

**Minutes  
Transylvania County Board of Education  
June 15, 2009**

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Public Comment
2. Good News Report
3. Former Students in the Military
4. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Personnel Report
5. Facilities Master Plan
6. BHS "No Trespassing" Request
7. Technology Purchase
8. FY10 Interim Budget Resolution
9. FY09 Budget Amendments
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11. Other Items
12. Public Comment
13. Recognition of Retirees  
----- Reception -----

The Transylvania County Board of Education met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on June 15, 2009 in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Library. Present were Mike Rogers, Chairman; Chris Whitmire, Vice Chairman; Tawny McCoy; Shelia Norman; and Cindy Petit. Also present were Dr. Sonna Lyda, Superintendent; Jenny Hunter, Administrative Assistant; and approximately 11 staff members, guests, and media. (Approximately 80 guests joined the meeting later for the retirees' recognition). Mr. Rogers gave the invocation and Mrs. Petit led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Rogers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He explained that the meeting had been scheduled two hours early in order for the Board members to attend the County Commissioners' budget meeting later that evening.

**1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**2. Good News Report**

Dr. Lyda reported the following good news item:

Several world language students from Rosman High School attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2009 National Spanish Examinations. The exams, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, are administered across the United States each year in grades 6-12. Six of the 15 students who took the exam earned honorable mentions. "Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams. "The exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with well over 115,000 students participating in 2009." Students earning recognition were Leanna Hall, Amanda Huggins, Juan Mundo-Mendez, Brandon Newman, Chelsie Owen, and Crystal Owen. Their Spanish teachers were Julie Queen and Linda Carrillo.

3. **Former Students in the Military**

The Board reviewed the list of former students who are currently serving or have served in the U.S. Military. Chairman Rogers expressed the Board's appreciation to all of the individuals and their families for their dedication and sacrifice. The list will be updated as more names are received.

4. **Consent Agenda**

ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the Board approved the minutes from the May 26, 2009 and June 1, 2009 meetings and the personnel report for June 15, 2009 (attached).

5. **Facilities Master Plan**

Architect Mike Cox from Architectural Design Studio presented a first look at the new Transylvania County Schools Facilities Master Plan. The master plan includes recommendations for each school campus plus a possible new Education Center facility on the BMS campus. Board members will receive copies of the full plan at the next meeting, and the plan will be reviewed on a school-by-school basis over the course of subsequent meetings. In addition to site-specific recommendations, the plan includes renovations to provide more secure front entrances and better door security at all schools. Board members thanked Mr. Cox for his presentation and stated that they look forward to reviewing the plan in depth.

6. **BHS "No Trespassing" Request**

At the May 18 meeting, the Board heard a request from BHS Athletic Director, Mark Robinson, to post "no trespassing" signs on the Brevard High School campus in order to prevent the abuse of athletic fields, facilities and grounds by unauthorized users. The following language was proposed for the signs:

"No trespassing by order of the Transylvania County Board of Education.  
Trespassers will be prosecuted under N.C. General Statute 14-159.13."

The Board had requested time to consider the request and obtain feedback from the community. Mr. Rogers reported that the Board had received no concerns to date. Dr. Lyda, Doug Odom, and John Tinsley also reported no concerns. Mr. Robinson reported receiving one phone call regarding clarification. Mr. Robinson gave a reminder that law enforcement may not enforce trespassing violations without the appropriate signage. Dr. Lyda reported that the language above is the same as that used by the Henderson County Public Schools, who have reported that the signs work well for them.

Board members had concerns that the signs as written above would be too negative in tone. Mr. Whitmire discussed public perception and the importance of communication. He suggested the following alternative language for the signs:

"Use of these facilities implies consent to video monitoring. All individuals are reminded that pets are not allowed and that everyone will treat all facilities with respect. The football field and (list other areas) are not open for public use without written permission. Violators will be prosecuted."

Mr. Rogers stated that he liked the alternative language as a way of communicating the school's expectations to the public without damaging public relations and suggested trying the alternate signs as a first step. Then if the problem does not improve, the school administration could ask the Board to reconsider the original language. The

Board directed Mr. Tinsley to prepare a draft sign using the alternative language for the Board's consideration at the next regular meeting. Additionally, they requested that the sign include instructions for requesting permission to use the athletic fields/facilities, and that the signs be bilingual.

**7. Technology Purchase**

Dony Merrill presented a request to purchase 230 replacement desktops for Rosman Middle/High School for the 2009-2010 year. She explained that the current desktops are scheduled for replacement this year. Three bids were presented. Mrs. Merrill recommended that the Board accept the low bid from TiberCreek Consulting at this time in order to get the equipment ordered and installed before school starts in August. The current desktops will be relocated elsewhere in the district to expand and fill in where needed. ON A MOTION BY MR. WHITMIRE, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Board approved the bid of \$155,908.38 from TiberCreek Consulting for the purchase of 230 replacement desktops for Rosman Middle/High School.

