

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
November 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME
BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Magnet Program & Master Facilities Plan
3. Closed Session

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 12:00 p.m. on November 9, 2015 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session to discuss a potential magnet program and the Transylvania County Schools facilities master plan. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The following individuals were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tawny McCoy, Chair
Cindy Petit, Vice Chair
Marty Griffin
Ron Kiviniemi
Betty Scruggs

STAFF:

Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent
Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant
Norris Barger, Director, Business Services
Brian Weaver, Director, 6-12 Curriculum & Instruction
Audrey Reneau, Director, K-5 Curriculum & Instruction
Jeremy Gibbs, Director, Human Resources
Kerry Putnam, Director, Exceptional Children Services
Leca Chapman, Director, Career/Technical Education
Kevin Smith, School-Community Relations Coordinator
Kelly Shook, School Resource Officer

BOARD ATTORNEY:

Chad Donnahoo

1. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the meeting agenda for November 9, 2015 was approved as presented. The board took a five-minute recess to fill their plates for a working lunch.

2. Magnet Program Facilities Plan

The board discussed options for a potential magnet program at T. C. Henderson Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion focused on program components, grade levels, enrollment at TCH and other elementary schools, out-of-district applications, staff training, facility needs, transportation, and possible future magnet programs at other schools. Mr. Putman discussed the likely need for additional EC staff. Mrs. Reneau discussed curriculum and staff training, and Mr. Gibbs discussed operational, professional development, and potential staffing costs. Mr. Barger reviewed facility upgrades that may be needed depending on the design and grade level structure of the program. He reported that it would not be possible to make facility changes before this fall. Dr. McDaris reported that he has a planning committee ready to begin work on the project if the board gives the go-ahead. There was general consensus for the committee to begin gathering operational data for a K-5 magnet program with emphasis on STEM (science and math) curriculum at T.C. Henderson Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Norris Barger presented bond projections for years 2014-2020. The board discussed meeting with the county commissioners in 2-on-2 sessions and/or joint workshops to discuss the facilities study and funding options. It was agreed to try and schedule the

first 2-on-2 meeting before Christmas and to have Architect Chad Roberson in attendance at the first joint workshop to present and answer questions about the plan.

3. **Closed Session**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. SCRUGGS, the board went into closed session at 1:50 p.m. to consult with the board attorney regarding a matter that is not public information (student records), pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(1) and 115C-402. Present in the closed session were Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Petit, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Kiviniemi, Mrs. Scruggs, Mr. Donnahoo, Dr. McDaris, and Mr. Gibbs. The board discussed options regarding a student matter. ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS. SCRUGGS, the board reconvened in open session at 2:10 p.m. ON A MOTION BY MR. KIVINIEMI, SECONDED BY MRS. SCRUGGS, the board instructed the superintendent and board attorney to file a motion to intervene in the Brown v. Swarn legal action.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. PETIT, SECONDED BY MR. KIVINIEMI, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary