



# Board Bullets

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## *Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, June 8, 2017 (Andrews High School)*

- Beginning at 5 pm, Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- Mr. Arnold Mathews led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts read the mission statement.
- The agenda was accepted as presented.
- The Minutes from the May 11, 2017 board meeting were approved as presented.
- Ms. Arrowood called for public comment. There was none.
- Dr. Jeana Conley presented the Marble Elementary School Feasibility study for consideration. She began by explaining additional data that had been included in the feasibility study presented at the last board meeting which included, expense per student per school. She next explained the funding source for Tri-County Early College and how it is derived from a separate funding source; and how should the Early College be disestablished the funding for the school would not benefit the school district. Following this, Dr. Conley explained how the potential closure of Marble Elementary would positively impact student education—this led into an explanation of addendum (a) of the study which was a breakdown of test scores showing district average compared to Marble Elementary. Next, Dr. Conley touched on a memo received from the principal of Marble which requested additional counselling services be provided; the memo stated that 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of students were in need of 1 to 1 counselling which precipitated the hiring of a part-time counselor to provide this counseling service as Marble did not at the time employ a full time counselor. Following this, Dr. Conley discussed such issues as a lack of Nurses, a gym facility, library, and declining student enrollment since 2008 and the projected enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year as well as redistribution of funds for transportation and cost savings. At the conclusion of her presentation, Dr. Conley yielded the floor for questions of which there were several. Concern was expressed over how the Marble students would be acclimatized to their new school environment to which Dr. Conley explained a plan that would be enacted should the Board decide to close the school. Teacher placement and retention was also a concern to the Board. Dr. Conley stated that all teachers were asked to provide a first, second, and third choice of school assignment and that she is doing her best to honor their requests. There was much more discussion, questions and answers about this matter which covered: State paid principal salaries for schools with less than 100 students, delivery of the long range facilities plan by Mr. Paul Boney, impact of closure on the teachers at AES and AMS, impact on student teacher ratio, plans for employment of the present principal of Marble Elementary, and past budget negotiations with the county commissioners. At the conclusion of the discussions, Ms. Arrowood called the issue to question. The measure proposed by Dr. Conley passed with a vote of 4 to 2.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts delivered a report from the Financial Planning Subcommittee meeting held June 1, 2017. During his report, Mr. Clonts addressed the following items the Financial Planning Subcommittee heard, discussed, and/or approved:
  - Propane Contract award.
    - 1) The FPS approved awarding the propane contract to Freeman Gas for their bid of \$0.89 cents per gallon.
  - Pest Control Service Contract
    - 1) The FPS awarded the contract to Gregory Pest Control.
  - Motor Coach (Charter bus) Vetting service
    - 1) The FPS awarded the contract to Eastern Transportation Consultants
  - Well & Water Testing and Monitoring Services
    - 1) The FPS awarded the contract to Environmental Inc.

- AHS Cafeteria Roof Architectural Services Fee
  - 1) Contract awarded to Mr. Mike Cox
- AHS Security Access Entry Door
  - 1) The FPS approved installation of one door.
- Server Purchase for CCS.
  - 1) The FPS approved contracting with Shi to provide two servers that will serve as the primary CCS servers in the amount of \$16,410. The present servers to be used as backup servers.
- At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Clonts included several HVAC chiller repair items that had been performed after the FPS had met; those repairs being made to MES and AES.
- Ms. Stephanie Hass presented several budget amendments and renewal of contracts for consideration. Those items for consideration were:
  - State Public Schools Fund
  - Local Current Expense Fund
  - Federal Programs Fund
  - Capital Projects Fund
    - 1) *Use of ½ Cent Sales tax in the amount of \$56,675 for use as follows:*
      - i. *Andrews High School Cafeteria project*
        - *Architectural Design:* \$13,400
      - ii. *Peachtree Elementary Loading Dock project*
        - *Architectural Design:* \$3,600
      - iii. *Peachtree Elementary Loading Dock project*
        - *Wells & West:* \$5,725
      - iv. *District IT System Servers (NOC) (two servers)*
        - *Shi:* \$16,489
      - v. *Andrews High School Security Entry Door*
        - *NCI:* \$4,279
      - vi. *Murphy Elementary School Chiller Condenser Motor*
        - *Dalton HVAC:* \$2,260
      - vii. *Murphy Elementary School Heat Pump Repair*
        - *Dalton HVAC:* \$3,392
      - viii. *Andrews Elementary School Chiller/Freon*
        - *Dalton HVAC:* \$3,392
      - ix. *Andrews Elementary School Chiller/Sensors*
        - *Dalton HVAC:* \$3,951
  - Grants, Donations, and Reimbursements Fund
  - NCSBT 2017 Auto IM Fund Contribution Renewal Invoice
  - Agreement to Participate in the NC SBT Errors and Omissions General Liability Fund
  - Turner & Company CPA Confirmation of Understanding
  - Turner & Company Contract to Audit Accounts
- The budget amendments as well as the contracts and renewals were approved.
- Mr. Jeff Tatham delivered the Policy Subcommittee recommendations by announcing policies for second reading. Those policies presented are:
  - 2650 Liaison with School Boards Associations
  - 4333 Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety
  - 4335 Criminal Behavior
  - 4351 Short-Term Suspension
  - 4400 Attendance Policy
  - 4700 Student Records
  - 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services
  - 7260 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens
  - 7430 Substitute Teachers
  - 7820 Personnel Files
- The policies presented for second reading were approved.

- Next, Mr. Tatham presented policies for first reading as prepared by the Policy Subcommittee:

- 2220 Official School Spokesperson
- 2325 Board Meeting News Coverage
- 2330 Board Meeting Agenda
- 2600 Consultants to the Board
- 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- 6140 Student Wellness
- 6306 School bus Idling
- 7720 Employee Political Activities

- Dr. Conley tabled her superintendent’s report to be delivered at the next regular board meeting.
- 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 Retirements and Resignations**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position &amp; Assignment,</i>	<i>Type of Request</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Marshall Currin	Custodian, AHS	Retirement	06-30-2017
Boyd Luther	Teacher, MHS	Retirement	06-30-2017
Sandra Wilcher	Assistant Principal, REMS	Retirement	06-30-2017
Erik Beck	Teacher, MMS	Resignation	06-17-2017
Paula Graham	Secretary, MMS	Resignation	06-30-2017
Dwight Henry	Teacher, Oaks Academy	Resignation	05-31-2017
Vyron Minor	Administrative Assistant, HDHS	Resignation	06-30-2017

- **The Board approved the following personnel for the Summer Reading Camp:**

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| ○ Diane Sneed      | ○ Summer Hedrick  |
| ○ Margi Brownback  | ○ Ryan Gaither    |
| ○ Karissa McDonald | ○ Adam Clonts     |
| ○ Maria Campbell   | ○ Melissa Johnson |
| ○ Debbie Ledford   | ○ Brenda Worley   |
| ○ Hailey Raxter    | ○ Leah Dockery    |

- **The Board approved the following personnel for the Summer Day Camp:**

*MES Full Time*

- Heather McClure
- Deborah Sanders
- Efrain Ochoa
- Sandra Carroll

*MES Part Time*

- Alice Bettis
- Dianna Sneed
- Brenda Worley

○ Sandi Zielepuza

*AES Full Time*

- Teresa Mosteller
- Julie Aiken

*AES Part Time*

- Marsha Davis

*Substitutes*

- Regina Gentry
- Krista English

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

- Misty Bennett
- Michael Hembree
- Mackenzie Higdon

- Ms. Arrowood announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, July 13, 2017 beginning at 6 pm at Central Office.
- Ms. Arrowood announced a Special Called meeting to be held Friday, June 30, 2017 beginning at 12 pm at Central Office. The purpose of the meeting being budget and personnel.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.