**8. FY10 Interim Budget Resolution**

Dr. Lyda reported that in order to pay salaries and operating expenses beginning July 1 until the adoption of the final budget resolution for the next school year, the Board must adopt an Interim Budget Resolution. ON A MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN, the Interim Budget Resolution for 2009-2010 was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, that interim appropriations be made available for the purpose of paying salaries and the usual and customary expenses of the Transylvania County Schools for the period beginning July 1, 2009, until adoption of the 2009-2010 Budget Resolution. Interim appropriations so made and expended shall be charged to the proper appropriations in the Budget Resolution. Passed by majority vote of the Transylvania County Board of Education on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009.

s/ Michael J. Rogers, Chairman  
s/ Sonna J. Lyda, Secretary

**9. FY09 Budget Amendments**

Norris Barger presented the following year-end budget amendments for the 2008-2009 year. Each of the amendments was unanimously approved as indicated below:

- Budget Amendment No. 1 for the State Public School Fund (attached). Includes budget reversions, half-percent pay cut, and additional PRC funding. Overall increase \$133,826. MOTION BY MR. WHITMIRE, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN.
- Budget Amendment No. 1 for the Local Current Expense Fund (attached). Includes e-rate revenue and workforce development grant. Overall increase \$84,062. MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MR. WHITMIRE.
- Budget Amendment No. 1 for the Federal Grants Fund (attached). Includes carryover and transfers to cover required reversion. Overall increase \$77,073. MOTION BY MR. WHITMIRE, SECONDED BY MRS. NORMAN.
- Budget Amendment No. 1 for the Capital Outlay Fund (attached). Includes appropriated fund balance for purchase of activity bus budgeted in previous year,

BES piano purchase, and RES parking/play area. Overall increase \$70,068.  
MOTION BY MRS. MCCOY, SECONDED BY MRS. PETIT.

**10. Important Dates**

June 18-26	Summer School		
June 29	Begin 4-Day Summer Schedule		
July 6	Holiday		
July 27	REGULAR MEETING	6:30 p.m.	MEC
Aug. 11-12	District Leadership Retreat	8 am - 5 pm	TC Library
Aug. 17	Resume regular schedule		
Aug. 17-18	New Teacher Orientation		TBA
Aug. 17	REGULAR MEETING	6:30 p.m.	MEC
Aug. 20-24	Teacher Workdays		
Aug. 25	First Day Students		

**11. Other Items**

Dr. Lyda thanked the Board members for their attendance and participation in the 2009 graduation ceremonies. She commended the high schools for making each event very special.

**12. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MR. WHITMIRE, the Board recessed from 6:10 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The business meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m. with the recognition of retirees.

**13. Recognition of Retirees**

Dr. Lyda spoke briefly on her impending retirement, stating, "Transylvania County Schools has been a wonderful place to work for the past 38 years. I have made many friends for a lifetime. Although I won't miss the work, I will miss the people! Thanks to former superintendent, Harry Corbin, who is here tonight, for hiring me. I appreciate you all very much."

The Board recognized and presented gifts of appreciation to the 14 individuals named below, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MR. WHITMIRE, approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Transylvania County Board of Education that commendations, thanks, and congratulations be expressed to the persons named who have retired during the 2008-2009 school year, in grateful appreciation for their years of dedicated service to public education:

Dian Brewton	Director	MEC	37 years
Nancy Duncan	Teacher	BES	21 years
Teresa Duncan	Teacher	RES/TCH	32 years
Patricia Gash	Teacher	RES	29 years
Kathy Haehnel	Director	MEC	36 years
Joe Holbert	Teacher	PFES	30 years
Linda Locks	Teacher	PFES	34 years
Sonna Lyda	Superintendent	MEC	38 years
DeLane McAlister	Teacher	BHS	28 years

Raymond McCants	Custodian	BHS	13½ years
Bernice Powell	Teacher Assistant	RES	21 years
Carol Ridenour	Teacher Assistant	BES	23 years
Terri Schultz	Teacher	PFES	30 years
Jackie Thomas	Teacher Assistant	BES	20 years

There was no further business, and ON A MOTION BY MRS. NORMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. MCCOY, the Board adjourned at 6:40 p.m. for a reception in the retirees' honor. Chairman Rogers explained that he and the other Board members had to attend the Board of Commissioners' budget meeting at 7:00 p.m., but encouraged everyone else to stay and enjoy the wonderful refreshments provided by Carolyn Gordon and the Child Nutrition staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Secretary

**PERSONNEL REPORT  
June 15, 2009**

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

Licensed Personnel

Leslie Borhaug, Teacher, RMS, effective August 1, 2009  
Crystal Holland, Teacher, BES and PFES, effective June 17, 2009  
Betty Scruggs, Lead Teacher, BMS, effective June 30, 2009

Classified Personnel

Marquessa Chappell, Teacher Assistant, PFES, effective June 17, 2009  
Carrie Nelson, Custodian, RHS, effective June 10, 2009  
Bernice Powell, Teacher Assistant, RES, effective July 1, 2009

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

Licensed Personnel

Angela Sherman, Teacher, RMS, effective August 20, 2009  
Rivers Smith, Teacher, BMS, effective August 20, 2009

Classified Personnel

Joshua Breedlove, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Megan Capps, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Jamia Davis, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Bianca Eubanks, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Jonathan Galloway, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Mercedes Jackson, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
William Long, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Chase Mathis, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Olivia Miller, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Nicholas Mooney, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Barbara Muniz, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Amanda Newman, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Erica Rogers, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009  
Quinasia Smith, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009

Brandy Vanover, Temporary Part-Time Student Worker, effective June 16, 2009 through August 21, 2009

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

Licensed Personnel

Angela Reese, from Teacher, TCH, to Teacher, RES and TCH, effective August 20, 2009

Stephanie Sizemore, from Teacher, TCH, to Teacher, PFES, effective August 20, 2009

Jon Van Donsel, from Assistant Principal, BES, to Assistant Principal, RES, effective July 1, 2009

Adam Westhouse, from Teacher, RHS, to Teacher, RMS, effective August 20, 2009

Classified Personnel

None

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

None

Substitute Child Nutrition Workers

None