

DRAFT Minutes
Transylvania County Board of Education
January 25, 2010

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Resolution to Certify Funding for a Career/Technical Education Addition to Rosman High/Middle Schools

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 2010 at the Morris Education Center. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt a resolution to certify funding for a Career/Technical Education addition to Rosman High/Middle Schools. Present were Chris Whitmire, Chairman; Tawny McCoy, Vice Chairman; Shelia Norman; Cindy Petit; and Sue Fox. Also present were Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; and Norris Barger, Director of Business Services. Chairman Whitmire gave a report on the U.S. military's disaster relief efforts in Haiti. Mr. Whitmire gave the invocation and called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. FOX, the meeting agenda for January 25, 2010 was approved as presented.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Resolution to Certify Funding for CTE Addition**

Dr. McDaris reported that the architect's estimated cost for the Career/Technical Education building at Rosman had come in at \$1,897,000. Norris Barger and architect Mike Cox have since refined that figure downward for a new estimate of \$1,498,000. The revised estimate represents an increase of approximately \$200,222 over the original figure of \$1,297,778. Due to this increase, the Local Government Commission is requiring, through the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners, a resolution certifying funding for the project from the Board of Education in order to secure the bond.

There was considerable dialogue about bid processes and the construction climate in general. Mr. Barger reported that if all goes well with the DPI planning review, he would hope to have plans and specifications for the CTE project ready for review by mid-February and accept bids in early March. He reported that architects are dealing with a very volatile bidding market right now. Mr. Barger expressed confidence in Mike Cox and Architectural Design Studio due to their expertise, experience, and proven track record with TCS and the Rosman campus in particular.

Board members asked what would happen in the event the project comes in under budget. Mr. Barger explained that any unspent funds could be used to purchase equipment. Mrs. McCoy asked for clarification of the procedure for deeding the CTE property to the county. Dr. McDaris explained that deeding the property is a requirement of BB&T and is not uncommon with bonds of this type. Banks typically require that property be deeded in the event that the school system defaults on the loan. Mr. Barger specified that the deeded property would only include the building, footprint and right-of-

way. The property would be leased to the school system for the sum of one dollar per year during the 12-year loan period, after which the property would revert back to the school system. Mrs. Norman asked whether the board attorney had reviewed the resolution. Dr. McDaris agreed to have Chris Campbell review the resolution during his visit later in the week. Board members also discussed contingencies in the event that bids come in over budget. Dr. McDaris stated that the Board has the right to reject all bids and start over.

Chairman Whitmire asked for an update on the CTE elevator. Mr. Barger reported that the inspection department is fine with having elevator access in the lower level of the gym. The elevator mechanics would be housed in the roof area rather than a third story, resulting in less new construction. The elevator would provide access to the second floor of the new building.

ON A MOTION BY MRS. FOX, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution to certify funding for a Career/Technical Education addition to Rosman High/Middle Schools (see attached).

Mrs. Norman asked about the BMS roof leak. Mr. Barger reported that recent repair work did not hold up due to heavy snows and rains. The work is being redone, and payment will be held until the repairs are satisfactorily completed.

Mr. Whitmire asked about requirements for possible bidders. Mr. Barger estimated that over \$300,000 of performance bond would be required, plus a typical bid bond of 5%. Limits on commercial licenses would disqualify most local contractors. Workers' comp and liability coverage would also be required.

Mr. Whitmire asked about advertising. Mr. Barger stated that requests for bids would be advertised in trade magazines, local newspapers, and the TCS website. He added that word of mouth is effective as well.

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

**RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY FUNDING
FOR A CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADDITION
TO ROSMAN HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the American Recovery Reinvestment Act has authorized the issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds for the improvement and renovation of educational facilities; and

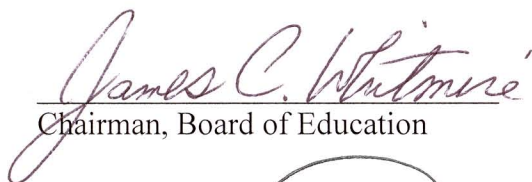
WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has allocated \$1,297,778.45 to Transylvania County Schools; and

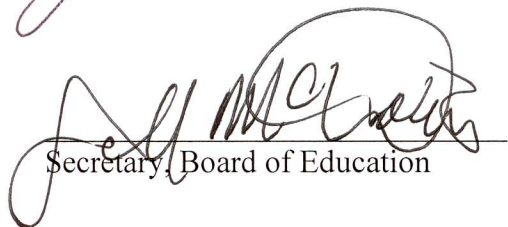
WHEREAS, the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners at a meeting on July 30, 2009 agreed to issue Qualified School Construction Bonds in the amount allocated less administrative fees; and

WHEREAS, a revised architectural review estimates the total project cost at \$1,498,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transylvania County Board of Education designates unreserved capital fund balance of \$450,028 and available lottery allocations of \$308,803 to assure completion of the project.

Passed by majority vote of the Transylvania County Board of Education this the 25th day of January 2010.


Chairman, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education