

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
November 7, 2022**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS (including amendments and rescissions):

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Good News Report
4. Former Students in the Military
5. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Personnel Report
6. School Improvement Plans
7. Budget Update
8. Rosman High School CTE Roof Bid
9. Capital Projects Update
10. Superintendent's Update
11. Important Dates
12. Other Items

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session on November 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Education Center. Marty Griffin led in a moment of silence and Courtney Domokur led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McCoy called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. In addition to approximately 10 guests, the individuals listed below were in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tawny McCoy, Chair
Ron Kiviniemi, Vice Chair
Courtney Domokur
Marty Griffin
Kimsey Jackson

BOARD ATTORNEY:

Kris Caudle, Campbell Shatley

PRINCIPALS:

Amanda Lewis, PFES
Patrick Chapman, TCH
Jason Ormsby, RHS
Mike Kirst, BES
Scott Strickler, BHS
Julie Queen, RMS

STAFF:

Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent
Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Brian Weaver, Assistant Superintendent
Missy Ellenberger, Director, 9-12 Instruction
Carrie Norris, Director, K-8 Instruction
Audrey Reneau, Director, Federal Programs
Gabi Juba, Finance Officer
Alan Justice, Dir. Facilities, Athletics, Transportation
Chris Whitlock, Director, Technology Services
Ray Owen, School Resource Officer

1. **Approval of Agenda**
ON A MOTION BY MR. JACKSON, SECONDED BY MRS. DOMOKUR, the meeting agenda for November 7, 2022 was unanimously approved as presented.
2. **Public Comment**
Chairman McCoy reviewed the guidelines for public comment.

John Hogan, teacher - Friday was a big day for education in state of North Carolina. The State Supreme Court ordered the transfer of funds for *Leandro*. Can you fill us in? *Dr. McDaris indicated that he would give an update during his Superintendent's Update.*

3. **Good News Report**

Dr. McDaris recognized the student artwork from T. C. Henderson that was on display in the board room and thanked Officer Ray Owen for attending the meeting. He shared the following good news:

American Education Week & Annual Thanksgiving Meal

American Education Week is the week before Thanksgiving (November 13-19, 2022). It is a time to honor the people who work in our nation's public schools--everyone from bus drivers and classroom teachers to cafeteria workers and administrative staff. Each year the board adopts a local proclamation designating American Education Week in our county. Additionally, all current and retired school system employees are invited to a free Thanksgiving meal in the school cafeterias as guests of the board. This year's Thanksgiving meal will take place on Wednesday, November 16. ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MR. KIVINIEMI, the board unanimously adopted a proclamation designating the week of November 13-19, 2022 as American Education Week in Transylvania County (see attached).

4. **Former Students in the Military**

In honor of Veterans Day on November 11, 2022, the board read aloud 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 22 new names on the list.

5. **Consent Agenda**

ON A MOTION BY MR. JACKSON, SECONDED BY MRS. DOMOKUR, the personnel report for November 7, 2022 board was unanimously approved (see attached).

6. **School Improvement Plans**

School improvement plans for PFES and TCH were presented as first-read information on October 18. Director Carrie Norris asked if there were any additional questions. Mr. Kiviniemi requested a yearly update on the three-year composite goals for reading and math. Mrs. Norris reported that a mid-year and yearly update would be provided. ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MR. KIVINIEMI, the School Improvement Plans for Pisgah Forest Elementary School and T. C. Henderson School of Science & Technology were unanimously approved as presented.

School Improvement Plans for Brevard Elementary School, Brevard High School, Brevard Middle School, Davidson River School, Rosman Elementary School, Rosman High School, and Rosman Middle School were presented as first-read information. Directors Carrie Norris, Missy Ellenberger, and school principals discussed the plans and addressed questions from board members. ON A MOTION BY MR. KIVINIEMI, SECONDED BY MR. GRIFFIN, the school improvement plans for BES, BHS, BMS, DRS, RES, RHS, and RMS were unanimously accepted as first-read information. Approval of the plans will be requested at the next regular meeting on November 21.

7. **Budget Update**

Finance Officer Gabi Juba presented an expenditure report and three budget amendments for FY23. ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS.

DOMOKUR, the budget amendments for the State Public School Fund, the Local Current Expense Fund, and the Capital Outlay Fund were unanimously approved as presented (see attached).

8. Rosman High School CTE Roof Bid

Facilities Director Alan Justice presented the low bid of \$336,080 from J. A. Piper Roofing Company for the Rosman High School CTE wing roof repair project. Board approval is required for purchases in excess of \$90,000. Mr. Justice reported that the scope of the work will include roof repair, wall restoration, and replacement of three internal drains at RHS. The company expects to start work in 60 days. ON A MOTION BY MRS. DOMOKUR, SECONDED BY MR. GRIFFIN, the board unanimously approved the \$336,080 bid from J. A. Piper Roofing Company for the Rosman High School CTE wing roof maintenance project, subject to attorney review of the contract.

9. Capital Projects Update

Facilities/Transportation Director Alan Justice gave an update on the status of capital projects in the schools. He reported that requests for bids for repairs to the RHS baseball field had to be re-advertised due to receiving only two bids (three were required). New bids will be opened this week. Contractors are optimistic that they can complete the project in a timely manner. Board members were pleased to see that a number of large projects on the list have been completed. They directed the superintendent to share the capital projects update with the county manager.

Mr. Justice also reported that TCS has been awarded a second electric school bus. He added that the charging station for the first bus is ready and the bus is being built. He anticipates a big public relations rollout when the bus is delivered.

10. Superintendent's Update

Dr. McDaris shared the following updates:

- November is American Indian Heritage Month. North Carolina is home to eight American Indian Tribes and has the largest American Indian population in the Eastern United States. Over 17,000 American Indian Students attend North Carolina Public Schools. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recognizes the rich history, vibrant culture, and valuable contributions of our American Indian tribes and communities.
- NCDPI is seeking public input on K-12 Arts, Guidance and World Language standards. Stakeholder input will be used to inform revisions to the current standards. Links to the surveys are available on the DPI website. The surveys will close at 5 p.m. on November 17.
- A new cost of living report by the Virginia-based Council of Community Economic Research again puts the Asheville Metro Area as the highest in North Carolina. It confirms the increases in the cost of living by looking at housing, food, utilities, transportation and healthcare costs and comparing them to other metropolitan areas in North Carolina. Asheville tops the list.
- In 2019, the board sought additional funding from the county to fund an additional ELL (English Language Learner) teacher position in the schools. At that time we had one full-time ELL instructor and one ELL assistant for a population of 126 students. The county denied funding for the additional position. Fortunately, we were able to

use a state teacher position allocation by not filling a regular teaching position when one came open and reassigning it to an ELL position. Our ELL numbers have increased to 168 and are expected to further rise.

- On Friday, November 4, the NC Supreme Court ruled 4-3 that certain state officials must transfer funds necessary to comply with years two and three of the *Leandro* Comprehensive Remedial Plan. First, however, the Court directed the trial court to recalculate the transfer amount. The trial court previously concluded, based on funds included in the 2021 state budget, that \$785 million should be transferred to DPI, DHHS, and the UNC system. The trial court must now consider how much of that amount is already accounted for in the 2022 state budget. The Supreme Court's opinion only addresses two years of the eight-year *Leandro* Plan. We await the outcome.

Director Chris Whitlock reported that TCS received approximately \$30,00 to purchase 70 new two-way UHF radios for SROs and others. The additional radios will help increase communications coverage on school campuses with dead zones.

Dr. Brian Weaver reported that graduation dates for 2022 have been set. Davidson River School students will graduate on Thursday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m. Brevard High School's graduation will take place on Friday, June 9, at 6:00 p.m., and Rosman High School will be Saturday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m. All three commencement ceremonies will be held at the Brevard Music Center.

11. Important Dates

Nov. 8	Election Day		
Nov. 11	Veterans Day holiday		
Nov. 14-16	NCSBA Annual Conference for Board Member Development		Greensboro
Nov. 21	REGULAR MEETING	6:30 p.m.	MEC
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break		
Dec. 5	REGULAR MEETING (new and re-elected members sworn in)	6:30 p.m.	MEC
Dec. 8-9	NCSBA Core Training for New Board Members	2 days	Raleigh
Dec. 12-13	NCSBA Core Training for New Board Members	2 days	Raleigh
Dec. 19	REGULAR MEETING or BOARD TRAINING SESSION	6:30 p.m.	MEC
Dec. 20	Students dismissed at noon		
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	Christmas break		
Jan. 2	NO MEETING (holiday for staff & students)		
Jan. 3	Students & staff return from break		
Jan. 16	MLK Day (teacher workday)		
Jan. 17 (Tue.)	REGULAR MEETING	6:30 p.m.	MEC

Jan. 23	Teacher workday		
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Chairman McCoy welcomed school board candidates Chris Wiener, Paul Cooper, and Tanya Dalton to the meeting. She reported that the board meeting on December 19 would be scheduled as a full board training session with the school board attorneys. New board members are also encouraged to attend one of the NCSBA Core Training sessions in December. Attorney Kris Caudle noted that the NCSBA training and the local training session would be substantially different.

12. Other Items

Mr. Kiviniemi called for continued monitoring regarding the need for more English Language Learner (ELL) teachers. Dr. Weaver reported that the majority of our Multi Lingual Learner (MLL) funding comes from the state; a small portion comes from local funding. Unless more funding becomes available, we will continue to address this need through attrition of other teaching positions as possible.

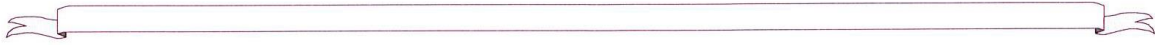
Mr. Jackson reported on the recovery efforts that are underway in Fort Meyers, Florida due to recent hurricane devastation. He expressed concern that thousands of residents there are homeless and/or facing slow restoration of power and other resources.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS. DOMOKUR, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary



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

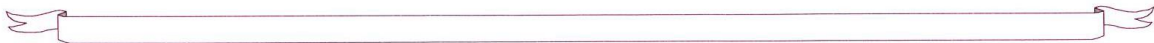
WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Tawny McCoy, serving as Chairman of the Transylvania County Board of Education, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2022 as **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK in Transylvania County**.

Signed this 7th day of November 2022.


Chairman



**PERSONNEL REPORT
November 7, 2022**

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

Licensed Personnel

Holly Egan, Teacher, PFES, effective December 30, 2022
Ann Rich, Instructional Coach, PFES, effective November 11, 2022
Katrina Ronneburger, Teacher, BHS, effective January 13, 2023
Karen Emily Webb, Teacher, BES, effective November 23, 2022
Devin Wilson, Teacher, BHS, effective June 15, 2023

Classified Personnel

Anna Briggs, Teacher Assistant, PFES, effective November 4, 2022
Merrissa Wilson, Bus Driver, BES, effective January 3, 2023

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

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

None

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

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Megan Robinson, from part-time Bus Driver, PFES, to Teacher Assistant & Bus Driver, PFES, effective November 14, 2022

- 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

Neela Anders
Abraham Pallas

Substitute School Nutrition Workers

None

Budget Amendment - State Public School Fund

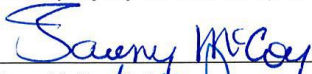
Amendment no. 2

Function Code	Description	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
	REVENUES			
	Revenues	\$26,400,291	\$56,891	\$26,457,182
	EXPENDITURES			
5100	Regular Instructional	17,202,338	49,355	\$17,251,693
5200	Special Instructional	3,105,956	0	\$3,105,956
5300	Alternative Programs	686,116	0	\$686,116
5400	School Leadership	1,492,391	7,536	\$1,499,927
5800	School-Based Support	1,303,740	0	\$1,303,740
6100	Support And Development	284,283	0	\$284,283
6200	Special Population Support And Dev	0	0	\$0
6300	Alternative S & D	0	0	\$0
6400	Technology Support	70,029	0	\$70,029
6500	Operational Support	1,664,534	0	\$1,664,534
6600	Financial And Human Resources	221,681	0	\$221,681
6900	Policy And Leadership	270,461	0	\$270,461
7100	Regular Community Service	0	0	\$0
7200	Ancillary Services	98,761	0	\$98,761
8100	Pay To Oth Govt & Tfrs Of	0	0	0
8400	Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET		\$26,400,291	\$56,891	\$26,457,182


EXPLANATION:

See attached

Passed by majority vote of the Transylvania County Board of Education this 7th day of November, 2022.



 Tawny McCoy, Chairman



 Jeff McDaris, Secretary

PRC	Description	Amount	Reason
001	Classroom Teachers		
002	Central Office Administration		
003	Non-Instructional Support Personnel		
004	K-5 Program Enhancement Teachers		
005	School Building Administration		
006	School Psychologist - Position		
007	Instructional Support		
008	School Psychologist Conversion to Dollars		
012	Driver Training		
013	CTE-Months Of Emplment		
014	CTE-Program Support	49,355	Credential allotment
015	School Technology Fund		
016	Summer Reading Camp		
019	Small County		
024	Disadvantaged Student Supp		
027	Teacher Assistants		
029	Behavioral Support		
032	Exceptional Children		
034	Academic/Intellectually Gifted		
045	Compensation Bonus		
046	Test Result Bonus		
048	Test Result Bonus - (Ap/Ib, CTE, Principal)	7,536	Initial Allotment for principal bonus
054	Limited English (LEP)		
056	Transportation		
061	Classroom Material, Instr Supplies, Equipment		
063	Special Program Funds - Ec		
064	CTE Grade Expansion Program Grant		
067	Assistant Principal Interns-MSA		
069	At-Risk Student Ser/Alternative Schools		
071	Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compenstion		
073	School Connectivity		
085	Early Grade Reading Proficiency		
120	LEA Financed Purchase Of School Buses		
121	CRF Summer Learning Program		
122	CRF-School Health Support		
123	CRF - Nondigital Resources		
124	CRF-Student Computers And Devices		
125	CRF-Student Devices		
126	CRF-Personnel Computers And Devices		
127	CRF-Connectivity School Buses		
128	CRF-Home And Community Wifi		
130	Textbooks		
131	Textbook & Digital Resources (Dollar Transfer)		
132	CRF-Exceptional Children		
135	CRF-Cybersecurity		
137	CRF-Personal Protective Equipment		
141	ARRA - Title 1		
154	Covid-19 Supplemental Funds	56,891	

Budget Amendment - Local Current Expense Fund

Amendment no. 2

Function Code	Description	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
	REVENUES			
	Revenues	\$ 13,196,152	\$0	\$ 13,196,152
	Appropriated Fund Balance	123,720		123,720
	EXPENDITURES		0	
5100	Regular Instructional	\$ 4,383,853	(2,200)	\$4,381,652.76
5200	Special Instructional	\$ 295,316	0	\$295,315.88
5300	Alternative Programs	\$ 99,541	0	\$99,540.59
5400	School Leadership	\$ 1,268,162	0	\$1,268,162.28
5500	Co-Curricular	\$ 357,208	0	\$357,208.18
5800	School-Based Support	\$ 1,091,940	0	\$1,091,939.89
6100	Support and Development	\$ 451,268	2,200	\$453,467.79
6200	Special Population Support and Development	\$ 62,779	0	\$62,778.78
6400	Technology Support	\$ 111,021	0	\$111,020.70
6500	Operational Support	\$ 2,852,945	0	\$2,852,945.39
6600	Financial And Human Resources	\$ 575,025	0	\$575,024.88
6700	Accountability S & D	\$ 9,551	0	\$9,551.00
6900	Policy And Leadership	\$ 345,264	0	\$345,263.52
7100	Regular Community Service	\$ 953	0	\$953.00
7200	Ancillary Services	\$ 2,876	0	\$2,876.36
8100	Pay To Oth Govt & Tfirs Of	\$ 1,412,171	0	\$1,412,171.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET	\$13,319,872	(\$0)	\$13,319,872

EXPLANATION:

To reflect actual expenditures

Passed by majority vote of the Transylvania County Board of Education this 7th day of November, 2022.



 Tawny McCoy, Chairman



 Jeff McDaris, Secretary

Budget Amendment - Capital Outlay Fund

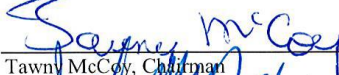
Amendment no. 1

Function Code	Description	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
	REVENUES			
	Revenues	\$4,365,320	\$173,000	\$4,538,320
	Appropriated Fund Balance	0	0	0
	EXPENDITURES			
5100	Regular Instructional	115,876	0	115,876
5200	Special Instructional	0	0	0
5300	Alternative Programs	0	0	0
5400	School Leadership	0	0	0
5500	Co-Curricular	91,395	0	91,395
5800	School-Based Support	537,701	0	537,701
6100	Support And Development	0	0	0
6300	Alternative S & D	0	0	0
6400	Technology Support	0	0	0
6500	Operational Support	3,567,848	173,000	3,740,848
6600	Financial And Human Resources	0	0	0
6700	Accountability S & D	0	0	0
6900	Policy And Leadership	3,000	0	3,000
7200	Child Nutrition	49,500	0	49,500
8100	Debt Service/Contingency	0	0	0
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET	\$4,365,320	\$173,000	\$4,538,320


EXPLANATION:

\$173,000 we should have received in FY21.

Passed by majority vote of the Transylvania County Board of Education this 7th day of November, 2022.



 Tawny McCoy, Chairman



 Jeff McDaris, Secretary