



# Board Bullets

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## *Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, February 8, 2018 (Central Office)*

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Central Office Staff attending.

- Beginning at 6 pm, Mr. Paul Brown called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- Mr. Jeff Tatham led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mr. Tim Coffey read the mission statement.
- The agenda was accepted as presented.
- The Minutes from the January 11, 2018 regular board meeting were approved as presented.
- Mr. Brown called for public comment. There was none.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts and Mr. John Higdon presented the Financial Planning Subcommittee report. Mr. Clonts began by proposing the Board approve the proposal provided by Mr. Mike Cox, FAIA of Architectural Design Studio of putting out for bids on February 12, 2018 the Andrews High School Roofing Project with bids to be opened and contract awarded on March 1, 2018. It was reported that the bids would be provided to include re-roofing the structure with and without skylights.
- **The Board approves the proposal as reported by Mr. Clonts.**
- Following this, Mr. Clonts advised the Board of several items covered by the Financial Planning Subcommittee that would require the utilization of ½ cents sales tax and advised the Board these items would appear during the budget request.
- Based on the recommendations made by Mr. Clonts during his report, Dr. Jeana Conley requested utilization of ½ cent sales tax from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$41,672 for the following purpose:
  - Dalton HVAC Glycol additive at HDS \$2,140
  - Mundy's HVAC MES Kindergarten \$24,824
  - The Oaks \$1,605
  - Automated Logic MCS HVAC classroom control \$2,140
  - City Electric AMS Water Heater \$7,383
  - TRS MHS Green House Heater \$3,580
- **The usage of ½ Cent Sales Tax is approved.**
- Next, Dr. Conly presented an application for use of Public School Building Capital Fund NC Education Lottery as follows:
  - For the 2017-18 Debt Service Payment—QSCB AHS Bldg B in the amount of \$1,360.23
- **The application for use of Public School Building Capital Fund is approved.**
- Mr. Jeff Tatham delivered the Policy Subcommittee recommendations by announcing the following policy for second reading:
  - 6442 Vendor Lists
  - 6450 Purchase of Services
  - 7240 Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace
  - 7510 Leave
- **The policies presented for second reading are approved.**

- Next, Mr. Tatham presented the following policies for first reading:
  - 3103 Dual Enrollment of Private, Parochial, and Home School Students
  - 7530 Military Leave
  - 7810 Evaluation of Licensed Employees
  - 7900 Resignation
  - 7930 Professional Employees Demotion and Dismissal
  - 7940 Classified Personnel Suspension and Dismissal
- Dr. Conley delivered her superintendent's report. During the report, Dr. Conley reported approval of an Overnight Field trip requested by Ranger and Martins Creek School's Middle School Chorus; Dr. Conley followed this announcement with good news items as provided by Principals and staff:
  - **District**
    - National School Counselor Appreciation Week.
    - National Love the Bus Week.
  - **AES**
    - AES PTA recently hosted a Strawberry Fundraiser, which brought in over \$4,000 profit for the PTA.
    - AES 4th graders recently participated in the Soil and Water conservation poster contest. School Winners were: Oliva Davis, Cole Malin, Myca Mustin, Madison Queen, Vici Ratnikova,
    - O' Malley Salinas. These students' posters were sent to the district competition. AES 4th graders had an impressive showing at the district competition. Three of our students placed. District Winners were: 1st place (4th grade): Madison Queen, 2nd place (4th grade): Olivia Davis; and 3rd place (4th grade): O'Malley Salinas. Madison's first place poster will go on to compete at the regional level.
    - Pinwheel tutoring is up and running for the spring semester. This program provides tutoring to 46 of our students twice a week! These tutoring services are provided by Snowbird of Andrews.
  - **AHS**
    - Student Art Winners at the District GFWC Art Contest which was held in Waynesville last Saturday. First place entries will move on to compete at the state level at Campbell University in March.
      - Aleaha Waldroup - 1st place in Metal Crafts Category
      - Cade Ward - 1st place in Visual Arts Category
      - Alex Wilson - 1st place in Graphite Pencil Drawing Category
      - Juliana Aiken - 1st place in Computer Graphics Category
      - Erish Cooper - 2nd place in Mixed Media Category
      - Cade Ward - 2nd place in Wire Sculpture Category
    - The AHS Varsity Cheerleaders competed at the North Carolina Cheerleading Coaches' Association State Championship on February 3. Although they did not place, they gave a deduction-free performance their first time on the mat.
    - From Thursday, Feb. 01-Monday, Feb. 05, there was a Wildcat loose in New York City: AHS senior Kitana Queen was in NYC, as part of the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. After learning a new instrument to audition after being nominated for the program, she was accepted to the program and spent a couple months dedicated to practicing and preparing for the upcoming trip. After experiencing her first flight and arriving in the city Thursday afternoon, Kitana spent 2 days rehearsing with other program participants and ended her stay in NYC by performing on stage at Carnegie Hall, where she played an upright bass as part of the Honors String Symphony. The performance was moving, and Kitana feels very honored to have been able to perform on a stage where some of the most famous

- musicians in the world have performed and made history. While her diligent rehearsals kept her busy during her time in the city, Kitana did get to see a Broadway production, The Lion King, and visit sites that included Times Square and the Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Plaza. Kitana was an excellent representative of AHS and conducted herself in a very mature manner while sharing her culture and making connections with students from around the United States as well as 6 international countries. We are very proud of the hard work she and Mrs. Parker-Booth put forth in order to make this trip not only possible, but also a great success.
- Andrews High School inducted 5 new members into its Hall of Fame on February 5th. Mr. Bob Cooper, Mr. Frank Maennle III, Mr. Steve Maennle, Mr. Mickey Maennle, and Mr. James Ellis were enshrined. More than 30 members of the the Hall of Fame attended Monday Nights Ceremony!!!
  - **HDHS**
    - Valedictorian/Vocational Honor Student
      - Jacob Ensley
    - Salutatorian
      - Cade Tipton
    - Junior Marshalls
      - Chloe Harrelson
      - Gracie Davis
      - Brittany Davis
      - Izzy Bradbeer
      - Jaylan Hamby
      - Jenna Bandy
    - Mrs. Sharkey's students participated in a lab with Bionetwork (1-24-17) focusing on the use of Immunoassay in testing for dangerous bacteria. Each student conducted their own immunoassay and reviewed results the next day. BioNetwork is a program that provides high-quality economic and workforce development solutions that serve students, community colleges, and biotech and life science industries. Students also participated in a discussion about college and careers that might utilize this technique.
    - Biology students got creative with their Eukaryote Cell Organelle Projects. Projects included Haiku Booklets about each organelle, comparing the cell and each organelle to a pizza, and one student even created a game of "clue" comparing each organelle to a character.
    - The OCS class has tomato and other plants started in their greenhouse. This is part of their school based business. These will be available for purchase this spring.
    - SGA is sponsoring a "Carnation Sale" for Valentine's Day as well as a "Sweetheart Dance"
  - **MCS**
    - 3rd grader Alex Ashe won 3rd place and 3rd grader Jenna Verola won 2nd place in the poster contest held by the Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation group for their posters promoting conservation; 6th graders Kain Jenkins and Sarah Woody also did well in the essay portion of the competition, winning 3rd and 2nd place respectively with their essays.
    - MCS kicked off its Jump Rope for Heart program on January 31st, and students in grades k-5 are excited about helping with this important cause. Each year, MCS is able to donate around \$1,000 to this charity and also receive around \$500 in PE equipment.
    - New interim art teacher, Mrs. Taylor Ruf, is doing a fantastic job. Students are excited to create new types of art daily. Students fashioned the textured, vibrant art below from aluminum foil and popsicle sticks.
    - The new Elementary STEM club met February 6, 2018 to discuss future project ideas, STEM conference in Cherokee on March 22 and all students had a great time with building

challenges using cubes, cups and sticks. Ms. Aiken is the STEM coach and Mrs. Cook is assisting with this enthusiastic group.

▪ **MHS**

- MHS announced honors students:
  - Valedictorian -- Trent Ledford
  - Salutatorian -- Katelyn Jones
  - CTE Honors Student -- Ashlyn Gentry
- Junior Marshals
  - Allison Chastain
  - Aubrey Clapsaddle
  - Alex Haines
  - Taylor LaTulipe
  - Ellie Martin
  - Bailey Mock
  - Josie Spence
- The MHS English Department hosted a winter formal to raise funds for the English Department. Modern Woodmen contributed matching funds.
- MHS English Department recorded an average of 1.23 years' worth of growth overall in reading levels of students who took English in the Fall Semester.
- Mr. Raxter's class will be facilitating an Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day on Feb. 15.
- WDOG will be back on the air this week. With an exciting new group!
- Digital 3 students are busy producing Public Service Announcements (littering, texting & driving, and teen depression) as well as programing the video announcements aired daily throughout the school.
- Silas Brown's horticulture class has been working with Mrs. McCoy on a landscape/raised herb garden design for the area outside her classroom. Mr. Brown had students' measure area to be designed, draw up plans, price their project and create a presentation. Mrs. McCoy judged project and awarded prizes. Winning students are tweaking designs based on teachers' recommendations and will finalize project prices. Construction will begin soon as students carry out their plans and will be able to see their designs come to life.
- MHS Journalism staff is hard at work on the last deadline of the 2018 yearbook and recently traveled to The Cherokee Scout for a tour!
- Digital 1 students are learning about graphics and completed PSA posters that are displayed outside the lunchroom
- Joey Curry has signed with WCU as a preferred walk-on for football.
- MHS will send 20 athletes to the State Indoor Track competition, which takes place on Friday, 2/9.
- JV Girls Basketball Team is SMC Conference Champions.
- This past Saturday, at the Midwest Shootdown in Cruso, NC, the Murphy High School Shooting Team took first place in rifle and third place overall. Johnathan Blevins took first place in Individual Rifle and Second Place Individual Overall. Hayden Phillips was second in Individual Rifle.

▪ **REMS**

- The Junior Beta Club had their first Officer Election
- PTA is sponsoring a Daddy/Daughter Dance for Pre-K through 8th grade.
- The school celebrated School Counselor Day and Mrs. Suzanne McLelland was treated with cake and balloons.
- Ranger School will be celebrating Bus Driver, Cafeteria Workers, and Custodian Appreciation Week for February 12th - 16th.

- Miss Georgia Francis was selected to sing the National Anthem for Special Olympics.
- Ranger Middle School students were rewarded with a trip to Cataloochee Tube World in Maggie Valley. Student with conduct grade of an A or B was rewarded with this trip.
- Gary Chamberlain is working with our Beta Club members on an Art Project and Roadside Cleanup to beautify Ranger Community.
- Students from MIT (all female) came and held a workshop for all girls, grades 4-8, who may be interested in pursuing a career the science field.
- Our Science Olympiad Teams are getting excited about the upcoming NC Science Olympiad Tournament on Saturday, March 10 in Cullowhee at Western University. Our students grades 5-8 have been working hard on all of their projects, both engineering and academic, in preparing for the event.
- Our Entrepreneurship Team, Wolfie Wolf Tees, has been busy creating logos for spirit wear and t-shirts for our school.

▪ **TCEC**

- Sophomore Lucy Crayton has qualified for the state meet in 100m freestyle swimming and sophomore Sydney Bolyard has qualified for the mile in indoor track. Both will compete this weekend.
- TCEC Principal's Ambassadors are currently in the process of visiting all the 8th grade classes in Cherokee and Clay Counties. Parent Information Night will be held February 20th at 6:30 pm.
- Science teacher Adam Haigler has been chosen as a Teacher-Powered Ambassador.
- Ben Owens planned and led the Western NC regional "Elevating & Celebrating Effective Teachers & Teaching" conference at WCU last weekend. He has also been asked to contribute to the ECET2 National team in a video call next week. He is currently one of five teachers from across the country working with TeachingPartners and CTQ on an online workshop that helps encourage teachers to tell their stories through blogging.

- Next, Dr. Conley reported that she has worked with staff to establish the need for a summer school in order to allow students to recover credits and have an opportunity to gain proficiency on end of course and end of grade tests.
- Dr. Conley concluded her report with an update on the impact the flu outbreak is having on our schools.
- See newly adopted revised calendar attached.
- Mr. Arnold Mathews read the motion to adjourn to break and closed session.

● **The motion is approved.**

- When the Board returned to open session, the following actions were taken:

● **The Board approved the following Retirement:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Type of Request</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Marvin Adams	Retirement	02-01-2018

● **The Board approved the following leave of absence:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/School</i>	<i>Inclusive Dates</i>
Robin Hughes	Custodian, MMS	02-02-2018—03-03-2018
Monica Keasler	Teacher, HDHS	03-15-2018—04-26-2018
Allyson Murphy	Teacher/REMS	02-26-2018—04-06-2018

● **The Board approved the following hiring recommendations:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position &amp; Assignment</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Adele Parker	TA, TOA (LTS)	02/05/2018—05/31/2018

● **The Board approved the following Substitute Teachers:**

- Elyse Byrd
- Clay Collins

- Evan Crisp
- Nicole Fox
- Brian Gatti
- Melissa Hawley
- Pamela Hughes
- Jeff Roberson
- Ashlyn Rowland

• **The Board approved the following Helping Hands School Volunteers**

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Reason for Volunteering</i>	<i>Application Renewal Date</i>
Stephanie Ferguson	AMS	Track & Field	02-08-2019
Randy Vaughn	HDHS	Golf	02-08-2019
Jerry Kilpatrick	HDHS	Baseball	02-08-2019
William Roberts	HDHS	Baseball	02-08-2019
Jake Rhodes	HDHS	Baseball	02-08-2019
Chester Dancer	HDHS	Softball	02-08-2019
Roger Adams	HDHS	Softball	02-08-2019
Brian Mundy	HDHS	Golf	02-08-2019
Hannah Graham	MCEMS	Coaching	02-08-2019
Luke Laney	MCEMS	Coaching	02-08-2019
Kelci Coker	MHS	Softball	02-08-2019
Richard Curry	MHS	Baseball	02-08-2019
Bill Goebel	MHS	Softball	02-08-2018
Larry Ledford	MHS	Softball	02-08-2019
Andrew Skogen	MHS	Baseball & Basketball	02-08-2019
Larry Spies	MHS	Basketball	02-08-2019
Thomas Strickland	MHS	Baseball	02-08-2019
Mark Brooks	REM/HDS	Softball	02-08-2019
Kayla Chaney	REM/HDS	Track & Field	02-08-2019
Thomas Taylor	REM/HDS	Softball	02-08-2019
Dewayne Stiles	REM/HDS	Softball	02-08-2019
Shannon Palmer	REM/HDS	Softball	02-08-2019
Eric Drew	TCEC	Soccer	02-08-2019

- Mr. Brown announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, March 8, 2018 beginning at 6 pm at Central Office.
- Having dispensed with the foregoing business and there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

## Cherokee County Schools Calendar for 2017/18 School Year

DATE	DAY	EXPLANATION	A/L	HOL	REQ W/D	OPT W/D	STUDENT DAYS
Aug 14-18	M-F	Optional Teacher Workdays				5	
Aug 21	M	Optional Teacher Workday				1	
Aug 22	Tu	Required Teacher Workday County-wide Meeting @ 8:00 am			1		
Aug 23-25	W-F	Required Teacher Workdays			3		
Aug 28	M	First Day for Students					
Sept 4	M	Labor Day Holiday		1			
Sept 11	M	Inclement Weather Day (Wind Advisory)					
Sept 26	Tu	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> School Month First Progress Reports					20
Oct 19	Th	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Grading Period					(37 days)
Oct 20	F	Required Teacher Workday			1		
Oct 25	W	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> School Month					40
Oct 26	Th	<i>Report Cards</i>					
Nov 10	F	Veteran's Day Holiday		1			
Nov 21	T	Second Progress Reports					
Nov 22	W	Annual Leave Day	1				
Nov 23-24	Th-F	Thanksgiving Holidays		2			
Nov 27	M	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> School Month					59
Dec 8	F	Inclement Weather Day (Snow)				1	
Dec 22	F	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter <b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period—1/2 Day</b>					(40 days)
Dec 25-27	M-W	Christmas Holidays		3			
Dec 28-29	Th-F	Annual Leave	2				
Jan 1	M	New Year's Day Holiday		1			
Jan 2-3	T-W	Annual Leave	2				
Jan 4-5	Th-F	Required Teacher Workdays			2		
Jan 8	M	Inclement Weather Day (Freezing Rain)				1	
Jan 9	Tu	<b>Students Return</b> End of 4 <sup>th</sup> School Month Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester					78
Jan 12	F	<i>Report Cards</i>					
Jan 15	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday		1			
Jan 17-19	W-F	Inclement Weather Days (Snow/Ice)				2	
Feb 6	T	End of 5 <sup>th</sup> School Month					94
Feb 9	F	Third Progress Reports					
Mar 2	F	End of 6 <sup>th</sup> School Month					112
Mar 9	F	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grading Period					(40 days)
Mar 12*	M	Required Teacher Workday			1		
Mar 16	F	<i>Report Cards</i>					
Mar 29	Th	End of 7 <sup>th</sup> Month					130
Mar 30	F	Good Friday Holiday		1			
April 9-13	M-F	Spring Break	5				
Apr 20	F	Fourth Progress Reports					
May 2	W	End of 8 <sup>th</sup> School Month					148
May 28	M	Memorial Day Holiday		1			
May 31	Th	<b>Last Day for Students—1/2 Day</b> End of 9 <sup>th</sup> School Month End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/4 <sup>th</sup> Grading Period <i>Report Cards</i>					168 (51 days)
June 1-6*	F-W	Required Teacher Workdays			4		
June 7*	Th	Optional Teacher Workday				1	
			<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>168</b>

**On Required Workdays, all teachers are expected to report to their respective schools.**

*\*Inclement Weather Make-up Days. In addition, if one or more days are missed during the week, the Saturday of that week may become a school day (weather permitting). Approved: May 11, 2017 Revised: January 19, 2018 **Subject to Change***

**Please Note: PreK/Kindergarten registration will be held March 23, 2018 at all elementary schools.**