

Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
February 11, 2013

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to tour school facility needs. Present for the tour were Tawny McCoy, Chair; Cindy Petit, Vice Chair; Sue Fox; Ron Kiviniemi and Mike Rogers. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris and Norris Barger.

Prior to departure, Chairman McCoy reported that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) has adopted a plank on their 2013-2014 legislative agenda that supports legislation authorizing county governments to acquire, own and construct public school sites and facilities. The North Carolina School Boards Association opposes such legislation and has prepared a draft resolution for local boards to consider adopting. That resolution had been slated for the February 18, 2013 meeting; however, due to the possibility that this issue might be discussed by the Board of Commissioners at their meeting that night, the Board agreed that immediate action was needed. ON A MOTION BY MR. ROGERS, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the resolution was added to the agenda for February 11, 2013. Chairman McCoy read the resolution, and ON A MOTION BY MR. KIVINIEMI, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the Board unanimously approved the resolution in opposition to school property transfer from local school boards to county commissioners (see attached).

The Board departed the Education Center at approximately 8:00 a.m. and visited Brevard Elementary, Pisgah Forest Elementary, Davidson River School, Brevard Middle and Brevard High School. At each campus, the school principal conducted a walkthrough of the buildings and grounds and reviewed priority capital needs. The group returned to the Education Center at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SCHOOL PROPERTY TRANSFER
FROM LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes prescribe that the powers of general control and supervision of school systems are to be vested in local boards of education, not county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, public school placement, design, and maintenance are integral components of the control and supervision authority that local boards of education have been statutorily assigned; and

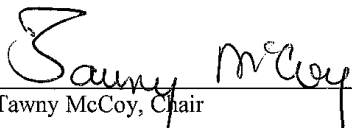
WHEREAS, to maximize efficiency and maintain supervisory powers, local boards of education must continue to control basic powers of school property ownership; and

WHEREAS, as duly elected officers, local school boards members must continue to discharge their duties and responsibilities for the citizens of North Carolina.

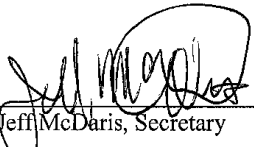
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

The Transylvania County Board of Education, for the reasons herein noted, opposes any proposed legislation that would authorize counties to assume control of school property and respectfully requests that the North Carolina General Assembly oppose any such legislation during its 2013 session.

This the 11th day of February, 2013.



Tawny McCoy, Chair



Jeff McDaris, Secretary