



# Board Bullets

## *Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting Thursday, May 11, 2017*

- Beginning at 6 pm, Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- Mr. Tim Coffey led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mr. Jeff Tatham read the mission statement.
- The agenda was accepted as presented.
- The Minutes from the April 6, 2017 board meeting were approved as presented.
- Ms. Arrowood called for public comment. There was none.
- Raymond Hollenbeck and Ryan Shell, students of TCEC, appeared before the Board and delivered a presentation as part of their Senior Capstone project on the use of technology in schools. During their presentation the students explained why they were interested in technology being utilized in the schools, how efficiently the technology is being used, and their likes; and in conclusion their speculations on how technology could be used differently, more effectively and in a manner that reached a broader range of students.
- Mr. Keith Payne, Assistant Principal of Murphy Middle appeared and presented a request to name the Murphy High School track complex in honor of Ms. Frankie Roberson and Mr. Benny Pipes. Mr. Payne's presentation outlined their many accomplishments as coaches of track and field. The Board approved naming of the MHS track complex as requested. The complex will now be known as "The Roberson-Pipes Track".
- Ms. Pam Pressley appeared and presented the CTE Strategic Plan for consideration. Ms. Pressley provided an in-depth overview of the CTE program, workforce advisory board, new items added to the program, student academic achievements, and certifications that are available to be earned through the program. Ms. Pressley went on to address certifications obtained by teachers as well as grants that have been awarded to the program through the efforts of the teachers. Lastly, she explained the numerous internships available to students of the program. The plan was approved. Next, Ms. Pressley presented the amended Beginning Teacher Support Program Handbook for consideration. The handbook was approved.
- Dr. Jeana Conley presented the proposed 2017-2018 school year calendars for CCS and TCEC. The calendars were approved with a start date of August 28, 2017.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts delivered a report from the Financial Planning Subcommittee meeting held May 4, 2017. During his report, Mr. Clonts addressed the following items the Financial Planning Subcommittee heard, discussed, and/or approved:
  - The FPS recommends awarding of the milk bid to the Mayfield Co.
    - 1) The Board approved awarding the milk bid to the Mayfield Co.
  - AHS Cafeteria Roof Project. The FPS approved option A (Membrane Roof for an estimated \$210,000) and authorized Mr. Mike Cox to move forward with putting the project out for bids.
    - 1) The Board approved the recommendation made by the FPS for the AHS Cafeteria Roof Project.
  - Peachtree School Loading Dock project. Mr. Higdon is awaiting plans for this project from Mr. Mike Cox.



- The FPS approved the use of Sales Tax for the purchase of a 2008 F-350 Dump Truck to be used by maintenance for an amount of \$24,689.
- Discussion about obtaining a vehicle to be used by Counselors.
- REMS Chiller Replacement. The FPS approved replacement of the chiller at REMS based on a bid provided with a stipulation that should a lower bid be received that company would be awarded the bid.
- The FPS approved the following items:
 

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| 1) MES Boiler leak repair                           | \$1,439.15  |
| 2) PES gym door repairs                             | \$2,237.10  |
| 3) Movable Wall Repair                              | \$11,818.46 |
| 4) Purchase of a Pipe Crimping Tool for maintenance | \$5,498.61  |
| 5) Installation of Bus Cameras                      | \$3,815.34  |
| 6) HVAC repairs at HDS                              | \$1,790.66  |
| 7) HVAC repairs at REMS                             | \$7,512.64  |
| 8) HVAC repairs at MES                              | \$1,803.30  |
| 9) HVAC repair at Marble School                     | \$6,045.50  |
- Lastly, Mr. Clonts reported on a request for usage of Article 46 funding to facilitate the costs associated with the Andrews area Summer Day Camp. It was reported by Dr. Conley that \$15,000 was needed to ensure the program could operate.
- Ms. Stephanie Hass presented several budget amendments for consideration. Those amendments were:
  - State Public Schools Fund
  - Local Current Expense Fund
    - 1) *Use of ¼ Cent Sales tax in the amount of \$15,000 for use as follows:*
      - i. *County-wide Summer Camp Program*
  - Capital Projects Fund
    - 1) *Use of ½ Cent Sales tax in the amount of \$131,955 for use as follows:*
      - i. *Purchase of Maintenance Dump Truck*
        - *King Ford: \$24,689*
      - ii. *Ranger School Chiller*
        - *Dalton HVAC: \$61,945*
      - iii. *MES Boiler*
        - *Bolton: \$1,440*
      - iv. *Peachtree School Gym Doors*
        - *City Lock: \$2,238*
      - v. *Movable Wall Repair (AMS, MMS, REMS, MCEMS)*
        - *Learning Environments: \$11,819*
      - vi. *Maintenance Pipe Crimping Tool*
        - *Hajoca of Hendersonville: \$5,499*
      - vii. *District Bus Camera Installation*
        - *Angel Trax: \$3,816*
      - viii. *HDS Gas Valve Replacement at the Gym*
        - *Dalton HVAC: \$1,791*
      - ix. *Ranger School Chiller Computer Board*
        - *Dalton HVAC: \$7,513*
      - x. *MES Chiller Computer Board*
        - *Dalton HVAC: \$1,804*
      - xi. *Marble Elementary Kitchen*
        - *Dalton HVAC: \$6,046*
      - xii. *MES Kindergarten HVAC Compressor*
        - *Dalton HVAC: \$4,382*
  - Grants, Donations, and Reimbursements Fund
  - Application for Public School Building Capital Fund—NC Education Lottery
    - 1) *2016-17 Debt Service Payment—QSCB Andrews High Bldg B.*
      - i. \$42,762.85

- The Budget amendments, usages of sales tax, and application for public school building capital fund usage were approved.
- Next, Ms. Hass provided an overview of the 2017/18 Proposed Local Current Expense Budget Revenues. During her presentation, Ms. Hass covered items that had been included in the budget proposal provided the County Commissioners as well as the changes returned from the Commissioners. At the conclusion of her overview, Ms. Hass announced that she and the Superintendent would be meeting with the Commissioners May 12, 2017 at 10 am at the Courthouse to submit their updated budget proposal.
- Mr. Jeff Tatham delivered the Policy Subcommittee recommendations by announcing policies for second reading. Those policies presented are:
  - 2130 Board Member Compensation and Expenses
  - 7130 Licensure
  - 7241 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators
  - 7425 School Administrator Contracts
  - 7811 Plans for Growth and Improvement of Licensed Employees
- Next, Mr. Tatham presented policies for first reading as prepared by the Policy Subcommittee:
  - 2650 Liaison with School Boards Associations
  - 4333 Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety
  - 4335 Criminal Behavior
  - 4700 Student Records
  - 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services
  - 7260 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens
  - 7430 Substitute Teachers
  - 7820 Personnel Files
- Following this, Mr. Tatham presented policies to be rescinded:
  - 6226 Charge Policy
  - 7130-R Licensure (Regulatory Policy)
- Dr. Conley delivered a Marble Elementary Feasibility Study for consideration by the Board. Dr. Conley began by explaining the three primary reasons for opening and maintaining a school, those being:
  - Geographical necessity
  - Outstanding performance, and/or
  - Justifiable numbers
- Dr. Conley next identified the three primary reasons a school is closed, those being:
  - Low enrollment
  - Better educational opportunities, and/or
  - Economical considerations
- Having stated these two variables, Dr. Conley went on to provide examples over a 10-year period of declining enrollment at Marble Elementary as well as County wide, and how such impacted available resource distribution to all schools of the County. Dr. Conley also demonstrated how, under the present laws associated with teacher/student ratio, a classroom at Marble elementary would be split into two classrooms with a teacher/student ratio of 1 teacher for 11 students; whereas at Andrews Elementary School the teacher/student ratio would be 1 teacher to 20 students. There was considerable discussion about this study at the end of which the Board approved a Public Hearing to be held at the Marble Springs Baptist Church beginning at 6 pm on May 16, 2017. It was stated also that should the church not be available to host such a public hearing, the cafeteria at Marble Elementary would be used to host the public hearing. It was also stated that the public hearing was not to be a venue at which a decision would be made to keep the school open or order it closed. The purpose was stated to be one of affording the community the opportunity to share their opinions on the matter with the Board of Education.
- Next, Dr. Conley delivered her Superintendent's Report. She began by announced the 2016-2017 School Teachers of the Year. Those being:
  - AES Dana Heidbreder
  - AHS Tonya Raper
  - AMS Camille Brown
  - HDEMS Lisa Ledford
  - HDHS Connie McClure

- MCEMS                   Debbie Ledford
- MES/Marble           Cicely Mason
- MHS                     Leia Hays
- MMS                     Rachael Payne
- PES                     Efrain Ochoa
- REMS                   Hannah Berry
- Oaks                    Dwight Henry
- TCEC                    Joe Thorley

- Following this, Dr. Conley announced the District Teacher of the Year as being Cicely Mason.
- Next, Dr. Conley reported that the AHS varsity cheerleaders will be traveling to Hickory July 28 to participate in a cheerleading camp.
- Dr. Conley then reported the following “Good News” items:
- She began by explaining the tomato plants that had been placed before each of the Board Members and reported that the plants had been provided by students who are in the OCS program.  
3 Occupational Course of Study programs at our 3 traditional high schools are established. In order to meet the requirements of OCS - each program has a school based enterprise.  
Hiwassee Dam High School OCS programs has a greenhouse. Students are learning to grow vegetables and flowers and sell their product to members of their community.  
Murphy High School OCS program is making and selling all natural dog treats "Bulldog Bites". The students make apple and pumpkin flavored. They are marketing both small and large treats.  
Andrews High School OCS program has a t shirt press. Students are creating products for their school as well as their community. They have been asked to do shirts for the Andrews Recreation Department for the Lifeguards.  
Students who are in the OCS program are students with significant learning disabilities that impede their opportunity to go to a 4 year college out of high school. This population of students are at risk for dropping out of school. We are rolling out our OCS Handbook this Spring to help key decision makers for the course of study understand the requirements of OCS. The work hours are a huge component of this course of study. I met with Dennis Myers, with IOI, last week and we plan to partner with IOI and Vocational Rehab to have 24 of our students certified as "job ready" when they graduate. This allows them to learn skills at their local school based enterprise, transition to an actual paid employment position within our county. When they graduate, they will have a job!

- She then reported “Good News” items as reported from school Principals:

**Andrews Elementary**

- Dana Heidbreder was selected as the AES Teacher of the Year. Dana is admired by the staff, parents, and teachers at AES and we are thrilled to have her serve as our representative.
- AES PTA hosted a very successful Spring Fling on April 28th. Over \$3,600 was raised!
- The Pinwheel Tutoring program, an after school program done by Red Oak Church and Snowbird Outfitters, has completed this year's program. Pinwheel was able to provide one-on-one homework help and mentoring for 43 AES students!
- In a recent needs assessment, several parents expressed a desire to learn more about the English language in order to help their children at home. To meet these needs, an after school book chat program involving parents, their children, and quality children’s literature has begun and will continue weekly throughout the summer in the school library. These are hosted by ELL coach, Julie Aiken.
- AES had three students compete in the district Modern Woodman speech contest: Kinleigh Queen, Graham Burch, and Austin Bristol.

**Andrews High**

- Tonya Raper was voted Teacher of the Year by her colleagues.
- 8 AHS students traveled to the NC Sports Hall of Fame in Raleigh. They were able to meet legendary athletes and coaches such as Derrick Whittenberg, Phil Ford, Jim Beatty, Mike Fox, Jerry Moore and Chasity Melvin.
- Track All-Conference winners- Tiffany Holloway: Shot Put (Set a conference record) and Discuss, Morgan Mashburn: Triple Jump and 300m Hurdles, Taylor Parker: Long Jump, Abe Christensen: Shot Put. Many athletes will travel to the Regional meet this weekend.
- Decision Day was a huge success. Colleges both in NC and out will be gaining AHS stars in the fall.

- Savannah Horton was named student representative to the NCSHAA Board for the coming school year. She will have the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis this summer for a leadership institute.
- The office of Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC) awarded AHS Freshman Juliana Aiken, 3rd place in the 2017 Congressional Art Competition for NC-11!
- Seniors Thomas West and Aaron Young received Honorable Mention at the STAC/STEM-E competition for their creation of a strategic board game. Other AHS projects in the competition included the programming of a videogame and the design and 3D printing of a chess set.
- The AHS STAC club (Student Technology Advisory Council) is becoming STEM // M.A.D.E. (Marine and Aerial Drone Exploration). This club will adapt the goals and practices of STAC into a focus on underwater robotics and unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) flight, and to use these practices in support of our core STEM academics. Over the course of the 17-18 school year, STEM // M.A.D.E. expects to design, build, and launch a remote-operated submersible that can carry modular scientific equipment, and to provide professional-quality drone videography for school and community service. This organization will prepare students for the rapidly changing 21st Century and will help them to be the innovators of future robotics and automation technologies.
- All 5 students enrolled in the CNA course passed their national CNA exam. They were Madison Bias, Kenzie Gunter, Lauren Truett, Bethlyn Jones and Destinee Mathis.
- Dakota Silvers will represent AHS at the state level Special Olympics

### **Andrews Middle**

- Congratulations to Mrs. Camille Brown - AMS Teacher of the Year! When students talk about Mrs. Brown - they do so with a smile. One student's commented, "Mrs. Brown always turns a bad day into a great one...especially Mondays."
- Mrs. Brown's science classes were able to collaborate with her friend Erika Logan, a former secondary Biology teacher, in Liverpool, England using flipgrid (a tool we learned about at the blended learning workshop with Dr. Hervey). She asked students questions about the Urinary System on flipgrid and provided feedback on their responses (she was very impressed). We hope, with her help, to start collaboration with a school in England in the future.
- Students in Mrs. Brown's class sent toilet paper tubes, some plain, some decorated, to National Geographic Kids to assist them in trying to achieve a Guinness Book of World Records for tallest statue made from toilet paper tubes.
- Thank you to Dr. Jeff Taylor for speaking to Mrs. Brown's classes about eyes and then leading students in dissecting sheep eyes.
- National History Day students Joy Wood and Dyanna Holloway won the state competition and are going to the National competition in Washington, DC! They are the first 6th graders to advance to the National Competition. Mrs. Sarah Bennet has established a GoFundMe page to aid in the cost: <https://www.gofundme.com/AMSNHD> The GoFundMe page has links to the NHD site and girls' website as well.
- Mrs. Bennett's DonorsChoose project was funded - \$2180 by one donor to purchase 6 tables and 28 chairs for her classroom! The donor funded the furniture in memory of his wife, who was an advocate for public education.
- Our "save the shrew" for Earth Day was successful. We picked up close to 70/80 bags of trash and a couple of TVs. We also found 12 shrew skulls, which raised awareness for the students. Since our pickup, a couple of students have picked up trash on their own and have brought in other skulls they found to their science classes. Students cleaned up along the roads around AMS and along the historic Tatham Gap road, which was part of the Trail of Tears. Thank you to Gary Chamberlain for participating, sharing awareness of litter to students, and providing vests, bags, and grabbers for the event.
- Science and STEM teachers are planning activities with students to ensure they are informed about the upcoming eclipse. Mrs. Alaina Ledford received a grant for 10 solar robots that can be made with used bottles or Aluminum cans, solar USB kits, and solar trackers. The students are going to use them to gain knowledge for the upcoming eclipse and to support the topics of alternative energy being covered in class.
- The 8th grade science class used Makey Makeys to build an interactive, touch-sensitive periodic table of elements. 8th grade science student recently learned about testing for the presence of GMOs and about the Royal Disease of hemophilia with Bionetwork, where they learned about the topic and conducted an experiment to coincide with it.

- AMS Athletics is hosting a Color Run/Walk 5K for anyone interested on June 3rd, at 10 am. Registration is \$25 - and includes a t-shirt, color packet, and race bib. Please register by May 19th, and share info out with those who may be interested in participating! All proceeds will benefit AMS Athletics - here is the link to register: [www.andrewsMSCR.eventbrite.com](http://www.andrewsMSCR.eventbrite.com)
- AMS Shooting Team State results:
  - 3rd in Archery
  - 5th in Hunting Skills
  - 6th Overall
  - 7th Shotgun
  - 10th Rifle
  - Evan Neal placed 4th in Shotgun and 7th overall
  - Dawson Cross placed 10th overall
- 100% of students in the BU10YA (7th grade) portion of CTE passed the state exam in Brittany Pleasant's classroom.

### **Hiwassee Dam E/M**

- Our 4th and 5th graders planted a garden with the help of Mindy Nicholson, Kathy Poplin, and Marti Lane from the Master Gardeners Club of Cherokee County. They planted vegetables that will grow quickly for a "Salad Day" at the end of this year. They also planted several that will be harvested in the fall.
- Teacher Appreciation Week was a great success! Teachers enjoyed many goodies throughout the week, including having lunch provided for them each day.
- Our Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Lisa Ledford!
- Congratulations to Allana Johnson, Brayden Lewis, and Lilli Johnson for placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in our school speech contest and representing Hiwassee Dam Middle School in the Modern Woodmen District Speech Contest.
- Our 7th and 8th graders were able to go on the Project Discovery overnight camping trip with Todd Murdock from Western Carolina University along with Andrews Middle School. They enjoyed canoeing, mountain biking, rock climbing, repelling, and fishing, as well as, team building exercises. Even with the rain, our students had a fantastic time. One they will never forget.
- Teachers Carissa Dancer, Jackie Lee, Cassie Parks, and Monica Wayman attended the Blended Learning workshops through the Golden Leaf Foundation. The teachers have expressed how these workshops have reinvigorated their teaching and how thankful they are to have been given this opportunity. They also stated their students have enjoyed the educational activities they have incorporated into their classrooms as a result of these workshops.

### **Hiwassee Dam High**

- Winners from Mr. Dickey's Electronics and Robotics class From the Cherokee HS STEM competition:
  - 2nd Place, \$300 prize, EV3 Lego Robotics programming and building, Bo Helton, Cade Tipton, Michael Lambert, Jordan Hayes
  - 1st Place, \$500 prize, (General science and engineering category) Michael Fox, Grant Nichols
- Senior CTE Work Keys Testing at 86%; students were rewarded with a trip to Downtown Pizza and given a T-shirt designed by Mrs. Clonts and made by Mrs. Vento in MS
- Wells Fargo 1A/2A Female Athlete - Major Sport: Alysha Floyd, Hiwassee Dam basketball. Alysha was also awarded a \$1500 scholarship from the Mountain Amateur Athletic Club
- HDHS Softball team is once again the SMC Regular Season Champs
- On April 25th, Hiwassee Dam inducted 14 new members into the Hiwassee Dam High School National Honor Society for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Mrs. Sharkey's biology classes hosted PhD candidate (in Genetics and Molecular Biology) John Runge, from Chapel Hill, NC, for NC DNA Day on April 27th. Students learned about advances in biotechnology and current research taking place at Chapel Hill.

### **Marble Elementary**

- 3rd-5th graders have been harvesting out of their garden. Thanks again to everyone who helped make their community garden a success.
- We are planning our Spring Fling for Friday May 19. We are selling raffle tickets for theme baskets and have already raised over \$1000 for individual classroom activities, supplies and projects.

- 3 of our 5th graders (Bryson Bolling, Brianna Downs and Malachi Haines) competed in the county Modern Woodmen Speech Contest with Malachi Haines winning 1st place in his group at the county level.
- Malachi Haines competed in the district/state Modern Woodmen Speech Contest and won 1st place. His speech will now be recorded and submitted to the national level.
- Cicely Cable was voted Marble Elementary Teacher of the Year for the 2016-17 school year.
- The school is planning their end of the year celebration to take place June 6. This event will feature an art show, talent show, chorus concert, and student recognitions.

#### **Martins Creek E/M**

- Nearly 60 students received free dental care this week through the Smile program on campus!
- The MC Science Olympiad Team traveled to NC State in Raleigh to compete in the state competition. All individual students and teams within the larger team improved their scores from the regional competition which was held earlier in Cherokee and where the team had finished 2nd overall. In the Raleigh competition 2 students, Hannah Cowart and Caroline Carringer, earned medals in the ecology category.

#### **Murphy Elementary**

- MES Battle of Books team won the regional competition under the guidance of coach Travis Garrett
- MES TOY is Cicely Mason-Cable. Mrs. Mason-Cable does an amazing job of integrating core curriculum into her lessons.
- May 22 is MES' Night of the Arts. At this event student artwork will be on display along with a concert by our chorus.

#### **Murphy High**

- Mrs. Erin McCoy was chosen for the Ted Fowler Educator Grant from the NC Hospitality Education Foundation in the amount of \$1500. This money will be used to purchase new curriculum materials for her classroom.
- Murphy High School hosted the 2017 Move Up Day for both our feeder schools, Murphy Middle School and Martins Creek Middle School on Thursday, May 4. Special guest speaker, Laura Misner, representative from CFNC, plays a vital role in our high schoolers lives and presented a phenomenal lesson to our rising 9th graders. Students had the opportunity to tour the school led by Juniors and Seniors. Tour guides were:
  - Cassie Coker
  - Katie Peacock
  - Kaelyn McBride
  - Te'Lor Allen
  - Amara Leak
  - Ashlyn Gentry
  - Katelyn Jones
  - Emma Stroup
  - Leighton Brown
  - Emily Reid
  - Cameron Rice
  - Peyton Wood
  - Hailey Brinke
  - Colin Williams
- MHS Football team was awarded the 1A/2A
- Outstanding Male Major Sport Team of the Year by the Mountain Amateur Athletic Club.
- Boys and Girls track teams won the SMC championship.
- Emma Stroup was named Most Valuable Track and Field Athlete of the meet. Grant Lindsay and Ethan Murray were named Most Valuable Runners of the meet. Justice Dorsey was named Most Valuable Track and Field Athlete of the meet. Cole West was named Most Valuable Field Events of the meet. We have 17 girls qualified for the Regional track meet this Saturday.
- 4 track athletes have signed with colleges
- Baseball team won SMC Championship. 16-0
- Advanced Digital Media will complete another success season of WDOG, Friday May 12th.
- Digital 3 has completed promotions for the "Pregnancy & Parenting" for the Henn Theatre and Andrews Cinemas. They produced (3) 15 second promos to be aired on the screens before the movies start.

- Video Club- will be helping to promote the new summer reading program & yearbook!
- Journalism has received the 2017 yearbooks and are very excited to give them out on May 19th, and are planning the kick-off of the 2018 year!
- STEM group traveled to Cherokee Central for the Spring conference, April 21 and plans to compete next year!
- AND The 2017 Senior Prom was a success!!
- Students in Nursing Fundamentals have passed their NA1 exam and are now Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA).
  - Kamryn Adams
  - Kailey Clayton
  - Kiara Dalrymple
  - Kayli Dixon
  - Haley Mattox
  - Jacey Schwalm
  - Shelby Shore
  - Halee Vercrouse
- Four students will be attending MedCaT Academy at Wake Forest in July. Jonathan Hogan, Kaelyn McBride and Kamrym Adams, are returning as mentors and Calicity Kelley is attending for the first time. Students from six high schools apply, and only 30 applicants are chosen from the applicants. Mentors have attended once before and are chosen to return as mentors. Only 3-4 applicants are chose as mentors and Murphy High School has three. I believe that this demonstrated this is a direct reflection on the caliber of students at MHS.
- Avery Gibson, Science Teacher, has been awarded a 2017 AP (Advanced Placement) Rural Fellows Scholarship worth \$1500 to attend an AP Institute this summer. This scholarship will cover the workshop, lab fee, and food and lodging for the week.

### **Murphy Middle**

- Congratulations to the MMS Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Rachel Payne. Mrs. Payne recently received grant money for VR goggles and phones for her students. Since receiving the devices, students have participated in virtual reality lessons on the body by taking a tour through the heart, lungs, skeletal, and muscular system. One student stated when they have down time, they will also tour the solar system.
- Three 7th grade students competed in the District Modern Woodman Speech contest at MMS - Molly Kay West, Lanie Vuick, and Seth Laney. Molly Kay West won 2nd place and Lanie Vuick placed 3rd. All the participating students did an excellent job.
- Career Day was a huge success with 18 community members sharing their profession/vocation with our students. Thank you to Dr. Kimerer for organizing/scheduling this day and to Mrs. Gail Hubbard who along with our faculty provided a very generous meal and “goodie bag” for each presenter.
- Mrs. Julie Hughes recently returned from an amazing week a NCCATS session at Ocracoke where she learned even more ways to use digital resources to support CTE teachers. She can’t wait to share these with her students.
- Mrs. Fallon Rider and Mrs. Catharine Brown also spent another jam packed day with Dr. Lisa Hervey at the Blended Learning Workshop funded through the Golden Leaf Foundation. They both expressed how much they learned and how they want to now share these things with our faculty soon.
- MHS/MMS Band members traveled to the home of Mrs. Mary Lou Hughes, a founding member of the MMS band, and much to her delight performed in her front yard.
- MMS will be conducting the first ever 8th grade graduation/commencement ceremony at Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00. The ceremony complete with caps and gowns and a few surprises will also be shown on Facebook live for anyone unable to attend.
- Mrs. Hubbard has posted her final interactive bulletin board for the year. These boards have featured tidbits about the faculty and staff such as baby pictures and little known facts. Students have participated in contests to guess the names of the faculty for each board. It has been a great way to students and teachers to connect outside of the classroom.
- Despite a recent discipline incident, the faculty, staff, and students of MMS have come together to take a stand against bullying/cyberbullying. Partnerships have been formed with several community agencies to provide needed services to our students. A community night was held at MMS to allow concerned community members to voice their concerns while also offering solutions to this nationwide problem. All students at each grade level have met with MMS faculty and staff and members of the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office After one of these



meetings, Tabby Harris, a 6th grade student, came to school the next day with posters she made promoting kindness to combat bullying.

- MMS completed our celebration of Child Abuse Prevention Month during the month of April. Approximately 300 blue pinwheels were “planted” all over campus, teachers and students wore “Stand Up for Children shirts, money was collected and donated to the families of Cherokee County
- MMS SADD but TRU and Beta Club has partnered together to assemble 1000 bags of items to donate to the homeless population in Cherokee County. These bags will be donated to the police department where they will then be distributed throughout the community.
- Mrs. Stephanie Foley has all 6th grade students competing in the statewide SumDog Math Competition.
- Mrs. Hubbard’s 8th grade yearbook students have created PowerPoints and Jeopardy games for Science and Social Studies teachers to use as review for their classes.
- Yearbooks are back and they are terrific! They will be distributed May 26th.
- We are continuing our commitment to Litter Recovery around our campus with plans to make this an interactive digital event.
- Plans are underway for our participation in The Great American Solar Eclipse event in August. Students and faculty will be actively involved in this event.

### **Peachtree Elementary**

- Earth Day was a success! TCEC student Ivy Collins installed beautiful landscape around our school sign. Other TCEC students and staff weeded and spread mulch thanks to Modern Woodman grant. PES students assisted in the efforts by picking up litter. An old fence bordering Hwy 141 was removed as well and the school campus looks beautiful. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was a success. Thanks to the PTA and assistance of volunteers, PES enjoyed their camping theme all week long.
- Efrain Ochoa earned the honor of PES Teacher of the Year.
- Junior Beta Club is sponsoring a Ronald McDonald House supply in memory of Willow Raxter. Siblings Lyden and Olivia attend PES.
- Tia McKeon received an Ag in the Classroom grant from Farm Bureau.
- Trenton Russell, Bria Haines, and Will Joyner represented PES in the Modern Woodmen Speech Contest. Bria won third place for the district.
- Recycled Book Fair is planned for June 5-8.
- Community night will be on June 8th.

### **Ranger E/M**

- 8th grade students had the wonderful opportunity to tour Tri-County Community College. York Arrowood and Sammie Majors did an excellent job designing the tour. Students were able to engage with instructors and current TCCC students. Students left with new insight into academic and career opportunities at their local community college they didn't know existed.
- K-2 mClass Assessments are complete. Growth was made across grade levels. Reading Instructors provided great support to the team.
- K-2 math assessment on-going (Eureka math has made a difference!)
- April Twiggs (Pre-K Assistant) and Barb Lovett (PTA President) graduate from TCCC.
- 4th grade students in Mrs. Ennis ELA classes have got their email accounts set up and they have been using the Chromebooks that were purchased with the Learning Links grant money. The students have enjoyed reading on the Chromebooks and creating Google Docs. They feel more prepared and knowledgeable with using the Chromebooks next year in fifth grade.
- Mr. Elliott has completed a science lab with the 5th grade students and they have graphed the amount of salt water, freshwater and frozen freshwater that was on our planet.
- 5th Grade Math students recently concluded a graphing unit where the students learned to graph the location of points on a coordinate plane. In the extensions they also learned real applications of this particular math skill.
- Special Olympics were wonderful. Students and teachers had a great day.
- REMS Faculty & Staff was honored for the week of May 1st - 5th.
- 7th & 8th Grade Students attended Math & Science Day at Six Flags over GA in April.
- Middle school students who won First Place Over All Winners at the regional Science Olympiad Tournament in the State Competition in Raleigh. The students who competed were: Savannah Deren & Emily Dillard - Mission

- Possible Event, Jonathan Hill & Gage Ledford - Bottle Rockets, and Niki Zarvis & Katie Gibson - Write It Do It
- The County Modern Woodmen Speech Contest Participants were: Rylee Guess, Kristian Romesberg, and Ethan Ennis. Rylee Guess won first place and competed in the Regional Speech Contest.
- HDR Middle School Girls Softball team is in the championship playoffs.
- Ranger Howl News Channel, Facebook page, and Instagram is up and going.
- Our middle school entrepreneurship team is getting ready to kick off their t-shirt press with 2016-2017 class t-shirt sales.
- Middle school students went on their middle school trip to Fall Creek Falls State Park - everyone had a blast!
- Science Olympiad Team joined Robbinsville Science Olympiad for zipping lining at the Nantahala Outdoor Center.
- Valedictorian of the 8th grade class is Chase Sanders. Salutatorian was Blake Dockery. REMS will be having their 8th grade Graduation on June 8th at 6:30pm. 7th Grade Marshalls are: Lauren Brooks, Ethan Ennis, Rylee Guess, Payton Palmer, Sydney Payne, and Kolby Stiles

### **Tri-County Early College**

- 22 of 31 Early College Seniors will be graduating with an Associate's Degree from TCCC on Friday night!
- Held our culminating Shark Tank Project presentations on April 27-28 with our Business & Community Advisory Council members serving as judges.
- Junior Erin Davis has been accepted into Vanderbilt's VSA program to study Research & Implications of Bioarchaeology.
- Senior Ivy Collins has been accepted to Berry College's Math Competition Team for next school year
- Social Studies teacher Ben Pendarvis has been named a Hope Street Group NC Teacher Fellow for 2017-18
- 2 TCEC student teams competed in the NC Gravity Games and one came away with a 2nd place Engineering Design Award
- WCU professors visited TCEC to see school-wide PBL and Mastery-Based Assessment in action.
- Math and Physics teacher Ben Owens has been asked to sit on the advisory board for the new Catamount School
- Our entire student body participated in Earth Day events in our local community. TCEC students volunteered at seven locations including Abundant Life Church, Martins Creek School, Peachtree Elementary School, Providence Presbyterian, Truett Baptist Association, Tri-County Community College and Tri-County Early College.
- The following students competed and placed in the STEM-E 2017 High School competition on Friday, April 21, 2017.
  - Erin Manual and Chayden Shell won 1st place in Outstanding Achievement in Service Project Presentation category.
  - Samantha Calascione won 1st place in the Outstanding Achievement in Entrepreneurship category.
  - Kealey Crawford, Sierra Wright, Gabrielle Mason and Andrea Lentz won 2nd place in the Outstanding Achievement in Entrepreneurship category.
  - Taylor Hamby, Nate Welch and Megan Swafford won 3rd place in the Outstanding Achievement Special Interest Presentation category.
  - Ryan Shell, Trinity Wilkes and Raymond Hollenbeck won 3rd place in the Outstanding Achievement in Robotics category.
- Freshman Samantha Calascione was featured on Entrepreneur Sylvester Chisom's website In honor of International Women's Day for her idea of making and distributing Braille Bricks to help blind children learn to read braille faster.
- Freshman Erin Manuel has received a \$1000 Awesome Asheville grant to help place solar panels in Haiti as a way of providing a consistent energy source in impoverished areas.
- Juniors Payton McKnight and Kealey Crawford won Honorable Mentions in TCCC's first annual poetry competition.

### **21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Programs**

- On May 4, 2017, the North Carolina State Board of Education (SBE) voted on the list of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant proposals recommended by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) for funding in the 2017-2018 school year. NCDPI is pleased to announce that

Cherokee County Schools 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant application has been approved in the amount of \$400,000.00.

- Mr. Paul Brown read the motion to adjourn to break and closed session. The motion is approved.
- A motion was made to return to open session. The motion is approved.
- When the Board returned to open session, the following actions were taken:

- **The Board approved the following Resignation and Retirements**

| <i>Name</i>     | <i>Position &amp; Assignment,</i> | <i>Type of Request</i> | <i>Effective Date</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Michael Roberts | Teacher, AES                      | Retirement             | 07-01-2017            |
| Amy Mashburn    | Cafeteria, Marble & PES           | Resignation            | 07-09-2017            |

- **The Board approved the following Leaves of Absence**

| <i>Name</i>    | <i>Duty Assignment</i> | <i>Effective Date</i> |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Marshal Currin | Custodian, AMS         | 04-20-17—06-05-17     |
| Angela West    | School Nutrition, AHS  | Through: 05-31-2017   |

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

| <i>Name</i>   | <i>Additional Duty Assignment</i> | <i>Effective Date</i> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Judy Chastain | LTS, REMS                         | 04-17-17—06-09-17     |
| Adam Trotman  | Band Teacher, District            | 05-12-2017            |

- **The Board approved the following 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Tutor/Substitute:**

- Pam Kilpatrick, HDEMS

- **The Board approved the following substitute teachers:**

- Kellee Davis
- Victoria Schwartz
- Courtney Simonds

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

| <i>Name</i>    | <i>School</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Application<br/>Renewal Date</i> |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rob Rollins    | MHS           | Athletics       | 05-11-2018                          |
| Rachel Simonds | MHS           | Color Guard     | 05-11-2018                          |

- The Board approved the Director Contract recommendation as presented by the Superintendent.
- The Board approved the District Contract recommendation as presented by the Superintendent.
- The Board approved teacher contract recommendations made by the Superintendent. (See attached list.)
- The Board announced a Public Hearing to be held at either Marble Springs Baptist Church or the Marble Elementary School to begin at 6 pm on May 16, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to hear community views on the prospect of closing Marble Elementary School.
- Ms. Arrowood announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, June 8, 2017 beginning at 6 pm at Central Office.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Teacher Contract Approvals for the 2017/2018 School Year**

**Andrews Elementary School**

| First Name | Last Name       | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Phyllis    | Blaylock        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Tyler      | Edwards         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jennifer   | Forchetti       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Heather    | Gibson          | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Debbie     | Hawkins         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Emily      | Hedden          | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Summer     | Hedrick         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Dana       | Heidbreder      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Krysta     | Huskins-English | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Cassie     | Hyde            | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jason      | Johnson         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jennifer   | Lewis           | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Allen      | Lewis           | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Karissa    | McDonald        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Amanda     | Patterson       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Dorcas     | Phillips        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Hailey     | Raxter          | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Lori       | Roberts         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Emily      | Sneed           | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Ruby Ann   | Williams        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Andrews High School**

| First Name | Last Name     | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Griffin    | Anderson      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Bobby      | Barton        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| William    | Bateman       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Sara       | Beaster       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Margaret   | Jones-Edwards | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Bradley    | Hammond       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Barbara    | Haydon        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Natalie    | Wilson-Keown  | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Georgie    | Kerber        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Emily      | Kilpatrick    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Whitney    | King          | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Dion       | Lansdale      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Tonya      | Raper         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Kayla      | Sprinkles     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Sarah      | Tatham        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Colby      | White         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jill       | White         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Brandon    | Wilson        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Allen      | Lewis         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Andrews Middle School**

| First Name | Last Name | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Josh       | Barton    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Sarah      | Bennett   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Camille    | Brown     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Angela     | Finnegan  | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

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| Lauren   | Gentry    | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Kendra   | Gibson    | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Dion     | Lansdale  | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Zachary  | Morgan    | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Brittany | Pleasants | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |

**Hiwassee Dam Elementary Middle School**

| First Name | Last Name     | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Carissa    | Dancer        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Levi       | English       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Sheila     | Ingle         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Lisa       | Raper-Ledford | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jacqueline | Plott-Lee     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Cassandra  | Parks         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Andrew     | Phillips      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Monica     | Martin-Wayman | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Amber      | Wills         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Stephen    | Stiltner      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Richard    | Caldwell      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| David      | Decker        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Hiwassee Dam High School**

| First Name | Last Name      | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Cristen    | Clonts         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Hannah     | English        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| James      | Godfrey        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Katrina    | Griggs         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jonathan   | Hart           | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Sheila     | Ingle          | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jennifer   | Hogsed         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Megan      | Lee-Watkins    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Karina     | Passmore       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Bethany    | Sharkey        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Connie     | Stiles-McClure | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Stephen    | Stiltner       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Marble Elementary School**

| First Name | Last Name | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Ryan       | Gaither   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Bradley    | Hammond   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Kayla      | Lopp      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Rebecca    | Mathis    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jenny      | McMahan   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jay        | Raxter    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Martins Creek Elementary Middle School**

| First Name | Last Name | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Amanda     | Barber    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Hillary    | Chastain  | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Wilma      | Dobbs     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Debbie     | Ledford   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

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|-----------|------------|--------|-----------|
| Jordan    | Lovingood  | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Brittany  | Pleasants  | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Lucynthia | Postell    | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Deborah   | Southworth | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Katelyn   | Truett     | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |
| Jamie     | Verola     | 1-Year | 6/30/2018 |

**Murphy Elementary School**

| First Name | Last Name  | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Holly      | Cable      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Shawna     | Garrett    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Travis     | Garrett    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Tristian   | Hamby      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Brian      | Hoyt       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Autumn     | Jenkins    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Melissa    | Johnson    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Margaret   | Jordan     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Lisa       | Kelاهر     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Janice     | Loudermilk | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Allison    | Prohl      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Kristina   | Ritz       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Nicole     | Schmidt    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Erin       | Simons     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Megan      | Swanson    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Murphy High School**

| First Name | Last Name   | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Brandon    | Clonts      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jason      | Dickert     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Avery      | Gibson      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Teresa     | Hayes       | 2-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Leia       | Hays        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Aneka      | James       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Amanda     | Johnson     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Alan       | Jones       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Aaron      | Kephart     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| James      | McBride     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Rhonda     | Smiley      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Susan      | Steiner     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Erin       | Wells-McCoy | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Murphy Middle School**

| First Name | Last Name    | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Cheryl     | Barry        | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Erik       | Beck         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jason      | Dickert      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Melissa    | Gant         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Alexandra  | Hughes       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Natalie    | Palmer       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Theresa    | Peacock      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Whitney    | Shope-Tanner | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Peachtree Elementary School**

| First Name | Last Name | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Leah       | Dockery   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Daniel     | Ledford   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Tia        | McKeon    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Laura      | Moses     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Efrain     | Ochoa     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Ranger Elementary Middle School**

| First Name | Last Name          | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Theresa    | Allen              | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Sherry     | Whittaker-Brookins | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Richard    | Caldwell           | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| David      | Decker             | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jessica    | Ennis              | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Gabrielle  | Martin-Gagnon      | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Shelby     | Fowler (Golden)    | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jonathan   | Griggs             | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Stephanie  | Stanley-Henn       | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Shannon    | Holliday           | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Elizabeth  | Leeper             | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Suzanne    | McClelland         | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Michael    | Verola             | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Jessica    | Wright             | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**The Oaks Academy**

| First Name | Last Name | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Sheba      | Brown     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Josh       | Crayton   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Debora     | England   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Mary       | Mills     | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |

**Tri-County Early College**

| First Name | Last Name | Contract Length | Contract Expiration Date |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Catherine  | Chambers  | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Christine  | Crayton   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Adam       | Haigler   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| Benjamin   | Pendarvis | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |
| George     | Thorley   | 1-Year          | 6/30/2018                |