

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
December 3, 2024**

OATH OF OFFICE

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS (including amendments and rescissions):

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Election of Officers
3. Board Member Training

ADJOURNMENT

The Transylvania County Board of Education held a special called meeting on December 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to swear in new members, elect officers, and receive training on board member duties, rights and responsibilities.

Vice Chairman Tanya Dalton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Chris Wiener led in a moment of silence and Mrs. Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Lisa Fletcher introduced Transylvania County Clerk of Superior Court, Kristi Brown, who administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members Ruth Harris, Greg Cochran, and Ricky Lambert. In addition to approximately 20 guests, the individuals listed below were in attendance.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Tanya Dalton  
Greg Cochran  
Ruth Harris  
Ricky Lambert  
Chris Wiener

**BOARD ATTORNEY:**

Chris Campbell, Campbell Shatley

**MEDIA:**

Laura Denon, Transylvania Times

**STAFF:**

Dr. Lisa Fletcher, Superintendent  
Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Brian Weaver, Asst. Supt.; Director, HR  
Audrey Reneau, Director, Federal Programs  
Janette Broda, Director, School Nutrition Services  
Tom Sweet, Director, Testing & Student Information  
Tessa Brown, Public Information Officer  
Carrie Norris, Chief Academic Officer  
Michelle Mullinax, Chief Finance Officer  
Keith Wilmot, Director, Transportation  
Kerry Putnam, Director, Facilities; CTE  
Courtney Owen, Director, Student Services  
Chris Whitlock, Director, IT Services; Safe Schools  
Chris Lambert, IT Services  
School Principals: Mike Kirst, Mick Galloway,  
Jessica McCall, Dr. Rod Brown, Amanda Lewis, Bob  
Dinsdale, Jason Ormsby, Julie Queen, Patrick Chapman  
Mike Hall, School Resource Officer

Vice Chairman Dalton called the meeting to order.

**Election of Officers**

N.C.G.S. § 115C-41 requires all local boards of education to have an organizational meeting no later than 60 days after the swearing in of members following election or appointment. At the organizational meeting, the members of all boards shall elect one or their members as chairman for a period of one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified. The Transylvania

County Board of Education has traditionally elected a chair and vice chair every year at its first meeting in December.

Vice Chairman Dalton asked Board Attorney Chris Campbell to lead the election of officers. Mr. Campbell reviewed the process with the board, then opened the floor for nominations for board chair. MR. COCHRAN NOMINATED TANYA DALTON AS BOARD CHAIR. There were no other nominations. Mr. Campbell closed nominations and asked for a vote. ON A UNANIMOUS VOTE, Tanya Dalton was elected as board chair for the next year. Mr. Campbell opened the floor for nominations for board vice chair. MR. LAMBERT NOMINATED GREG COCHRAN AS BOARD VICE CHAIR. There were no other nominations. Mr. Campbell closed nominations and asked for a vote. ON A UNANIMOUS VOTE, Greg Cochran was elected as board vice chair for the next year. Mr. Campbell returned the meeting to Mrs. Dalton.

Superintendent Lisa Fletcher introduced new Chief Finance Officer Michelle Mullinax to the board.

Chairman Dalton called for a short recess at 6:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

**Board Member Training**

Board Attorney Chris Campbell gave a training session on school board member rights and responsibilities. Topics included, but were not limited to, legal considerations and best practices, roles and duties of members, public records, confidential information, public comment, social media, closed sessions, complaints and concerns, disagreements among members, "information" v. studies or research, setting meeting agendas, school visits, budget review and qualified immunity. Mr. Campbell emphasized that trust is key--trust in the law, trust in each other, and trust in the superintendent and administration.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MR. WIENER, SECONDED BY MR. COCHRAN, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary