

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
June 19, 2009**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Election of Officers
2. Process and Timeline for Selection of New Board Member

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 10:00 a.m. on June 19, 2009 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers and discuss the process and timeline for the appointment of a new board member to serve out the remainder of Mike Rogers' term. Chairman Rogers had submitted a letter of resignation from the Board after the business meeting on June 15, 2009. Present were Chris Whitmire, Vice Chairman; Tawny McCoy, Shelia Norman; and Cindy Petit. Also present were Dr. Sonna Lyda, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; and approximately 11 staff members, guests, and media. Mrs. Norman gave the invocation and Mr. Whitmire led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman Whitmire welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He announced that the Board would like to formally recognize Mr. Rogers for his years of service at a future meeting.

1. Election of Officers

Vice Chairman Whitmire opened the floor for nominations of new officers. ON A NOMINATION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, Chris Whitmire was unanimously elected as Chairman for the remainder of the 2009 year. ON A NOMINATION BY MRS. PETIT, SECONDED BY MR. WHITMIRE, Tawny McCoy was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman for the remainder of the 2009 year.

Chairman Whitmire commented, "With retirements come change. Our system is in a very strong position. Our leadership and continuity will continue. Although we face many challenges with the budget situation, our Board will remain strong and supportive."

2. Process and Timeline for Selection of New Board Member

Chairman Whitmire reported that North Carolina General Statute 115C-37(f) outlines the procedures for filling vacancies in the membership of boards of education. It states that vacancies "shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board, of a person to serve until the next election of members of such board, at which time the remaining unexpired term of the office in which the vacancy occurs shall be filled by election." He noted that Mr. Rogers' term would expire in November 2010, which is also the date of the next general election. Mrs. Petit asked what procedures had been used to fill vacancies in the past. Mr. Whitmire reported that in 1998 the Board had solicited letters of interest from the community and then appointed a person to serve the unexpired term. In 2004, the Board had appointed the person who had received the next highest number of votes in the recent general election. There is no statutory requirement, however, to appoint the next highest vote getter.

Mr. Whitmire recommended that due to the amount of time that has passed since the last general election, the Board should solicit letters of interest from the community. Mrs. McCoy agreed. Mr. Whitmire presented a draft vacancy announcement from the board attorney for the Board's consideration. The Board discussed the process and timeline for the solicitation of candidates. ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY

MRS. PETIT, the Board unanimously agreed to advertise for letters/statements of interest from persons interested in filling the vacant seat. Letters of interest should be sent to:

Transylvania County Board of Education
c/o Ms. Jenny Hunter
225 Rosenwald Lane
Brevard, NC 28712

Letters may also be e-mailed to jhunter@tcsnc.org. All letters and statements must be received by the close of business on July 16, 2009. Resumés are not required, but will be accepted. Public notices regarding the letters of interest will be sent to local newspapers, Cable Magazine, and other regular media outlets. The announcement will also be posted on the district website. The Board would like to appoint the new member at the next regular meeting on July 27, 2009.

Chairman Whitmire thanked everyone for their interest and support. There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary