

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
August 15, 2011**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Good News Report
4. Former Students in the Military
5. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Personnel Report
6. Non-Faculty Coaches
7. Local Board Training Credit
8. Procedures for Public Comment
9. Important Dates
10. Other Items
11. Public Comment

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session on August 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. 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, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; Eric Crews, *Transylvania Times*, April Mackey, School Resource Officer; and Meredith Licht, TCAE. Mrs. Norman 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. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the meeting agenda for August 15, 2011 was approved as presented.
2. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.
3. **Good News Report**
Dr. McDaris reported that Alissa Cook, RES, has been selected as the District K-5 Outstanding Mathematics Teacher for 2011. Each LEA in the state is recognizing one teacher for this honor. Congratulations and thanks go to Ms. Cook for her work on behalf of the students of Transylvania County Schools.
4. **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 two new names, Caleb Ashe and Caleb Pressley, have been added to the list. Additional names will be included as they are received.

5. **Consent Agenda**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the minutes from the June 20, June 30, July 7, July 18, and August 1, 2011 meetings and the personnel report for August 15, 2011 (attached) were unanimously approved.

6. **Non-Faculty Coaches**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the following individuals were approved as non-faculty coaches for fall sports 2011, pending satisfactory background checks.

ROSMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Jim Fox, Football; Assistant
 Josh Riddle, Football; Assistant
 Chris Owen, Football; Assistant (first time coach, TCS)
 Tyrea Allen, Football; Assistant
 Brian Chapman, Statistician
 Amanda McCall, Volleyball; Varsity / JV
 Sarah Chappell, Volleyball; Assistant

BREVARD HIGH SCHOOL

Chris Bennett, Soccer; JV Men's
 Holly Krogman, Volleyball; V. Assistant
 Bill Baldwin, Cross Country; Head Men's
 Jackie Witherspoon, Cross Country; Head Women's
 Linda Camenzind, Tennis; Head Women's
 William Hemphill, Football; Vol. Assistant
 George Sutherland, Football; Vol. Assistant
 Shane Worley, Football; Assistant
 Dan Essenberg, Football, Assistant
 Tony Monteith, Football; Assistant (Equipment)
 Jimmy Jones, First Responder/Split
 Chad Owenby, First Responder/Split

BREVARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wayne Brown, Football; Assistant
 Mark Ellenberger, Football; Assistant
 Kyle Justice, Football; Assistant
 Charlie Carr, Football; Vol. Assistant
 Tim Galloway, Football; Vol. Assistant
 Nicole Kearse, Cheerleading
 Gregg Hall, Soccer; Head
 Gerald Hertzog, Soccer; Vol. Assistant
 Lorena Uriarte, Volleyball; Head
 Kas Galloway, Volleyball; Vol. Assistant
 Kenny Bryson, Volleyball; Vol. Assistant

7. **Local Board Training Credit**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the Board approved the following applications for local board training credit:

Sue Fox, 10 clock hours, "TCS Administrators' Retreat", August 4, 2011
 Tawny McCoy, 5 clock hours, "TCS Administrators' Retreat", August 4, 2011

Chris Whitmire, 9 clock hours, "TCS Administrators' Retreat", August 4, 2011

8. Procedures for Public Comment

Chairman Whitmire proposed two changes to the Board's procedures for receiving public comment at meetings. The changes, based on discussions from the NSBA Southern Region Conference, were as follow:

1. Add "No Solicitations" to the published guidelines for public comment.
2. Add an agenda item at the end of the meeting to allow discussion of items or concerns broached during public comment if needed.

Board members discussed the proposed changes. All were in agreement with adding "no solicitations" to the published guidelines. Mrs. Norman clarified that this would not preclude speakers from distributing handouts outlining their concerns. Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Fox expressed concern that adding an agenda item specifically designated for the discussion of items brought up during public comment could result in speakers' expectations for a "back and forth" debate on issues that are not always appropriate for an open forum. They offered instead that, should the Board need to respond to or further discuss a public comment item, this be done under "Other Items." All were in agreement with this suggestion. It was also agreed to move "Other Items" after the second public comment item on the agenda.

9. Important Dates

Aug. 30	BHS Open House, 6:00 p.m., BHS
Sept. 3	Sesquicentennial Carnival, Downtown Brevard
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 12	RHS Open House, 5-7 p.m., RHS
Sept. 14	Early Dismissal / Teacher Professional Development, 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Rogow Room
Sept. 29	NCSBA District 8 Meeting, 4-8 p.m., Clay County
Oct. 17	Teacher Workday
Oct. 17	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Oct. 19-21	NCSBA Fall Law Conference, Asheville, NC

Mrs. Norman stated that she would like to attend the district meeting on September 29.

10. Other Items

Dr. McDaris reported that the first student day had gone very well. Enrollment is up in some grade levels and down in others. The goal is to reach or exceed 3574 total students.

Dr. McDaris reported that the county may want to use school activity buses during the Sesquicentennial Celebration on September 3. Dr. McDaris plans to discuss bus driver wages with the county manager. Bus fuel could be donated by the school system.

Mrs. Fox requested an explanation of the color coding on the capital outlay status report that was distributed at the TCS administrators' retreat. Dr. McDaris gave a brief summary of the report.

The group discussed progress of the BHS parking lot paving. Mrs. Norman asked about repairs to the lower bus lot at BMS. Dr. McDaris explained that this parking lot would not

be repaved this year because it had not been designated as a priority within the 2011-2012 capital outlay budget.

Dr. McDaris informed the Board that the administration would withhold payment on tile work that was done at T. C. Henderson. The finished product was poor quality and will have to be redone next summer.

Chairman Whitmire reported on two events that he had recently attended. The Southern Highlands Reserve, founded by Robert and Betty Balentine, is a private native plant garden and research center in Lake Toxaway that is dedicated to the cultivation and display of plants native to the Southern Appalachian Highlands. Mr. Whitmire reported that the Balentines have been long-time supporters of nature-related programs for TCS students. Mr. Whitmire also attended the Lake Toxaway 150th anniversary celebration last week. He shared a book on local heritage and reported that the celebration was a big success.

Dr. McDaris reported that the TCS staff picnic that was held on August 9, 2011 at Sycamore Flats was a lot of fun. He estimated that 400-plus employees and family members came by to eat, visit and play games. Special thanks were extended to Mr. Gale Mackey who manned the grill all afternoon.

Dr. McDaris reported that construction on the CTE wing at RHS is going well.

Dr. McDaris stated that the ABCs results for 2010-2011 would be presented at the next meeting. He reported that 8 of 9 schools made expected growth, and preliminary results indicate that Davidson River was the highest performing alternative school in NC.

11. 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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

**PERSONNEL REPORT
8/15/11**

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

Licensed Personnel

Jennifer Axtell, Teacher, TCHES, effective August 21, 2011
Lynne Beeson, Teacher, BMS, effective August 28, 2011
Deborah Masengill, Teacher, RES & TCH, effective August 26, 2011
Tammy Westover, Teacher, BHS, effective August 20, 2011

Classified Personnel

Lynne Barnes, Teacher Assistant, PFES, effective July 18, 2011
Margo Kreigsman, Child Nutrition Worker, BHS, effective August 1, 2011
Margaret Warren, Teacher Assistant, RES, effective July 31, 2011

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

Licensed Personnel

Leesa Anderson, Teacher & Coach, BHS, effective August 10, 2011
Hale Durant, Media Coordinator, BHS, effective August 10, 2011
Cori Emory, Teacher, BMS, effective August 10, 2011
Tammi Humphreys, Teacher, TCHES, effective August 10, 2011
Andrew Jones, Teacher, BMS, effective August 10, 2011
Cissie Lewis, Teacher, BMS, effective August 12, 2011
Christine Schwab, Part-Time Speech-Language Pathologist, effective August 29, 2011
Katherine Swinney, Teacher, RMS & RHS, effective August 10, 2011

Classified Personnel

Timothy Clark, Teacher Assistant, BHS, effective August 16, 2011
Lisa Crite, Interim Teacher Assistant, BHS, effective September 5, 2011 through December 23, 2011
Noelle Fehn, Teacher Assistant, DRS, effective August 12, 2011
Amy Gurley, Bus Driver, TCS, effective August 16, 2011
Kevin Merrill, Teacher Assistant, RMS & RHS, effective August 16, 2011
Charles Nicholson, Bus Driver, TCS, effective August 16, 2011
Dillard Revis, Custodian, RMS & RHS, effective August 16, 2011
Daniel Sanders, Bus Driver, TCS, effective August 16, 2011

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

Licensed Personnel

Jessica Buhrman, from Teacher Assistant, DRS, to Teacher, BHS (50%) and DRS (50%), effective August 10, 2011
Carol Weeks, from Teacher, RES, to Teacher, RES & TCHES, effective August 12, 2011

Classified Personnel

Angela Baney, from Child Nutrition Worker, BMS, to Child Nutrition Manager in Training, BES, effective August 8, 2011

Patricia Corn, from Child Nutrition Substitute Worker, TCS, to Child Nutrition Worker, RHS, effective August 8, 2011

Carri Harris, from Part-Time Teacher Assistant, BES, to Teacher Assistant, BMS, effective August 16, 2011

April Mathis, from Child Nutrition Manager, BES, to Child Nutrition Manager, DRS, effective August 8, 2011

Judy McCall, from Custodian, RES, to Custodian, RMS & RHS, effective August 16, 2011

Cindy Nicholson, from Child Nutrition Manager, DRS, to Child Nutrition Worker, BHS, effective August 8, 2011

Janet Whitmire, from Custodian, RMS & RHS, to Custodian, RES, effective August 16, 2011

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

Laraine Kerber

Sauwana Robinson

Rita Searcy