

**Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
April 2, 2012**

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. FY13 Budget
7. Central Office 2012 Summer Schedule
8. Important Dates
9. Public Comment
10. Other Items

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session on April 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Education Center. Tawny McCoy, Vice Chair; Sue Fox, Shelia Norman and Cindy Petit were present. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; Norris Barger, Director of Business Services; April Mackey, School Resource Officer; Eric Crews, *Transylvania Times*; Than Axtell, *Hendersonville Times-News*; and three guests. Vice Chairman McCoy led a moment of silent prayer and Mrs. Petit led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. McCoy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mrs. McCoy reported that Mr. Whitmire was out of town.

1. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the meeting agenda for April 2, 2012 was approved as presented.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Good News Report

Dr. McDaris reported the following good news items:

SMILE MOBILE DENTIST VISITS DRS

The SMILE mobile dentist bus visited Davidson River School on March 16. Dental volunteers examined 12 students (9 from DRS and 3 from RHS). Some of the students were found to need additional dental care, and Nurse April Owenby will help the students secure that care. Three of the students seen were repeat patients from last year, making this the second year in a row for some students to receive professional dental services that would not have occurred otherwise. The SMILE mobile dentist is made possible through a partnership with the Transylvania Health Department and local dentists and is coordinated by Nurse Owenby.

RESEARCH PAPER WINS AWARDS

David Sutton's research paper, "The Entry Experiences, Challenges, and Mediating Strategies of Public School Superintendents: A Condensed Summary of Preliminary

Research Findings,” won two awards at the 20th Annual Graduate Research Symposium that was held on March 22 at Western Carolina University. The first award was in the Education Allied Professions discipline and included \$50 and a certificate. The second award was the Best Overall Research Award and included \$150 and a Graddy Award.

2012 GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

Kaitlin P. McCreery, Brevard High School, has been selected to attend the 2012 session of the North Carolina Governor's School in the area of math. The five-week program begins June 17 and ends July 21 with a break from July 5-8.

STATE SCIENCE COMPETITION WINNERS

Five students from the TIME honors science research class participated in state science competitions recently. Sarah Johnson, Kaitlin McCreery, Erika Williams, Kris Petterson, and Meredith Tooley will advance to one or more national/international competitions based on their state competition results:

- Kaitlin McCreery (individual*) and Kris Petterson and Erika Williams (team**) won first place honors at the NC Student Academy of Science Competition in Durham. They will travel all expenses paid to Boston to present at the National Junior Academy of Science Meeting in February 2013.
- Sarah Johnson (individual***) and Kris Petterson, Meredith Tooley and Erika Williams (team**) won grand awards (two of eight in the state) at the NC State Science and Engineering Fair in Raleigh. They will represent North Carolina at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburg, PA in May 2012 (all expenses paid).
- In addition, Sarah won First Place in the Biological Sciences A division. Kris, Meredith and Erika won Second Place in the Biological Sciences B division and a US Army Award.

Fourteen additional students who will participate in next year's research class also attended the competitions as observers. Three teachers and three community members participated as chaperones: Jennifer Williams, Laura Patch, Lisa Smith, Mary Arnaudin, Ed Coye and David Williams. The students would also like to thank the following community members for their help and support throughout their research: Kent Wilcox, Mary Arnaudin, Billy Swords, Alan Cameron, Lori Williams, Cindy Carpenter, Ken Chepenik, Don Wauchope, Jennifer Frick-Ruppert, Bob Cabin, and Michelle Beningo. Jennifer Williams, BHS, is the teacher/advisor.

*Kaitlyn's project was titled, "Investigation of the germination of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* zoospores at low cell densities."

**Kris, Meredith and Erika's project was titled, "Isolation, identification and characterization of endophytes from Cherokee medicinal plants: Yellow Root (*Xanthorhiza simplicissima*), Downy Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera pubescens*) and Indian Tobacco (*Lobelia inflata*).

***Sarah's project was titled, "Anti-*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* bacterial isolates from *Aneides aneus* epidermal tissue."

DAVIDSON RIVER SCHOOL MURAL

The Transylvania County Arts Council recently sponsored artist-in-residence Mickey McMasters to work with DRS students in the development of a large mural. Mr. McMasters has a vested interest in DRS—he was the original designer of the DRS

marquee located in the front of the building. The new mural depicts a hiker sitting on a mountainside blowing bubbles into the wind. Students each painted a picture on a bubble that depicts significant items. Senior Josh Schneider has taken the lead role in working with students to complete the mural after the residency ends.

180-DAY CALENDAR WAIVER APPROVED

On March 23, Dr. McDaris received word from DPI that the State Board has granted Transylvania County Schools' waiver of 5 instructional days and 25 instructional hours for the 2012-2013 school year. Transylvania will follow a 180-day calendar next year and use the five extra days for professional development. The first day for students will be August 13, 2012.

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. There were no new names. Additional names will be included as they are received.

5. Consent Agenda

ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the minutes from the March 19, 2012 meeting and the personnel report for April 2, 2012 (see attached) were unanimously approved.

6. FY13 Budget

Norris Barger presented the latest budget information and drafts for discussion. Mrs. McCoy noted an increase from \$770,030 to \$781,462 in the amount of appropriated fund balance that will be needed to cover the loss of EduJobs funding.

Dr. McDaris reported that enrollment numbers from the Kindergarten Registration held on March 27, 2012 look good for next year. He added that numbers will likely increase as some families wait until the first day of school to enroll children.

The Board discussed the capital outlay priority list and reviewed changes and discussion from the last meeting. Mr. Barger stated that he expects to have the report on the BMS parent/bus drop-off for the next meeting. He informed the Board about a significant reduction in the cost of carpeting the guidance and speech areas at T. C. Henderson. A company has offered to carpet one-half of these areas during spring break at no charge in order to showcase their new carpeting adhesive system. Instead of being glued to the floor, carpet squares would be attached to each other at the corners, providing easier replacement of damaged areas. The company is offering a 15-year guarantee on its product. Mrs. McCoy asked whether the project should be reprioritized on the list since the cost will be less. Mr. Barger stated that lottery proceeds could cover the cost, or the project could be repositioned later if necessary.

Mrs. Norman asked for an update on the BHS baseball concession/softball stand. Mr. Barger reported that a \$5,000 donation has been received from the BHS booster club to go toward builder fees. He has also received a number of other pledges of community support. Even with projected donations, the project will cost at least \$58,000. The project will be split over the FY13 and FY14 years.

Mrs. Norman requested an update on the BHS turf project. Dr. McDaris reported that the Transylvania Sports and Recreation Foundation is working on raising money for the turf.

He explained that in order to turf the field for the upcoming 2012 football season, funds would need to be in hand by the end of this month. He stated that a hot, dry summer would be good for the field.

Mr. Barger stated that if the Board receives the same amount in capital outlay as last year, they would only be able to fund the first four items on the list. Adding lottery proceeds would only fund down through item 8. There are approximately 48 items on the priority list. The Board discussed the importance of all items, particularly those designated as 1 (annual "must-haves"), 2 (repairs/improvements that would prevent future expense or repair) or 3 (items that have been asked for repeatedly in the past). Dr. McDaris stated that the school system has the biggest infrastructure in the county with the heaviest daily use by students, staff and the public.

Mrs. McCoy asked for a recap on the activity bus item. Mr. Barger reported that Mr. Justice would like to get three new buses and take advantage of the low financing opportunity that is currently available. His top priority would be a bus equipped for exceptional children. With these additions, he feels that the TCS activity bus fleet would be in good shape. Mr. Barger stated that right now at least one, maybe two activity buses are limited to in-county use due to their age and condition. Mr. Justice is also looking at the possibility of a 72-passenger bus for interstate travel.

Mrs. Norman asked if the requested speed bumps at TCH would be rubber or asphalt. Mr. Barger explained that this would depend on how much we could get for \$1,000. He stated that there may be a possibility of combining this job with some planned paving at RHS. Mrs. Norman asked about the PFES carpet item. Dr. McDaris reported that their primary concern had been a safety issue at the front door, and this is being addressed. Mrs. Norman asked about the BHS floors. Mr. Barger explained that the floors would be done as part of the auditorium roof project.

All were in agreement with the list as presented, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDDDED BY MRS. FOX, the FY13 capital outlay board priority list was unanimously approved. Members agreed to defer discussion of the current expense budget until the next meeting.

7. Central Office 2012 Summer Schedule

Dr. McDaris presented the 2012 summer schedule for the central office and other administrative offices. Four-day weeks (consisting of four ten-hour days) will begin on Monday, June 4, and run through Friday, August 3, 2012. Office hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Offices will be closed on Fridays. Offices will close on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The regular five-day schedule will resume on Monday, August 6, 2012.

8. Important Dates

Apr. 3	All-County Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m., BHS
Apr. 3	NCSBA Webinar: Teacher Tenure & Renewal Contracts
Apr. 6	Holiday
Apr. 9-13	Spring Break
Apr. 19	Superintendent's Communication Council, 3:45 p.m., MEC
Apr. 21-23	NSBA Annual Conference, Boston
Apr. 23	Parent Advisory Council, 7:30 a.m., MEC
Apr. 23	REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
Apr. 24	Student Advisory Council, 7:30 a.m., MEC

- Apr. 25 Early Dismissal
- May 1 NCSBA Webinar: Legal Issues at Graduation
- May 1 BHS Senior Project Presentations, 3:30 p.m., BHS
- May 7 REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
- May 8 RHS Senior Project Presentations, 3:30 p.m., RHS
- May 8 TCAE "Friends of Education" Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Rogow Room
- May 10 Transylvania Scholars' Recognition Evening, 5:30 p.m., BHS
- May 15 DRS Senior Projects, 3:30 p.m., DRS
- May 21 REGULAR MEETING, 6:30 p.m., MEC
- May 23 Early Dismissal
- May 23 DRS Graduation, 10:00 a.m., DRS
- May 25 BHS Graduation, 6:00 p.m., Brevard Music Center
- May 26 RHS Graduation, 4:00 p.m., Brevard Music Center

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Other Items

Dr. McDaris gave an update on the proposed realignment of Brevard High School from a 2A classification to a 2A/3A split. TCS administrators have met with NCHSAA officials and have filed a formal procedural appeal based on the fact that the NCHSAA did not give proper notification of the change. Dr. McDaris stated that he would reserve the right to address the NCHSAA board even if they do not uphold the appeal.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

**PERSONNEL REPORT
April 2, 2012**

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

Licensed Personnel

Kathy Purdy, Teacher, BMS, effective June 5, 2012

Classified Personnel

Rita Long, Child Nutrition Worker, RHS, effective March 1, 2012

Cynthia Nicholson, Child Nutrition Worker, BHS, effective March 20, 2012

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

Licensed Personnel

None

Classified Personnel

Cody Ashe, Interim Teacher Assistant, BES, effective March 22, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year

William David Corn, Plumber, Plant Operations, effective May 1, 2012

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

Licensed Personnel

Tysha Owens, from Teacher Assistant, TCH, to Interim School Counselor, BMS, effective March 26, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year

Classified Personnel

Erica Shelton, from After-School Program Worker, RES, to Interim Teacher Assistant, TCH, effective April 3, 2012 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year

- 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

Amanda Roberts

Substitute Child Nutrition Workers

None