

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
August 1, 2011**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Policy:
 - A. Overview of Discipline Policy Changes
 - B. BDA: "Hearings Before the Board"
 - C. GBEEA: "Staff Protection"
 - D. GCPA: "Professional Personnel Reduction in Force"
 - E. GDPA: "Non-Certified Personnel Reduction in Force"
 - F. JFA: "Student Discipline Hearing Procedures"
 - G. JFC: "Student Conduct/Discipline"
 - H. JFCA: "Criminal Behavior"
 - I. JFCB: "Gang-Related Activity"
 - J. JFCL: "Student Sex Offenders"
 - K. JFDA: "School Plan for Management of Student Behaviors"
 - L. JFDB: "Parental Involvement in Student Behavior Issues"
 - M. JGD: "Short-Term Suspension"
 - N. JGDA: "Long-Term Suspension, 365-Day Suspension, and Expulsion"
 - O. JGDB: "Drugs and Alcohol"
 - P. JGDC: "Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety"
 - Q. JGDD: "Requests for Readmission of Students Suspended for 365 Days or Expelled"
 - R. JP: "Student Discipline Records"
 - S. JQ: "Alternative Learning Schools/Programs"

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 8:00 a.m. on August 1, 2011, at the Morris Education Center. Present were Chris Whitmire, Chair; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chair; Sue Fox; Shelia Norman and Cindy Petit. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Jenny Hunter, David Sutton, Dr. Scott Elliott, SRO Mark Ellenberger, Eric Crews, *Transylvania Times*; and three guests. Mr. Whitmire gave the invocation and Mrs. Petit led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Whitmire welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the meeting agenda for August 1, 2011 was unanimously approved as presented.
2. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.
3. **Policy**
David Sutton presented new revisions to four policies (GCPA, GDPA, JFC, and JFCL) that were made based on recommendations from the last meeting. Board members had no objections to the revisions. Mr. Whitmire requested an update on the Student Code of Conduct. Mr. Sutton reported that the administration has reviewed a number of other districts' codes of conducts and found several good templates on which to model the

Transylvania County Schools instrument. A draft Student Code of Conduct has been developed and will be presented to principals at the Administrators' Retreat on August 4. Once the document has been finalized, handouts will be printed for every student to take home on August 15. The handouts will include a tear-off sheet for parents to sign and return indicating they have received the document. Mr. Whitmire asked about online accessibility. Mr. Sutton reported that the 15-page document would be posted on the main TCS website, with directions for obtaining printouts and for accessing the online policies.

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the Board unanimously rescinded policies JFA "Student Due Process", JFC "Student Conduct/Discipline", JGD "Student Short-Term Suspension", JGDA "Student Long-Term Suspension", JGDB "Student Long Term Suspension - Substance Abuse", JGDC "Student Long-Term Suspension - Weapons", JGE "Student Expulsion", and JHG "Reporting Serious Incidents", along with their accompanying regulations and exhibits, including JFA-R, JFC-R, JGD-E, JGDA-R, JGDA-E1, JGDA-E2, JGDA-E3, JGDB-E, and JGE-R.

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board unanimously approved revisions as presented to policies GBEAA-R "Staff Protection" and GCPA "Professional Personnel Reduction in Force."

ON A MOTION BY MR MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the Board unanimously adopted new policies BDA "Hearings Before the Board", GDPA "Non-Certified Personnel Reduction in Force", JFA "Student Discipline Hearing Procedures", JFC "Student Conduct/Discipline", JFCA "Criminal Behavior", JFCB "Gang-Related Activity", JFCL "Student Sex Offenders", JFDA "School Plan for Management of Student Behaviors", JFDB "Parental Involvement in Student Behavior Issues", JGD "Short-Term Suspension", JGDA "Long-Term Suspension, 365-Day Suspension, and Expulsion", JGDB "Drugs and Alcohol", JGDC "Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety", JGDD "Requests for Readmission of Students Suspended for 365 Days or Expelled", JP "Student Discipline Records", and JQ "Alternative Learning Schools/Programs."

Mr. Whitmire gave a report from the recent meeting of the Transylvania Sports and Recreation Foundation. The group's mission is to serve students and economic development by improving athletic and recreational facilities county-wide. Turf for the Brevard High School football field Brevard High School seems to be the top priority. Other major goals include a county aquatic center and a community park in Rosman. Mr. Whitmire predicted that the group would want to make a presentation to the Board of Education in September.

Dr. McDaris reported that alternative sites have been decided for the temporary relocation of Rosman High School CTE classes during construction this fall. The agriculture and health occupations programs will be housed in the double-wide mobile unit behind the football stadium. The construction program will use the former More at Four classrooms and space in the old gym. The RHS welding program will use the welding booth at BHS, which will be unused during first semester. Although this will require travel, no setup would be required. Dr. McDaris thanked everyone including Board members who worked hard behind the scenes helping to locate available space for the relocations. Board members briefly discussed a ribbon cutting ceremony and media coverage to take place when the new CTE facility is finished.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary