

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
September 10, 2018**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Bond Update

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on September 10, 2018 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to review architects' conceptual renderings for proposed construction/renovation at Brevard High School and Rosman High/Middle School. Marty Griffin led in a moment of silence and Betty McGaha led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. In addition to approximately seven guests, the following board members, staff and others were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tawny McCoy, Chair
Ron Kiviniemi, Vice Chair
Marty Griffin
Betty Scruggs McGaha
Alice Wellborn

PRESENTERS:

Chad Roberson, AIA
Sarah Melanson, AIA

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
Scott Strickler, Principal, RMS
Jason Ormsby, Principal, RHS
Dr. Bryan Abernethy, Principal, BHS
Mark Ellenberger, School Resource Officer

MEDIA:

John Lanier, Transylvania Times

1. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS. WELLBORN, the meeting agenda for September 10, 2018 was approved as presented.

2. Bond Update

Architects Chad Roberson and Sarah Melanson from Clark Nexsen presented options for the campuses at Brevard High School and Rosman High/Middle School. Mr. Roberson reported that the options were developed based on facilities assessments, DPI space recommendations, and data collected from staff and community feedback. The conceptual renderings showed areas to be demolished, areas to be renovated, new construction, plans for relocating students during the different phases of construction, and the pros and cons for each option. The options for Brevard High School are summarized below.

Option 1: New construction to include administration, cafeteria, media center, auxiliary gym, and new CTE wing

Option 2: Primary difference is relocation of baseball field due to new CTE wing.

Option 2A: CTE wing would be renovated instead of new construction. This is the only option that includes modular units as swing spaces.

Option 3: Relocates CTE to front and administration and primary entrance to the side as opposed to Country Club Road.

Option 4: Creates large enclosed courtroom space. Creates new core classroom spaces, unlike the other options.

Mr. Roberson reported that the new auxiliary gym, cafeteria, and media center would be multi-story. Administration and classroom areas would be single story. New roofs would be pitched metal to prevent leaks and moisture problems. The board discussed the options and gave feedback to the architects. It was agreed that improvements to the auditorium, cafeteria and auxiliary gym are priorities for the board. Members also discussed preferences for location of the main entrance. Dr. Abernethy expressed concerns about traffic flow on Gallimore Road.

The board took a 10-minute recess at 7:55 p.m. Chairman McCoy called the meeting back into order at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Roberson presented options for Rosman/Middle High School. He reported that the Rosman campus is more challenging for construction due to the hilly terrain and proximity to the floodplain. Similar to the Brevard campus, there is an extensive network of utilities. He noted that the community connections with the town of Rosman are vital.

Option 1: Build new high school and CTE wing just behind the main gym. Create a safer drop off area. Create one central entrance with shared middle school and high school administration area. Relocate band room from current location due to eliminate moisture problems.

Option 2: Involves closing a portion of Highway 64 in front of the school in order to extend the campus across the street. This option was not discussed in detail.

Mr. Roberson reported that estimated construction time at each site would be 3 to 3.5 years. Work on both campuses could take place simultaneously. The cost of each option would be relatively the same. Mr. Roberson reported that they have determined very conservative cost estimates based on current construction costs and projected escalation factors. He and Mr. Barger recommended the use of a construction manager at risk for each project to manage costs and efficiencies. Mr. Roberson discussed the high price of temporary modular units and recommended not using them if at all possible. Mr. Roberson emphasized that each option is designed to first and foremost improve student safety. Bathrooms, ADA standards, and electrical upgrades would be done in all areas, not just new construction. Mr. Roberson stated that Clark Nexsen would be back on September 24 with new consolidated concepts based on tonight's feedback.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCGAHA, SECONDED BY MRS. WELLBORN, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary