

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
July 11, 2017**

The Transylvania County Board of Education held a work session at 6:30 a.m. on July 11, 2017 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the work session was to discuss capital funding options. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. 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

STAFF:

Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent
Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant
Norris Barger, Director, Business Services
Dr. Jeremy Gibbs, Chief Academic Officer
Kevin Smith, School Community Relations Coordinator
Bryan Abernethy, BHS Principal
Kelly Cook, School Resource Officer

Before the work session, MR. GRIFFIN MADE A MOTION to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter and student matter, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(1) and 115C-402. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KIVINIEMI, and approved by unanimous vote. The board went into closed session at 6:40 a.m. Board members, Dr. McDaris, Dr. Gibbs, and Mr. Weaver were present. ON A MOTION BY MR. KIVINIEMI, SECONDED BY MRS. MCGAHA, the board reconvened in open session at 7:00 a.m. No action was taken in the closed session.

Dr. McDaris presented a potential bond timeline and requirements from the Local Government Commission (LGC). He reported that the LGC recommends a 120-day process for approval for a ballot measure. As it stands now, a bond referendum could be placed on either the primary or general election ballot, and unaffiliated voters could choose the primary ballot on which to vote. One-hundred twenty days before a May primary is roughly December; 120 days before a March primary is roughly October.

There was considerable debate regarding which election ballot to pursue and how much money should be requested for a bond in terms of potential voter support. Mr. Kiviniemi suggested the board seek to place a measure on the primary ballot and keep the general ballot as a fallback in case there are roadblocks. Members discussed with Mr. Barger several funding scenarios involving general obligation bonds, local obligation bonds, and other funding options. Members agreed to talk one on one with county commissioners over the next few weeks and report back at a future meeting. Mr. Kiviniemi recommended scheduling an additional special meeting on August 7.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCGAHA, SECONDED BY MRS. WELLBORN, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary