

Board Bullets

Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 beginning at 6 pm, at the Network Operations Center

- Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the meeting to order.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mr. Randy Barnett read the mission statement.
- The agenda was amended on a motion made by Mr. Randy Barnett to include discussions about drafting a Resolution in opposition of HB 110 titled: “Cherokee County Board of Education Elections”. The amendment was made and the discussion added as Item 7 on the agenda.
- The minutes from the February 12, 2015 board meeting were approved as presented.
- Ms. Arrowood called for public comment. There was none.
- Ms. Arrowood called for discussions into drafting a Resolution in opposition of House Bill 110. After much discussion about the potential impact partisan based elections would have on Cherokee County Schools, the Board moved to draft a Resolution in opposition to the bill. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
- Mr. Randy Barnett delivered a Financial Planning Subcommittee update to the Board. During his update, Mr. Barnett outlined the topics discussed during the subcommittee meeting. At the end of his report, Mr. Barnett informed the Board that the subcommittee had reached a consensus to replace the boiler at Marble Elementary. After some discussion about this, the Board reached a consensus to first repair the boiler and then should the repairs not solve the problem explore a total boiler replacement.
- Mr. Tim Coffey delivered an Academics Subcommittee update to the Board stating that the subcommittee was still addressing low performing schools. He went on to state that there were no recommended courses of action at this time but believed there would be when the Board next meets.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts delivered a Personnel & Morale Subcommittee update. During his update, Mr. Clonts outlined the time line the subcommittee had agreed to with respects to a superintendent search. There was much discussion about this time line as well as the draft application and sources of advertisement. The Board reached a consensus to proceed with the process as outlined by the time line proposed by Mr. Clonts.
- Grant Taylor of TCEC delivered a presentation to the Board. During his presentation Grant informed the Board that he was doing his senior exit project on development of a Maker Space area for TCEC. Grant explained the concept in great detail and displayed a 3D Printer as well as some of the items created using the devise. At the end of his presentation, Grant requested of the Board a \$500 grant to be applied to creating the Maker Space for TCEC. The request was approved.
- Mr. Frank Barber addressed the Board and delivered a power point presentation on his vision of music and arts in Cherokee County Schools. His presentation covered MHS band history timeline, highlights, opportunity for improvement, proposed corrective action to the existing band program and performance indicators associated with the MHS band program. In conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Barber requested the Board consider adding a line item to the upcoming budget request for funding to be applied to all band and arts programs of Cherokee County Schools.
- Ms. Jeana Hardin began her presentation by providing information about bills being proposed by Senator Jim Davis that would give calendar flexibility to Cherokee County Schools. Ms. Hardin went on to explain how CCS did not qualify for a calendar flexibility waiver based on general statutes and that surrounding counties did qualify. Ms. Hardin informed the Board she was working closely with the legislator to seek special consideration of a calendar flexibility waiver for Cherokee County despite not meeting the criteria. After this, Ms. Hardin informed the Board she had met with the Calendar Committee to create the 2015/16 calendar and

spoke of the results of the meeting. She concluded by informing the Board she would have a draft 15/16 calendar for consideration at the April meeting.

- Ms. Jennifer White presented the RttT Wireless Initiative to the Board for consideration. Ms. White explained the process of selection, addressed project time lines and completion deadlines and explained the FCC and E-Rate portion of funding. Ms. White next explained what CCS will receive with this initiative. The initiative was approved.
- Ms. Debbie Hogan presented several policies for first and second reading. The following policies were heard for second reading and were approved: 1720/4015/7225 Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying Complaint Procedure, 3101 Concurrent Enrollment and Other Curriculum Expansions, 4201/7271 Injury and Loss Prevention, 5120 Relationship with Law Enforcement, and 6140 Student Wellness.
- After presenting the policies for second reading, Ms. Hogan reported policies for first reading. Those policies presented were: 4040/7310 Staff Student Relations, 6230 School Meal & Competitive Foods Standards, 7265 Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Science Laboratories, 7422 Deputy/Associate/Assistant Superintendent Contracts, 7635 Return to Work, and 9220 Security of Facilities
- Ms. Jeana Hardin delivered the Superintendent's report to the Board. During her report, Ms. Hardin announced overnight fieldtrips approved for the AHS varsity cheerleading team to travel to Gatlinburg, TN to participate in the GFA Fit for Duty 5k/10k walk/run and the MES Jr. Beta Club to travel to Gatlinburg, TN March 26 through 27, 2015. Ms. Hardin next announced that the MMS Odyssey of the Mind Team finished in 1st place in the regional competition held Saturday at Enka High School and that they will now go on to compete in the State competition which will be held at Appalachian State University on April 11. The team is comprised of: Isaac Brown, Chloe Decker, Jesse Kephart, Hope Ledford, Gracie Prohl, Lauren Turner. Ms. Hardin then informed the Board of Malachi Beaver's accomplishment of winning the individual 1A wrestling state champion at 182 pounds for the 2nd consecutive year and that he had been voted NC 1A most valuable wrestler in the state for 2015. Following this, Ms. Hardin congratulated the MCEMS Mathcounts team who competed on February 7th, 2015. Out of over 220 students, 8th grader George Vining came in 16th. The MCS team came in 16th out of over 50 schools. Next, Ms. Hardin announced Mikey Taylor, a member of the AMS Shooting Team, placed first in the Middle School Division of the Far West Shooting Championships this past Saturday. Mikey shot a perfect 20 for 20 and then busted the doubles in a shoot – off, she offered congratulations to MES students for helping save lives by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. MES raised \$4,221.00 and Dianna Sneed and Jessica Mashburn were the top two fundraising classes. They raised \$1,010. The top two fundraisers were Lanie Vuick - \$205 and Whitley Sumpter - \$200. Ms. Hardin then informed the Board that Chloe Harrelson, an 8th grader at HDEMS, won 1st place in the DAR contest and presented her essay at the Power Board on Wednesday afternoon. She wrote about the experience of coming to Ellis Island as an immigrant. Both Chloe and her parents expressed how much they learned while she researched the rules and regulations for coming into America. Next, Ms. Hardin informed the Board that the General Federation of Women's Clubs of NC sponsors an Arts Festival. Gabrielle Hancock a sophomore at Andrews high school ,won two second place ribbons at the state level with her photographs taken as part of her portfolio in her Digital Photography class last semester. To advance to the state level Gabrielle won 1st place in both the local and regional competitions. Gabby, along with several other students from art classes at AHS will be entering artwork in the upcoming annual Valley River Art Guild 2015 Spring Student Art show. The show is open to CCS students in Grades 9-12. The show is juried and prizes will be awarded. The opening reception is Friday March 27th 5-7pm at the Downtown Murphy Visitor Center at 20 Tennessee Street. We invite the Board of Education, as well as the students and their parents to attend the reception to appreciate the work of our talented students in Cherokee County. Ms. Hardin informed the Board of Social Media in Use at MHS stating that during the 2013-2014 school year, Ms. Brandy Farmer approached Mr. Shields about wanting to advertise the MHS yearbook on social media to up sales and make announcements about order due dates etc. Realizing that other schools in larger counties were using social media, Mr. Shields thought why not MHS. After obtaining assistance from Ms. Hardin, MHS began the slow journey of entering the realm of social media to promote some things taking place at MHS. Ms. Harding next stated that the Middle School Battle of the Books will be held Friday, March 13th at Ranger Elementary / Middle School, and that Peachtree Elementary will host a PTO Sponsored Spring Fling this Friday, March 13 from 5-8 and the MES Spring Fling will be held on Friday, March 20th, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

- Ms. Debbie Hogan read the motion to adjourn to break and closed session. The motion was approved.
- A motion was made to return from break and closed session. The motion was approved.
- When the Board returned to open session, the following actions were taken:

- **The Board approved the following resignation and retirement:**

Name	Position/School	Effective
Anna Garland	Cafeteria, REMS	Retirement, 07-01-2015
Tonia Dobbs	Cafeteria, MHS	Resignation, 03-10-2015
Cynthia Wade	Custodian, HDS	Resignation, 06-30-2015

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

Name	Position	Type Leave and Inclusive Dates
Amanda Chapman	Teacher, AHS	Extension of Medical Leave 03/03/2015-05/04/2015
Erin Simons	AD/PE, AMS	Maternity Leave 05/01/2015-10/31/2015
Brittany Stiles	Teacher, HDHS	Maternity Leave 04/24/2015-06/12/2015

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

Name	Position	Effective
Theresa Peacock	Interim Teacher AHS	03-12-2015

- **The Superintendent announced the following transfers:**

Name	From	To	Effective Date
CJ Rummler	Teacher, REMS	Interim AP, MMS	03-13-2015
Julie Higdon	AP MES	Interim Curriculum Coach, District	03-13-2015
Melissa Godfrey	AP AES	Interim Principal, AES	03-13-2015
Jenny McMahan	TA AES	Media Coordinator, AHS	03-13-2015
Crystal Chastain	Cafeteria, MHS PT	Cafeteria, MHS FT	03-13-2015

- **The Board approved the following substitute teachers:** Nichole Ball, Theresa Peacock, Brittany Pleasants

- **The Board approved the following Volunteers:**

Name	School	Volunteer Activity
Angie Davis	HD/REMS	Softball Coach
James Davis	HD/REMS	Softball Coach
Blaed Jalad	HD/REMS	Baseball Coach
Michael Jalad	HD/REMS	Baseball Coach
Chadwick McNabb	HD/REMS	Baseball Coach
Dustin Phillips	MHS	Baseball Coach

- Ms. Arrowood announced the next regular meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Education will be held at the Network Operations Center on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm.
- The Board will hold a Budget Work Session March 20, 2015 beginning at 12 pm at Central Office.
- The next Financial Planning Subcommittee meeting will be held March 27, 2015 beginning at 12 pm at Central Office.
- The next Policy Subcommittee meeting will be held March 27, 2015 immediately following the Financial Planning Subcommittee meeting.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.