

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
June 20, 2011**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Opal Mann Green Award
4. Resolution of Recognition, Thanks, Commendation and Congratulations  
----- Reception -----
5. Good News Report
6. Former Students in the Military
7. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Personnel Report
8. School Calendar 2011-2012
9. FY12 Interim Budget Resolution
10. Approval of Local Board Training Credit
11. Important Dates
12. Other Items
13. Public Comment

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 2011 at the Morris Education Center. Present were Chris Whitmire, Chair; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chair; Sue Fox; and Shelia Norman. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter; Administrative Assistant; Dr. Bo Williams, Calendar Chairman; Norris Barger; Director of Business Services; Dr. Scott Elliott, Director 9-12 Education; Dr. Kim Elliott, Director K-8 Education; David Sutton, Director of Human Resources; John Lanier, *Transylvania Times*; and approximately 12 guests. Mr. Whitmire gave the invocation and Mrs. McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Whitmire called the meeting to order. He reported that Mrs. Petit was at home recovering from surgery.

1. **Approval of Agenda**  
ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.
2. **Public Comment**  
There was no public comment.
3. **Opal Mann Green Award**  
Michelle Benigno, representing North Carolina State University, presented an Opal Mann Green Engagement and Scholarship award to BHS teacher, Jennifer Williams, and Mary Arnaudin, NC Cooperative Extension, for significant contributions to excellence in the classroom and community-based learning through their partnership with NCSU's Science House and the TIME program.
4. **Resolution of Recognition**  
Each June, the Board recognizes the employees who have retired or will retire during the current school year. Dr. McDaris reported that this year's retirees have contributed a combined total of 300+ years of service to public education. ON A MOTION BY MRS.

MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Transylvania County Board of Education that commendations, thanks and congratulations be expressed to the persons named who have retired or will retire during the 2010-2011 school year, in grateful appreciation for their years of dedicated service to public education:

Name	Position	Location	Years
Lester Aiken	Custodian	RHS	6.5
Judy Ashe	Custodian	RMS/RHS	22.0
Polly Averette	Teacher	BHS	18.5
Mary Baynard	Teacher Assistant	PFES	22.5
Tim Childress	Teacher	BMS	29.0
Carolyn Galloway	Child Nutrition Worker	PFES	25.0
Doug Odom	Principal	BHS	36.0
Mildred Powell	Teacher Assistant & Coach	RHS	28.0
Porsha Smith	Speech-Language Pathologist	BES	30.0
Valerie Surette	Teacher	PFES	37.0
Anne Talley	Teacher Assistant	BMS	5.0
James "Bo" Williams	Testing Coordinator	MEC	41.0

The Board recessed for a short reception in honor of the above-named individuals.

## 5. **Good News Report**

Dr. McDaris reported the following items:

### *FLAG DEDICATION AT TCHES*

On May 30, the students and staff of T. C. Henderson Elementary School held a ceremony to honor Memorial Day and to celebrate their new created school flag. Earlier, the school had held a flag design contest, and the winning design was submitted by fifth grader, Noah Pierce. During the ceremony, a poem was read to honor those who have served our country, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem and the raising of the new school flag.

### *RELAY FOR LIFE*

On June 3, the Transylvania County *Relay for Life* event was held at Brevard College. Commendations go to Sarah Justice, who recruited and organized the school teams. Sarah served as the captain of the Rosman Roar team and did a fantastic job keeping everyone's spirits up, spending the entire evening at the event. Sarah was also the key to the team's winning booth. In addition to the school system, Sarah served on the Relay Team Committee for the county.

### *MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY*

This past spring, Rosman High School offered the new Microsoft IT Academy course to 32 students. The course was made available through a partnership between NCDPI and Microsoft. North Carolina is the first state to offer this opportunity to its schools. The IT Academy provides classroom and online learning, hands-on labs,

and access to free Microsoft Office 2010 software programs plus supplemental resources, books and collaboration tools. Students in Lisa Gillespie's business computer lab who completed the course were able to take the Microsoft Office Specialist exams for Word and PowerPoint. Students who achieved a passing score on the exams earned certifications in these programs. The certifications will give students an edge in the job market and/or future studies. Microsoft Excel and Access courses will be offered next year.

**6. Former Students in the Military**

The Board reviewed the list of former students from Brevard High School, Rosman High School, and Davidson River School who are currently serving or have previously served in the U.S. Military. Dr. McDaris reported that no new names had been added to the list.

**7. Consent Agenda**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the May 12, May 23, and May 24, 2011 meetings and the revised personnel report for June 20, 2011 (attached).

**8. School Calendar 2011-2012**

Dr. Bo Williams reported that a last-minute provision to the state budget, House Bill 200 Section 7.29 "Increase Number of Instructional Days," converts five teacher workdays to student instructional days effective with the 2011-2012 school year. It also removes the protection on five of the remaining workdays. The bill has now passed, so the school calendar that begins on August 15, 2011 must be revised to implement the changes. Dr. Williams presented a first look at a new draft calendar for 2011-2012 and explained the proposed changes. The draft calendar will go to the calendar committee for review and return to the Board for approval.

Dr. McDaris reported that state legislators did not consult superintendents or school representatives before making this change, and little thought seems to have been given to the impact on LEAs. A possibility exists that waivers may be granted for the first year. Another possibility may be the option of choosing 185 days *or* 1,025 hours instead of 185 days *and* 1,025 hours. Dr. McDaris stated that he believes five additional days of instruction is a good thing; however, the problem lies with the fact that the legislature enacted the change only weeks before school starts. It also removes needed professional development days for teachers, and is another unfunded mandate in that no additional funds will be provided for the extra days of transportation, child nutrition, and other operating costs.

**9. FY12 Interim Budget Resolution**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the Board unanimously approved the following interim budget resolution for the 2011-2012 fiscal year:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, that interim appropriations be made available for the purpose of paying salaries and the usual and customary expenses of the Transylvania County Schools for the period beginning July 1, 2010, until adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget Resolution. Interim appropriations so made and expended shall be charged to the proper appropriations in the Budget Resolution. Passed by majority vote of the Transylvania County Board of Education on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011.

/s/ Chris Whitmire, Chair  
/s/ Jeff McDaris, Secretary

10. **Approval of Local Board Training Credit**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board unanimously approved an application for 4.0 hours of training credit for Chris Whitmire for attendance at the TCS/Blue Ridge Community College Career Academy on June 20, 2011.

11. **Important Dates**

June 26-29	Superintendents' Retreat/Summer Leadership Conference, Asheville
July 4	Holiday
July 13-15	NSBA Southern Region Conference, Asheville
July 18	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Aug. 4	Administrators' Retreat, TBD, Rogow Room
Aug. 8	Resume regular schedule
Aug. 8-9	New Teacher Orientation, TBD, Rogow Room
Aug. 10-12	Teacher Workdays
Aug. 15	First pupil day
Aug. 15	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC

In July, the Board meeting schedule changes from two regular meetings per month (February through June) to one regular meeting per month (July through January).

12. **Other Items**

Mr. Whitmire requested an update on the Rosman CTE building. Mr. Barger reported that the pre-bid conference is scheduled for June 22, followed by a bid opening on June 29. Mr. Whitmire suggested having a special meeting on June 30 in order to approve a bid.

13. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Chairman

---

Secretary

**PERSONNEL REPORT  
6/20/11**

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

Licensed Personnel

Patrick Davis, Teacher, BHS, effective June 16, 2011  
Michael Ginnane, Teacher, BHS, effective June 16, 2011  
Julie Nederveld, Teacher, RES, effective June 16, 2011  
Claire Olinik, Teacher, RMS & RHS, effective June 16, 2011  
Kathleen Piersol, Teacher, BHS, effective September 1, 2011  
Megan Robertson, Teacher, RES, effective June 16, 2011  
Valerie Surette, Teacher, PFES, effective July 1, 2011

Classified Personnel

Mary Baynard, Teacher Assistant, PFES, effective June 16, 2011  
Carolyn Galloway, Child Nutrition Employee, BMS, effective July 1, 2011  
Cain Landreth, Student Advocate, RMS & RHS, effective June 16, 2011

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

Licensed Personnel

Erica Byrd, Teacher, BHS, effective August 10, 2011  
Amber Scott, Part-Time School Psychologist, TCS, effective August 10, 2011

Classified Personnel

Brandon Giddings, WIA Student Worker, TCS, effective June 17, 2011  
Ricky James, Bus Driver, TCS, effective June 21, 2011  
Jesse Long, WIA Student Worker, TCS, effective June 17, 2011

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

Licensed Personnel

Megan McLauchlin, from Part-Time Teacher (30%), BES, to Part-Time Teacher (50%), BES, effective August 10, 2011  
Nicole Owenby, from Teacher, BHS, to Teacher, RHS, effective August 10, 2011  
Kathleen Purdy, from Teacher, RES & TCH, to Teacher, BMS, effective August 10, 2011

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 Child Nutrition Workers

None