

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
May 21, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME  
Work Session  
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The Transylvania County Board of Education held a work session at 7:30 a.m. on May 21, 2019 in order to discuss architectural firms and CMAR firms for bond construction and renovations at Brevard High School, Rosman High School, and Rosman Middle School. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The following board members, staff, and media representatives were in attendance:

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

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

BOARD ATTORNEY:  
Chris Campbell

MEDIA:  
John Lanier, *Transylvania Times*

Norris Barger reported that the School Bond Construction Committee has met four times. The committee sent out RFQs and interviewed eight architectural firms and five CMAR (construction manager at risk) firms:

Architects  
ADW Architects  
Cope Architects  
Clark Nexsen Architects  
KSQ Design  
Little Diversified Architectural Consulting  
McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture  
Novus Architects  
PFA/LS3P Architects

CMARs  
Beverly Grant/Barnhill  
Edifice  
Harper  
H & M Constructors  
Vannoy Construction

Mr. Barger reported that committee members were tasked with checking references and obtaining recommendations for each firm. He reported that all are excellent firms and each is well qualified to do the work required. Based on the presentations given during the interview process and other information gathered, the committee was asked to rank its top three selections in each category. For architectural firms, the top recommendations were Clark Nexsen and PFA/LS3P (tied for first place) and ADW (third place). For CMAR firms, Vannoy was the unanimous first choice, followed by Beverly Grant/Barnhill (second place) and Edifice (third place).

Chairman McCoy, Ms. Domokur, and Mr. Barger each gave their individual impressions of the recommended firms, including what they liked, what they disliked, and what made them stand out. It was noted that one architectural firm presented different concepts than those presented during the bond campaign. Mrs. Wellborn stated that she feels strongly that the board needs to do what it told people it would do. Mr. Barger reported that all of the teams indicated that they

could work with the pre-planning concepts done by Clark Nexsen; however, one presenter made a bad impression with committee members by denigrating the work done so far and claiming that his firm could do better.

After much discussion, Mr. Kiviniemi asked the committee members present to share their individual picks. Mr. Barger, Mrs. Domokur, Mrs. McCoy and Dr. McDaris listed their individual rankings. Attorney Campbell noted that his firm has experience working with each of the firms listed in the top three and feels they would all be good selections.

Mr. Campbell discussed the process for subsurface soil analysis and informed the board that RFQs for this step would go out shortly after the CMAR and architect have been selected. The architect and CMAR will take the lead on this process.

Mr. Griffin asked if there had been any decision on the potential road closure in Rosman. Chairman McCoy reported that the matter is on hold at this time.

The board agreed by consensus that it would select an architect and CMAR at the next board meeting on June 3.

There was no further discussion, and ON A MOTION BY MR. KIVINIEMI, SECONDED BY MRS. WELLBORN, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary