

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
April 25, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME  
BUSINESS ITEMS:  
Approval of FY20 Budget Request  
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The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 7:30 a.m. on April 25, 2019 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to take action on the board's budget request for the 2019-2020 school year. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The following board members, staff and others were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:  
Tawny McCoy, Chair  
Ron Kiviniemi, Vice Chair  
Courtney Domokur  
Marty Griffin  
Alice Wellborn

MEDIA:  
John Lanier, *Transylvania Times*

STAFF:  
Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent  
Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Brian Weaver, Assistant Superintendent  
Norris Barger, Director, Business Services  
Kevin Smith, School-Community Relations Coordinator  
Chris Whitlock, Director, Technology Services  
Kevin Smith, School-Community Relations Coordinator  
Greg Stroup, School Resource Officer

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The board took a few minutes to review the superintendent's budget message for fiscal year 2019-2020. Dr. McDaris thanked Officer Stroup and the Transylvania County Sheriff's Department for all they are doing to keep the Rosman community safe as they search for a fugitive in the area.

Norris Barger reviewed the county formula for funding the local current expense appropriation and explained how fluctuations in ADM affect the formula. There were some questions about how the state had calculated ADM projections last year. Mr. Barger emphasized that some of the projected Fund 2 changes for next year are based on what he is hearing from the state in terms of possible pay increases, retirement and health insurance rate increases and other items. The numbers can and most likely will change as the General Assembly moves forward with the state budget. It is not known at this time what the county funding formula will look like for FY20.

The board discussed the possibility of needing additional classrooms in the future due to K-3 ratio requirements. Dr. McDaris explained how enrollment typically is not finalized until September due to the numbers of students who show up after the official start of school.

Dr. McDaris reported that the state is considering making financial literacy a graduation requirement. This may take the place of a social studies requirement.

Chairman McCoy discussed how each year the board is required to submit its own budget request when so much is still unknown or projected based on the best information available at the time. Dr. McDaris remarked that this is why having a healthy fund balance for unexpected expenses is important.

Mr. Griffin stated that the North Carolina legislature has tried to run off veteran teachers by freezing their salaries for the last several years, but is now trying to hire them back because of the teacher shortage. He asked what incentive they would have to come back unless they change the salary scale for veterans.

Mr. Barger reviewed changes to the capital outlay list and lottery and fund balances. He reviewed the ways in which lottery funds are restricted as to use. Chairman McCoy requested a minor change to the lottery balance description for the purpose of clarity.

The board reviewed the Restricted Grants budget. Mr. Barger reported that the FY20 total is lower than last year due to the expiration of several grants. Mr. Griffin asked whether all of the grant allotments for the "Stop the Bleed" program have been received from the state. Mr. Barger reported that all payments due to TCS have been received.

MR. KIVINIEMI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. GRIFFIN, to approve the Local Current Expense, Restricted Grants, and Capital Needs budget requests for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Mr. Barger requested that the motion be amended to include the Child Nutrition fund allocation of \$250,000. MR. KIVINIEMI AMENDED THE MOTION to include the Child Nutrition fund allocation, AND MR. GRIFFIN SECONDED. The board thanked Mr. Barger, Dr. McDaris, and staff for all of their hard work preparing the budget message and request. There were no further questions, and THE MOTION AS AMENDED was unanimously approved.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MR. KIVINIEMI, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary