

The background is a dark grey chalkboard with various white chalk sketches. On the left, there is a large drawing of a microscope. Above it is a globe showing continents. Below the microscope are several books. In the bottom right, there are sketches of a percentage sign, an exclamation point, and a right-angle symbol. The overall theme is educational and scientific.

Transylvania County Schools

Superintendent's Update – June 20, 2022

Capital Repairs

- Brevard Elementary School
- Brevard High School
- Brevard Middle School
- Davidson River School
- Pisgah Forest Elementary School
- Rosman Elementary School
- Rosman High School
- Rosman Middle School
- T.C. Henderson Elementary School

Types of Repairs

- Paving and Pavement Repair - PFE
- Ditch Cleaning – RHS Football Field
- Replace rolling door and motor
- Fire Alarm Panel Replacements
- Cooling Unit Repair - BHS
- Beam Repairs – BHS Cafeteria
- Beam Repairs – BHS Gym
- Steel for BHS Beam Repairs
- Tree Removal – BES
- Replace Expansion Tank – BHS
- Air Dryer Replacement – RES
- Spar Pump – RES
- Lincoln Controller, Harness, Timing Belt – BHS
- Replace Boiler Mixing Valves
- New Pump Installations

Types of Repairs

- Oil Line Repairs – RES
- Re-wire Well House
- Roof Repairs - RHS
- Roof Repairs - TCH
- Carpet Repair/Replacement - RES
- Dumpster Use – Demolition Repairs
- Expansion Tank – BHS/RHS
- Compressor Shed - Bus Garage
- Canopy Installation - TCH
- Hot Water Pump and Coil Repairs – BMS/RHS
- Stumps Removal - BES
- Baseball Field Lights - BHS
- Fence Repair/Flood Damage - RES

Work Orders

1,311 Completed Work Orders from July 1, 2021 to June 14, 2022

- BES = 241
- BHS = 251
- BMS = 109
- PFE = 115
- RHS/MS = 210
- RES = 89
- TCH = 137
- DRS = 36
- Bus Garage = 2
- Morris EC = 59
- Plant Ops = 2
- Systemwide = 1
- PMs not assigned to just one school or county-wide = 95

Facilities Analysis & Conceptual Budgeting – Pre-Bond

- Brevard Elementary - \$4,809,862
 - Brevard High - \$42,650,901
 - Brevard Middle - \$2,899,733
 - Pisgah Forest - \$5,414,822
 - Rosman Elementary - \$8,798,013
 - Rosman High & Middle - \$25,349,099
 - TC Henderson School - \$1,116,618
 - MEC/Bus Garage/Maintenance - \$986,750
- Total = \$92,025,798

School Construction Bond

- Brevard High School, Rosman High School, and Rosman Middle School identified as the schools with the most immediate and greatest needs
- \$68 Million Dollar Bond voted on by the public in 2018. It passed overwhelmingly
- Delayed action continued into a Worldwide Pandemic
- Construction and materials cost escalations and supply chain shortages
- Costs are going to continue to rise

Where are we?

- Transylvania County Schools is a separately governed school system with an elected Board of Education.
- Economic conditions, development, its outcomes, the cost of living here, the types and availability of higher paying jobs, infrastructure, and housing is adversely affecting the attraction and retention of young families.
- Mental Health and substance abuse is contributing to employability factors
- Our school system has continued to produce successful graduates. Unfortunately, many leave for more robust locations.
- Safe School designs are paramount. And curb appeal makes a difference.

Where do we go from here?

- While we argue, this county falls farther behind.
- Our schools have growing needs that are getting worse. They need significant upgrades.
- Blue Ridge Community College is a critical and vital partner both educationally and economically. They need significant upgrades.
- Our County Courthouse is in great need of upgrade and replacement.
- Infrastructure is vital to industry and business recruitment and retention.
- Our schools are vital to families and to economic development.

Where do we go from here?

- An approach that attempts to solve all through decisions by a limited number of people on behalf of the entire county will be ineffective for our future.
- This county is falling farther behind our neighbors, who have a much better working relationship and level of respect between entities.
- Tourism and recreational visitation are wonderful segments of our economy and producers of sales tax revenues. I hope it continues to grow. But I would like to be more diverse and robust beyond just a playground.
- The future of Transylvania County educationally, culturally, economically, and medically needs a refreshing and respectful working relationship.
- Meetings where only one side is considered and input is ignored will find success hard to achieve. That is not the type of professional meeting that will move us forward.

My suggestions to for a better direction

- I read a lot of he said, she said over who reaches out to who. I would like to start the proverbial ball rolling.
- Lunch Anyone?
 - School System Leadership and County Leadership
 - Superintendent and Commissioners
 - County Manager and School Board members
 - Superintendent, Manager, and BRCC President
 - Superintendent and Mayors, Council members.
- Where do we see our county going? What can we do to help each other? Other meeting opportunities?

Local Opportunities for Excellence

- Art, Music, CTE, Band, Chorus, Theatre, MCJROTC, Athletics, Field Trips, Class sizes, and more...
 - Students learn more and have more opportunities. We are more than just test scores.
- In order to match opportunities, smaller numbers show higher per pupil spending. But opportunities matter.

School System Capital

- Consolidation and the great myth of Walhalla High School
 - The pros and cons, the facts, the present, the future, and the realities and types of costs

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