaningful display of citizenship and patriotism.

Mr. Whitmire encouraged everyone to keep teachers Yvonne Barnwell and Lynda Jayne in their thoughts. Both have recently experienced losses.

The Board invited Lydia Folckomer to share any comments or concerns. Miss Folckomer reported there is interest among some BHS students in starting a discussion group to explore some of the same issues and concerns that were expressed by Ms. Null earlier in the meeting.

14. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

**PERSONNEL REPORT
October 18, 2010**

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

Licensed Personnel

Jamie Reid, Teacher and Coach, RHS, effective October 15, 2010

Classified Personnel

Peter Wolf, Bus Driver, effective September 17, 2010

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

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Amanda Newman, Temporary, Part-Time Student Worker, Building Futures Program, effective October 11, 2010

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

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Angela C. Fore, from Cafeteria Worker, BES, to Cafeteria Worker, BHS, effective October 19, 2010

April P. Mathis, from Assistant Cafeteria Manager, BHS, to Cafeteria Manager, BES, effective October 19, 2010

Audrey Myra Smathers, from Cafeteria Worker, BES, to Cafeteria Worker, BHS, effective October 19, 2010

- 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

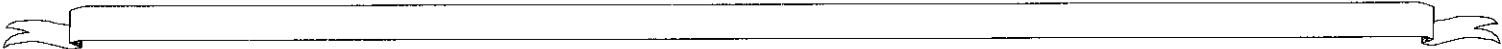
Darlene Gant

Rebecca Guerrero

Christy Jean McCall

Kristy Lane Meece

Esther Shook



American Education Week

Proclamation

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they will need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and


WHEREAS, education employees in every role work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

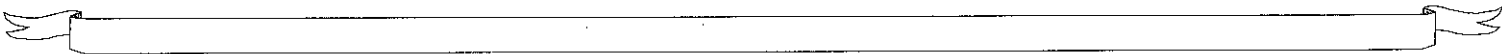
WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, James C. Whitmire, serving as Chairman of the Transylvania County Board of Education, do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2010 as **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK** in Transylvania County.

Signed this 18th day of October 2010.


Chairman



Transylvania County Schools
Budget Resolution
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Section I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

<u>Instructional</u>	
Regular	\$ 12,755,260
Special	2,068,426
Alternative	809,462
School Leadership	771,453
School-based Support	748,687
<u>Support</u>	
Support and Development	235,431
Special Population Support and Development	2,993
Alternative Support and Development	200
Technology Support	123,298
Operational	810,981
Financial and Human Resource	214,765
Policy, Leadership, and Public Relations	172,448
Community Services	7,980
Child Nutrition	<u>87,669</u>
Total State Public School Fund Appropriation	\$ 18,809,053

Section II. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011:

State Funds	\$ 18,809,053
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Section III. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

<u>Instructional</u>	
Regular	\$ 3,684,781
Special	403,112
Alternative	192,315
School Leadership	805,137
Co-curricular	337,209
School-based Support	690,409

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Support

Support and Development	222,995
Special Population Support and Development	30,102
Operational	2,198,085
Financial and Human Resource	281,163
Accountability	10,542
Policy, Leadership, and Public Relations	526,966
Community Services	8,057
Payments To Other Governmental Units	415,000
Total Local Current Expense Fund Appropriation	\$ 9,805,873

Section IV. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

State Funds	\$ 250,000
Federal Funds	-
Local Funds	9,555,873
Fund Balance Appropriated	-
Total Local Current Expense Fund Revenue	\$ 9,805,873

Section V. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Instructional

Regular	\$ 1,455,488
Special	1,144,560
Alternative	1,075,089
School-based Support	108,672

Support

Alternative Support and Development	37,108
Financial and Human Resource	100
Payments To Other Governmental Units	58,591
Unbudgeted Federal Grants	209,394
Total Federal Grants Fund Appropriation	\$ 4,089,002

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Section VI. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Federal Funds	\$ 4,089,002
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Section VII. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

<u>Instructional</u>	
Regular	\$ 163,776
Special	44,720
Co-curricular	112,519
School-based Support	414,100
<u>Support</u>	
Operational	272,500
Policy, Leadership, and Public Relations	2,200
Debt Service	64,924
Contingency	<u>20,000</u>
Total Capital Outlay Fund Appropriation	\$ 1,094,739

Section VIII. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011:

State Funds	27,026
Local Funds	\$ 1,047,463
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>20,250</u>
Total Capital Outlay Fund Revenues	\$ 1,094,739

Section IX. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Child Nutrition	\$ 2,152,632
Total Child Nutrition Fund Appropriation	\$ 2,152,632

Section X. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Federal Funds	\$ 1,417,072
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Local Funds	735,560
Total Child Nutrition Fund Revenue	\$ 2,152,632

Section XI. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Restricted Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Instructional

Regular	\$ 30,000
Special	-
Alternative	320,156
School Leadership	250,282

Support

Operational	81,000
Community Services	132,711
Total Local Current Expense Fund Appropriation	\$ 814,149

Section XII. The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Restricted Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

State Funds	\$ 363,156
Federal Funds	232,493
Local Funds	218,500
Fund Balance Appropriated	-
Total Local Current Expense Fund Revenue	\$ 814,149

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Section XIII. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to transfer appropriations within a fund under the following conditions

- A. Amounts transferred do not exceed a cumulative total of plus or minus ten percent (10%) in any function.
- B. Amounts transferred from the Contingency Fund to a specific line item not previously provided for in this resolution do not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for any line item.

Any such transfer shall be reported to the Board at its next regular meeting and recorded in the minutes.

Section XIV. Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be furnished immediately to the Superintendent and Finance Officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2010 on motion of Tawny McCoy, seconded by Sue Fox and carried.

Chris Whitmire
Chris Whitmire, Chairman
Jeff McDaris
Dr. Jeff McDaris, Secretary