

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
September 14, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Presentation of Design Development and Construction Phasing Plans for BHS and  
RHS/RMS

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The Transylvania County Board of Education held a work session at 6:30 p.m. on September 14, 2020 in the Brevard High School Media Center. The purpose of the work session was to receive a presentation of the design development and construction phasing plans for Brevard High School and Rosman High/Middle School. In accordance with the remote meetings statute from the General Assembly and the Governor's guidelines, the meeting was conducted remotely and public access was not permitted. The meeting was livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/transylvania.schools/live>. Chairman McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The following individuals were in attendance (\* indicates remote attendance). Social distancing was observed for in-person attendees.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tawny McCoy, Chair  
Ron Kiviniemi, Vice Chair  
Courtney Domokur  
Marty Griffin  
Alice Wellborn

BOARD ATTORNEY:

John Henning

MEDIA:

John Lanier, Transylvania Times\*

STAFF:

Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent  
Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant  
Norris Barger, Director, Business Services  
Kevin Smith, School-Community Relations Coordinator  
Dr. Bryan Abernethy, BHS Principal  
Mick Galloway, BHS Assistant Principal  
Jason Ormsby, RHS Principal  
Scott Strickler, RMS Principal  
Christy Bryson, School Bond Construction Committee  
Jake Raines, School Bond Construction Committee  
Stephen Shields, Technology Specialist  
Blake Tesnow, Technology Specialist  
Greg Stroup, School Resource Officer

CLARK NEXSEN ARCHITECTS:

Chad Roberson  
Sarah Melanson  
Angie Brose

VANNOY CONSTRUCTION:

Jason Smith  
Brian Walker  
T. J. Hollars

Dr. McDaris thanked Attorney Henning for attending and Officer Stroup for securing the meeting. Norris Barger introduced the architects from Clark Nexsen and CMAR representatives from Vannoy Construction. He also thanked the members of the School Bond Construction Committee who were present.

Chad Roberson presented the design development and construction phasing plans for Brevard High School and Rosman High/Middle School. He reviewed two possible options for temporary modular classrooms to be used during Phase 2 construction at Brevard High (see below). Mr. Roberson reported that modular units are needed for safety purposes and will be temporary in nature. No modular units will be needed on the Rosman campus.

Option 1 (9,600 sf)

(with college scheduling)

7 core classrooms

2 half-size OCS classrooms

Option 2 (11,500 sf)

(without college scheduling)

10 core classrooms

2 half-size OCS classrooms

Yearbook  
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Board members asked questions about specific plan components. Discussion centered on minimizing disruption to instruction, the BHS art gallery, soil conditions, and logistics for staging and parking during construction. Mr. Roberson reported that both projects are proceeding on schedule. The next steps (contingent upon reviews by regulatory authorities) are listed below:

Design development budget	October 2020
Construction documents	April 2021
Bidding	May 2021
Notice to proceed date	June 2021

Mr. Barger gave an estimated finish date of December 2024 for both campuses. Mr. Roberson reported that his firm will be sending regular emails that principals can share with their staffs to keep them updated as the projects proceed. He added there are approximately 250 pages of detailed drawings and blueprints available now in Mr. Barger's office for review.

Chairman McCoy asked for an update on teacher input. Mr. Roberson reported that the feedback they received from teachers during the schematic design phase was great and has been incorporated into the plans. The architects are asking for feedback now regarding how teachers use their classrooms so that they can personalize the new space as much as possible. Mrs. Domokur asked about feedback on the college-style scheduling. Dr. Abernethy stated that knowing it will be temporary and will shorten the construction period makes it more palatable to his staff. Mr. Strickler reported that his teachers appreciate the opportunity to give feedback on the plans.

Chairman McCoy asked about incorporating solar energy in the designs. Mr. Roberson stated that they did not include solar in the plans due to budget constraints. They are working with Duke Energy to get rebates for improved energy efficiencies such as lighting, etc.

Mr. Griffin stated that the board is asking people to make some sacrifices and be willing to share in order to have something much better in the long run. He stated that he is excited to begin "seeing daylight" with the projects.

Chairman McCoy asked the Vannoy team if they foresee any construction delays due to COVID-19. Jason Smith reported that they have seen some delays with subcontractors and deliveries of fixtures and equipment. They are managing through it by ordering items in advance whenever possible.

Chairman McCoy asked about storage during construction. Mr. Barger reported that we may have temporary storage buildings and staff may be hired during the summer to help move. Teachers likely will have to box up their personal items, but will not be expected to move classroom furniture. Dr. Abernethy noted that re-arranging classrooms to open under Plan B this year was a catalyst to get rid of unnecessary clutter and will help with moving later on.

Chairman McCoy asked if it would be possible to get 3-D models of the new construction projects to show the community when it is safe to open meetings to the public again. Mr. Robertson stated that they have those models now and can provide them for the meetings.

Mr. Barger stated that he would like get the board's approval on the design development and construction phasing plans before moving on to the construction documents. He would also like to get a recommendation on Option 1 or Option 2 for the modular classrooms at BHS. Since this

was a work session, there was consensus to have an agenda item for this purpose at the next regular meeting on September 21. Attorney Henning stated that he would prepare a resolution for the board's consideration.

Chairman McCoy thanked everyone who came out and everyone who provided feedback on the plans. Mrs. Wellborn stated that the community is going to have something to be proud of.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MR. GRIFFIN, SECONDED BY MRS. WELLBORN, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary