

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
February 20, 2012**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Presentation from Transylvania County Sesquicentennial Committee
4. Good News Report
5. Former Students in the Military
6. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Personnel Report
7. Non-Faculty Coaches
8. School Calendar 2012-2013
9. FY13 Budget
10. Important Dates
11. Public Comment
12. Other Items

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session on February 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Education Center. Chris Whitmire, Chair; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chair; Sue Fox; and Shelia Norman were present. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; Mark Ellenberger, School Resource Officer; Eric Crews, *Transylvania Times*; and approximately seven presenters and guests. Mr. Whitmire led a moment of silent prayer and Mrs. Fox led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Whitmire welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He reported that Mrs. Petit was away attending her daughter's volleyball game.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting agenda for February 20, 2012 was approved as presented.
2. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.
3. **Presentation from Sesquicentennial Committee**
Carson Griffin and Mike Hawkins presented a banner and a collectible Sesquicentennial Christmas ornament from the Transylvania County Sesquicentennial Committee to the Board of Education in appreciation of the many contributions of the school system to the County's 150th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Hawkins stated that the contributions of the TCS students and staff were integral to the success of the year-long celebration. Special commendations went to Sue Fox as a member of the steering committee for her hard work and advocacy in getting TCS students involved. Mrs. Fox expressed thanks to Dr. Scott Elliott and Dr. Kim Elliott for all of their work and support as well.
4. **Good News Report**
Dr. McDaris reported the following good news items:

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TOWN OF ROSMAN DONATES TO DRS

Davidson River School recently received a donation of over \$1,400 from the Town of Rosman. The funds will be used to continue the Taiko Program and for student needs at DRS.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of February is designated as "Black History Month" nationwide. Classes will have activities commemorating the important people, places and events of the civil rights movement and the contributions and achievements of celebrated African Americans.

BMS GEOGRAPHY BEE

In January, Matthew Sharpsteen, sixth grader at BMS, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the national competition. Next for Matthew will be a written test, and the top 100 scorers on that test will be eligible to compete in the State Bee on March 30. Each state winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Bee championship rounds in May. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands. *Jeopardy* host Alex Trebek will moderate the televised national finals on May 24. Dr. Leah Hammond is the BMS Geographic Bee coordinator and coach.

RHS STUDENTS PASS SERVSAFE TEST

Billie Wilson's students at Rosman High School performed well on the first semester ServSafe test. Eleven out of twelve students passed the test.

5. **Former Students in the Military**

The Board reviewed 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. Dr. McDaris reported that one new name, Patrick Francis Kennerly, had been added to the list.

6. **Consent Agenda**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the minutes from the January 23 and January 31, 2012 meetings and the personnel report for February 20, 2012 were unanimously approved.

7. **Non-Faculty Coaches**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the non-faculty coaches listed below were approved for spring sports 2012. Chairman Whitmire commended the dedicated coaches who work many hours for little to no pay.

ROSMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Alex McMahan, RHS baseball
Joe Wilbanks, RHS baseball
Doug Leonard, RHS softball
Eric Owen, RHS softball
Jessica Whitmire, RHS softball
Trista Kimsey, RHS softball
Thomas Moman, RHS track

ROSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sandi Shook, RMS softball
Kyle Reese, RMS/RHS softball
Ricky James, RMS baseball
Brian Bullock, RMS baseball
Keith Lovett, RMS baseball
Larry Bullock, RMS baseball

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BREVARD HIGH SCHOOL

Chuck Owenby, BHS JV baseball, vol. asst.
David McNeill, BHS softball, head
Chad Owenby, BHS softball, asst.
Ashley Rice, BHS JV softball, head
Mike Vandegrift, BHS men's tennis, head
Bill Baldwin, BHS men's/women's track, head
Jackie Witherspoon, BHS men's/women's track, asst.

BREVARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Steve Nanny, BMS softball, head
Andrew Jones, BMS boys' track, head
Kelly Nicholson, BMS girls' soccer, head
Charles McKellar, BMS girls' soccer, vol. asst.

8. School Calendar for 2012-2013

Mr. Sutton presented the recommended draft school calendars for 2012-2013 for approval. He gave a reminder that Transylvania County Schools has requested a waiver from the 185-day requirement for next year. The State Board has not yet taken action on that request and may not take action until late spring. Therefore, the calendar committee has recommended that the Board adopt two calendars (a 180-day version and a 185-day version) in order to give staff, students and parents some guidance in the meantime.

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board unanimously adopted calendar draft A for the 185-day school year. ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board unanimously adopted calendar draft A for the 180-day school year. On the 185-day calendar, the first student day will be August 8, 2012. On the 180-day calendar, the first student day will be August 13, 2012. Dr. McDaris observed that Transylvania County is fortunate to have a weather waiver already in place. The weather waiver allows schools to start before August 25. Without the weather waiver, systems such as Henderson County will have to delay the first day until August 27. With a 185-day calendar, their school year would be extended far into June.

9. FY13 Budget

Norris Barger reported the latest information out of Raleigh indicates that a surplus in the state budget is holding steady. As the second year of a biennial budget, and if revenues come in as expected, it is possible that school districts may not receive any new budget cuts for 2012-2013 (other than those already in place). It is unlikely that school systems will see any additional funds, however.

Mr. Barger reviewed changes to the five-year capital outlay list based on the recent school facility tours. The Board discussed the following items:

- Bus lift options and features.
- Stainless steel countertops for RHS culinary arts classes. Dr. McDaris reported that stainless is needed for sanitation purposes.
- Mr. Barger reported that the water line repairs at BHS may be done this summer. The original pipes are over 50 years old.
- Mr. Barger reported that if a water/gutter problem can be repaired without requiring roof replacement, it may be possible to shift money into expanding the

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- electrical repairs in the BHS auditorium. Mrs. Fox reported that she personally had witnessed the flickering lights during a recent choral event at BHS.
- Mr. Whitmire asked about the possibility of having the RHS metal shop take on the BES gate project and perhaps the TCH gate.
 - Mr. Whitmire asked about the urgency of repairs to the RES roof. Mr. Barger reported that leaks in the More-At-Four building, ongoing problems in the sixth grade area, and the advanced age of the library roof are all concerns. He feels it would make more sense to fix the entire roof in 2012-2013 rather than do piecemeal repairs.
 - Mr. Whitmire requested estimated costs for a switch of the parent drop-off and bus drop-off at BMS.
 - Mr. Whitmire asked whether the BHS masonry class could perform repairs on the PFES columns.
 - Mr. Whitmire asked about system-wide computers and meeting the state testing mandate. Dr. McDaris reported that the administration is looking at several options. The hope is to extend, through grants and other funding opportunities, 1:1 computing down through sixth grade.
 - The Board discussed options for a new activity bus. Dr. McDaris reported that we can choose from two vendors with comparable pricing. He recommended a 66-passenger bus over a 72-passenger “pusher” bus. The pusher bus, named for its engine in the back, is harder to turn due to its large. He noted that mid-size buses do not provide the economy of scale that one might expect. Because they must be special ordered, mid-size buses cost more than half the cost of a full-size bus. Dr. McDaris explained that passenger rankings for buses typically refer to smaller elementary-age students. Approximately 46 high school students plus equipment can fit on a 66-passenger bus.

Mr. Barger reported that he would have the first draft of the capital outlay priority list ready for review at the next meeting.

10. Important Dates

Feb. 23-24	NCSBA Special Issue Seminars: Budget & Finance, Raleigh
Mar. 5	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Mar. 6	NCSBA Webinar: Superintendent and Administrator Contract Issues
Mar 12	Teacher Workday
Mar. 12-13	NCSBA School Law Academy, Raleigh
Mar. 19	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Mar. 27	Kindergarten Registration, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., All Elementary Schools
Apr. 2	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Apr. 3	NCSBA Webinar: Teacher Tenure & Renewal Contracts
Apr. 6	Holiday
Apr. 9-13	Spring Break
Apr. 19	Superintendent’s Communication Council, 3:45 p.m., MEC
Apr. 21-23	NSBA Annual Conference, Boston
Apr. 23	Parent Advisory Council, 7:30 a.m., MEC
Apr. 23	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Apr. 24	Student Advisory Council, 7:30 a.m., MEC
Apr. 25	Early Dismissal
May 1	NCSBA Webinar: Legal Issues at Graduation
May 1	BHS Senior Project Presentations, 3:30 p.m., BHS
May 7	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC

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May 8 RHS Senior Project Presentations, 3:30 p.m., RHS
May 8 TCAE "Friends of Education" Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Rogow Room
May 10 Transylvania Scholars' Recognition Evening, 5:30 p.m., BHS
May 15 DRS Senior Projects, 3:30 p.m., DRS
May 21 REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC

Dr. McDaris reported that the high school principals have asked to move up the timeline for establishing the 2012 graduation date. Board policy states that the date of graduation shall be established annually on April 1. Principals would like to do this earlier since this year's mild winter may result in the school year ending in May. This would mean that seniors would have to order caps and gowns much earlier than usual. Board members had no objection to the request to establish the date of the 2012 graduation prior to April 1.

11. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

12. **Other Items**

No other items were discussed.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

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

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Robin Dwain Cox, Custodian, BHS, effective February 6, 2012

Maria Shea, Temporary Part-Time Tutor, PFES, effective January 20, 2012

- 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

Brenda Campbell, from Assistant Cafeteria Manager, RHS, to Cafeteria Worker, RHS, effective February 13, 2012

- 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

John Flynn

Sarah Frances Gregory

Lucy Matthews

Emily Webb

Substitute Child Nutrition Workers

Rachel Clay