

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
June 30, 2011**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Bid Approval for Rosman CTE Project
4. Calendar Adjustment

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 8:00 a.m. on June 30, 2011 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to approve bids on the Rosman CTE project and to adjust the school calendar for the 2011-2012 year. Present were Chris Whitmire, Chair; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chair; Sue Fox; Cindy Petit; and Shelia Norman. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Dr. Bo Williams, Norris Barger, Dr. Scott Elliott, and David Sutton. Mrs. McCoy gave the invocation and Mr. Whitmire led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Whitmire called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Bid Approval for Rosman CTE Project

Dr. McDaris reported that only two bids had been received for the RHS CTE project; therefore, no action could be taken. Mr. Barger reported that the project will be rebid, with a new bid opening scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on July 7, 2011. Mr. Barger and Dr. McDaris recommended that the Board hold another special meeting at 4:00 p.m. on July 7 in order to approve a bid. The Board agreed.

4. Calendar Adjustment

Dr. Bo Williams reported on the new legislative calendar requirements that were created through this year's state budget act. The following changes are effective with the 2011-2012 school year:

- Elimination of all five protected teacher workdays;
- Addition of five student days and 25 instructional hours, increasing the school year from 180 to 185 days and from 1,000 to 1,025 instructional hours; and
- Decrease in the minimum number of optional teacher workdays from seven to two.

Due to the last minute nature of the new legislation and the fact that school calendars for 2011-2012 have already been established, the State Board of Education has been authorized to approve LEA waiver requests to convert the five additional student days back to teacher workdays under certain conditions. For the 2011-2012 school year, the State Board will consider waiver requests that restore up to five workdays on which teachers will participate in professional development activities focused on the core

curriculum and essential standards. For the 2012-2013 school year and beyond, the State Board will be reluctant to approve conversion waivers. The restored workdays may be shifted within the calendar as a result of weather-related closings, but they must still be used for professional development as indicated above. Dr. McDaris reported that the State Board would consider waiver requests at its July 6 and August 3 meetings. The deadline for consideration at the July 6 meeting is July 5.

The Board reviewed the new draft calendar for 2011-2012, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, unanimously approved the revised calendar for 2011-2012 and the submission of a waiver request from the five additional instructional days in 2011-2012 in order to use the waived days for professional development on the new essential standards and common core.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary