

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
December 8, 2011**

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session on December 8, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the T. C. Henderson Elementary School Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting was to have lunch and visit briefly. Chris Whitmire, Chair; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chair; Cindy Petit; and Sue Fox were present. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; Tony Meachum, Principal; and three guests. Chairman Whitmire called the meeting to order.

The Board enjoyed lunch and briefly discussed possible topics for retreat. Following the meal, Chairman Whitmire recognized Mrs. Jerri Dodson. Mrs. Dodson spoke at length about her concerns regarding chemicals commonly found in homes, schools and the environment and their possible connection to allergies, illnesses and psychological disorders among children and adults. She invited the Board to attend a meeting she is having on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Christ Covenant Church in Brevard to inform the public about this issue. Mr. Whitmire thanked Mrs. Dodson for sharing her concerns.

Mrs. Jerlene Cantrell, grandparent, remarked on a recent news story in which it was reported that some children living in foster care had been overmedicated by their caregivers. Mrs. Cantrell expressed concern that some special needs students may be overmedicated as well. Mrs. McCoy gave assurance that TCS teachers do an admirable job in handling the medications that have been prescribed for students. It was noted that medications are prescribed by doctors, not school personnel, and concerns about dosages, possible side effects or other issues should be discussed with the child's physician.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary