

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
May 21, 2018**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Good News Report
4. Former Students in the Military
5. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Personnel Report
6. Instructional Update
7. Summer Learning Programs
8. CTE Plan 2018-2019
9. FY19 Budget Update
10. Bond Update
11. Superintendent's Update
12. Important Dates
13. Public Comment
14. Other Items

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on May 21, 2018 at the Morris Education Center. Marty Griffin led in a moment of silence and Alice Wellborn led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. In addition to approximately three guests, the following board members and staff were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tawny McCoy, Chair
Ron Kiviniemi, Vice Chair
Marty Griffin
Betty Scruggs McGaha
Alice Wellborn

BOARD ATTORNEY:

Chad Donnahoo

MEDIA:

John Lanier, Transylvania Times

STAFF:

Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent
Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Jeremy Gibbs, Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Brian Weaver, Senior Director, Human Resources
Norris Barger, Director, Business Services
Alan Justice, Director, Transportation/Safety/Athletics
Arleca Chapman, Director, Career/Technical Education
Kevin Smith, School Community Relations Coordinator
Joe Russo, President, TCAE
Bryan Abernethy, Principal, BHS

1. **Approval of Agenda**
ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS. WELLBORN, the meeting agenda for May 21, 2018 was approved as presented. Chairman McCoy announced that the meeting had begun one hour early so that board members could attend the county commissioner meeting at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Public Comment**
None

3. Good News Report

Dr. McDaris reported the following items:

TC SCHOLARS AND MEMORABLE EDUCATORS

On May 17, Transylvania County Schools honored 179 sophomores, juniors, and seniors from Brevard High School and Rosman High School at the 35th Annual Transylvania County Scholars Recognition Evening. The celebration began with a buffet provided by the TCS School Nutrition department, which was followed by the recognition of scholars, presentation of scholarship awards, and the naming of Junior Marshals for 2018. The evening concluded with the recognition of 45 individuals who were named as "Memorable Educators" by the class of 2018. Congratulations to all of the honorees.

Time 4 Real Science Finalists at ISEF

Congratulations to TIME 4 Real Science Students Emily Trusler, Chase Bishop and Fritz Ruppert for an outstanding showing as finalists at the 2018 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Special kudos to ISEF finalists John Nguyen, Matthew Bailey and Nicole Rideout who won Society for Science and the Public's Community Innovation Award AND placed 4th in Microbiology for their project, "Antimicrobial Activity of Endophytes Isolated from Transylvania County Spray Cliff Plants." A big thanks to all BHS students, teachers, parents and administrators who helped to support and prepare our ISEF finalists for competition.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Director Alan Justice reported that the TCS Transportation Department recently completed its annual DPI safety review. Transylvania was the only county in the western region that did not have a bus "parked" by the safety inspector. Following a rigorous checklist, all of our buses received excellent marks and one had a nearly perfect score. Inventory and recordkeeping also earned perfect scores. The board extended congratulations and thanks to the transportation staff for their outstanding work.

4. Former Students in the Military

In recognition of Memorial Day on May 28, the board read aloud the list of former students from Brevard High School, Rosman High School, and Davidson River School. There were no new names on the list.

5. Consent Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCGAHA, SECONDED BY MR. GRIFFIN, the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting and the personnel report for May 21, 2018 (attached) were unanimously approved.

Dr. McDaris recognized the artwork from Rosman High School that was on display in the board room and thanked Officer Jenny Light for being in attendance.

6. Instructional Update

Dr. Jeremy Gibbs gave a presentation on how schools support the whole child by providing strong academics, social-emotional learning, and involvement (arts, athletics, and activities) for the ideal school experience. He reviewed how data is used to identify areas of academic weakness and address areas in which help is needed. Schools are using the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to respond when a student is at academic risk or struggles in some other way. Board members discussed how the early release days within the school calendar give teachers across various grade levels and disciplines the opportunity to work together on these goals.

7. Summer Learning Programs

Dr. Gibbs gave an update on the 2018 summer learning programs. Middle and high school programs (includes 2nd EOG/EOC administration as applicable) will be held June 11-22 (schedules set by schools). The Davidson River School summer program will take place from June 18 to July 20, with approximately 20 days of operation within that window. At the elementary level, the Read to Achieve (RtA) Summer Reading Camp for grades 1-3 will be held June 14-29, providing 72 hours of instruction as required by statute. Grades 4-5 summer programs will be June 14-22 (schedules set by schools), and kindergarten summer programs will be August 6-9 or 13-15 (schedules set by schools). ON A MOTION BY MR. KIVINIEMI, SECONDED BY MR. GRIFFIN, the board unanimously approved the 2018 summer learning programs.

8. CTE Plan 2018-2019

Arleca Chapman presented the Career and Technical Education (CTE) plan for 2018-2019 as first-read information. The full strategic plan and performance results may be viewed online at <http://ctelps.dpi.state.nc.us> using the username "guest" and password "guest." Ms. Chapman also gave an update on CTE programs and achievements. Approval of the CTE plan will be requested at the next regular meeting.

9. FY19 Budget

Dr. McDaris reported that the budget request for the 2018-2019 school year has been submitted to the county manager. He noted there is no new information on the state or local budget at this time.

10. Bond Update

Dr. McDaris reported that two community stakeholder sessions have been scheduled in conjunction with upcoming school board meetings. The first session will be held on Monday, June 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the media center at Brevard High School. The second session will be Monday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rosman High School media center. Architects from Clark-Nexsen will be present to share information on proposed improvements to RHS, RNS, and RMS and answer questions.

11. Superintendent's Update

Dr. McDaris reported the following items:

- Transportation Director Alan Justice and the Transylvania County Schools were commended by the NC Highway Patrol for their assistance with the 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Mr. Justice provided a bus to follow the athletes as they ran with the Flame of Hope during the event.
- On May 24, NCDOT will hold an informational meeting at the County Library on the proposed widening of the intersection of Highway 280 and US 64 in Pisgah Forest. One of the models being discussed includes roundabouts, which could have implications for school buses.
- Some of the many school events this week include the Soil & Water Conservation Awards Dinner on May 22, the MCJROTC Awards Program on May 23, and the FFA Banquet on May 24.
- Representatives of the NC Kiwanis Club met recently with Dr. McDaris to discuss re-establishing a local Kiwanis chapter in Transylvania County and also renewing Key Clubs at the high schools.
- There has been a great deal of activity in the Legislature recently. A budget rollout could take place as early as next week.

- Dr. McDaris announced that he is stepping down from the Mountain Area Workforce Development Board after 17 years of service. Dr. Brian Weaver will take over that position for the school system.
- Many thanks go to our Plant Operations and Transportation staffs for their outstanding work day in and day out.

12. Important Dates

Dr. McDaris reported that the board will resume its once-a-month meeting schedule in July. Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

May 28	Holiday
May 31	“Teacher of the Year” Awards Reception, 5:30 p.m., Rogow Room
June 4	REGULAR MEETING & Community Stakeholder Session on Bond Projects, 6:00 p.m., BHS Media Center
June 7	Last student day; early release, 12:00 p.m.
June 7	DRS Graduation, 10:00 a.m., DRS Pavilion
June 8	BHS Graduation, 6:00 p.m., Brevard Music Center
June 8-13	Teacher workdays
June 9	RHS Graduation, 10:00 a.m., Brevard Music Center
June 13	“Step It Up” Digital Learning Showcase, 8am - 3pm, BHS
June 18	4-day summer schedule begins
June 18	REGULAR MEETING & Community Stakeholder Session on Bond Projects, 6:00 p.m., RHS Media Center
July 4	Holiday
July 16	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC

13. Public Comment

None

14. Other Items

None

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS. WELLBORN, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

PERSONNEL REPORT
May 21, 2018

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

Licensed Personnel

Tenesha Abernethy, Teacher, PFES, effective May 18, 2018
Grayson Barton, Teacher, RMS & RHS, effective August 15, 2018
Stacey Heaton, Teacher, RES, effective July 1, 2018
Carrie Madeline Johnson, Teacher, BMS, effective June 13, 2018

Classified Personnel

None

II. APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

Licensed Personnel

Daniel Courtine, Teacher, BES, effective August 16, 2018
Kimberly Geer, Teacher, TCHES, effective August 16, 2018
Sarah Gooding, Teacher, RMS, effective August 16, 2018
Brianna Woody, Teacher, TCHES, effective August 16, 2018

Classified Personnel

Tenesha Abernethy, Teacher Assistant, BES, effective August 16, 2018
Ronnie English, Part-time Custodian, RHS, effective May 14, 2018
Shelley Green, Teacher Assistant, BHS, effective August 16, 2018
Jackson Hockaday, Teacher Assistant, BHS, effective May 21, 2018
Amy Woods, Teacher Assistant, TCHES, effective August 16, 2018

III. ACCEPT THE REPORT OF TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

Licensed Personnel

Joshua Galloway, from Teacher & Coach, RMS & RHS, to Teacher, RHS, effective August 16, 2018
Cheryl Gardner, from Teacher, PFES, to Teacher, BMS, effective August 16, 2018
Mary Ramey, from Student Advocate & Coach, RHS, to Teacher & Coach, RMS & RHS, effective August 16, 2018

Classified Personnel

None

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

None

Substitute School Nutrition Workers

None