

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
May 13, 2010**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME
BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of 2010-2011 Budget Request

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on May 13, 2010 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2010-2011 budget request for submission to the Board of Commissioners. Present were Chris Whitmire, Chairman; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chairman; Sue Fox; and Shelia Norman. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; Norris Barger, Director of Business Services; Lenora Carver, *Transylvania Times*; and Principals Tammy Bellefeuil, Tony Meachum, and Doug Odom. Mrs. Fox gave the invocation and Mr. Whitmire led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Whitmire called the meeting to order. Mr. Whitmire reported that Cindy Petit was absent due to medical reasons.

1. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting agenda for May 13, 2010 was approved as presented.

2. Approval of 2010-2011 Budget Request

CURRENT EXPENSE

Dr. McDaris reviewed the list of FY11 anticipated budget needs (see below). Known state budget reductions total nearly \$926,000. Additional state budget cuts are still unknown.

1	Decrease in fines and forfeitures	\$40,000
2	Health insurance 8.9% increase (\$4,527/FTE to \$4,929/FTE)*	33,379
3	Retirement increase (8.75% to 10.53%)*	70,275
4	State discretionary reduction increase*	196,720
5	Classroom teacher*	57,046
6	Instructional support**	61,787
7	Teacher assistant**	10,000
8	School building administration**	6,882
9	DSSF**	1,000
10	Special Ed.**	30,000
11	AIG**	600
12	LEP**	1,200
13	State budget cuts	?
14	Safe and Drug-free Schools grant elimination	12,780
15	Workforce Investment Act reductions	3,888
16	OCS core course teacher***	52,587
17	Child Nutrition subsidy	0
	Total	\$578,144
	Necessary increase in county appropriation	6.6%
*	Items already passed in NC biennial budget	

**	Items from FY11 planning allotments	
***	Federal mandate	
	Items are based on current information and are subject to change. Other items may be included at a later date based on actions by the State Legislature.	

Norris Barger clarified that the zero amount shown for the Child Nutrition subsidy indicates no additional amount over what was requested last year. The \$100,000 amount that was needed in FY10 is still needed in FY11. Chairman Whitmire remarked that the current workforce is being spread thinner and thinner. In central administration alone, there are 10 people are doing 13 jobs. He emphasized that there is nowhere left to cut without further impacting people and positions.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Board reviewed the capital outlay priority list at length. Discussion centered on the BHS stadium field, CTE building, bus garage road/parking paving, BHS parking lot resurfacing and drainage, and RHS additional parking.

Mr. Barger gave a reminder that a line item must be inserted for the \$25,000 in short-term, minimal repairs to the BHS football field that will be necessary if the \$700,000 line item for artificial turf is not funded. Board members considered several placement scenarios. Mrs. Fox asked if the \$25,000 were not placed highly enough on the list to make the cutoff, could the field be made ready for play in August? Mr. Barger stated that funds would have to be shaved from other projects/areas to pay for the necessary repairs. Dr. McDaris stated that another year like last year would be a disaster for the field. Even with normal rainfall amounts, he predicts that the field may not hold up under the current levels of wear and tear. He and Mr. Barger agreed that for all practical purposes, it is too late to consider a specialty drainage system this close to the summer growing season. Mrs. Norman asked about community fundraising. Dr. McDaris stated that the likelihood of raising enough funds to make a difference for this fall would be very slim.

Mr. Barger reported that the Board has about three years to come up with a funding solution for the CTE building at RHS. He stated that the Board would need to save as much money as possible over the next couple of years in order in order to begin construction in time to meet the QSCB deadlines.

Mrs. Fox suggested that the additional parking for RHS be moved down on the list since the CTE building has been put on hold. She stated that she would have a hard time supporting this item in view of the enormity of other needs. Mr. Whitmire disagreed, saying that parking has been a long-term need and is one that impacts the daily operations of the school. Mrs. Fox reported that the RHS principal has said that he would rather have teachers than parking.

Mr. Barger informed the Board that they would always have the option to change the priority list later if needed. After further discussion and debate, the capital priority list was re-ordered as follows (*changes in italics*):

Item	Description	Amount
1-17	No changes	\$1,180,489
<i>18</i>	<i>RES - Safety fencing along river</i>	<i>\$8,000</i>

19	<i>Brevard Memorial Stadium field repair</i>	<i>25,000</i>
20	<i>PFES - New door access for visitor area</i>	<i>2,500</i>
21	<i>TCHES - Security camera for front entry access</i>	<i>3,500</i>
22	<i>Bus Garage - Road and bus parking paving</i>	<i>98,000</i>
23	All Campuses - Grounds maintenance	5,500
24	Brevard Memorial Stadium field replacement (plus #19)	675,000
25	System - 66 passenger activity bus	82,600
26	RMS - Interior/exterior painting (trim only)	31,000
27	BHS - New gym sound panels/PA system	24,000
28	RHS - New gym sound panels/PA system	12,500
29	TCHES - Sound panels for cafeteria	4,000
30	<i>RHS - Additional parking and paving</i>	<i>68,000</i>
31	System - Special request program expenditures	71,000
	Total	\$2,291,089

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the Board unanimously approved the FY11 local current expense budget request as presented and the FY11 capital outlay budget request as revised. The budget requests will be submitted to the County Manager on May 14.

Dr. McDaris reported that he would provide a detailed report on the TCS calendar waiver request at the meeting on May 17. He also rebutted several comments from a local camp owner regarding calendar that were reported in the *Transylvania Times*. Chairman Whitmire cited the numerous ways in which current calendar law hinders mountain school districts. He estimated that most of the "Save Our Summer" supporters do not live in this area or do not have children in the public schools. Mr. Whitmire suggested that the Board adopt a formal resolution outlining its concerns at the next meeting.

Chairman Whitmire read an e-mail from NCSBA regarding the possibility of a local furlough option to balance the budget. Dr. McDaris reported that while he supports local control and flexibility, he could not support this option.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary