

Transylvania County Board of Education Planning Retreat

Morris Education Center Board Room

Monday, February 6, 2012

- I. Composition of the school calendar (N. C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-84.2)
 - a. A total of 215 days;
 - b. A minimum of 185 student attendance days and 1,025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months;
 - c. 10 paid Holidays, unless Christmas falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, when there will be 11 paid Holidays and one less teacher workday;
 - d. A minimum of 10 Annual Vacation Leave Days; and,
 - e. 10 Teacher Workdays, at least 2 of which must be Optional Teacher Workdays.
- II. Other legislative requirements (N. C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-84.2)
 - a. The calendar shall include at least 42 consecutive days when teacher attendance is not required unless (i) the school is a year-round school, or (ii) the teacher is employed for a term in excess of 10 months. At the request of the local board of education or of the principal of a school, a teacher may elect to work on one of the 42 days when teacher attendance is not required in lieu of another scheduled workday.
 - b. School shall not be held on Sundays.
 - c. Veterans Day shall be a holiday for all public school personnel and for all students enrolled in the public schools.
- III. Opening and closing dates (N. C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-84.2)
 - a. Local boards of education shall determine the dates of opening and closing the public schools. Except for year-round schools, the opening date for students shall not be before August 25, and the closing date for students shall not be after June 10. On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive this requirement to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means either that:
 1. Schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations; or ,
 2. Schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed for all or part of eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather

conditions. For purposes of this subdivision, a school shall be deemed to be closed for part of a day if it is closed for two or more hours.

- b. The State Board also may waive this requirement for an educational purpose. The term "educational purpose" means a local school administrative unit establishes a need to adopt a different calendar for (i) a specific school to accommodate a special program offered generally to the student body of that school, (ii) a school that primarily serves a special population of students, or (iii) a defined program within a school. The State Board may grant the waiver for an educational purpose for that specific school or defined program to the extent that the State Board finds that the educational purpose is reasonable, the accommodation is necessary to accomplish the educational purpose, and the request is not an attempt to circumvent the opening and closing dates set forth in this subsection. The waiver requests for educational purposes shall not be used to accommodate system-wide class scheduling preferences.

IV. Waivers from the 185-student attendance day requirement: A work in progress

V. Review and discussion of Draft A and Draft B school calendars for the 2012-13 school year

VI. Calendar committee recommendations

VII. Questions, answers, and additional discussion

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School Calendar (180 student attendance days)
2012-2013 – DRAFT A

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