

Board Bullets

Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held on Thursday, June 30, 2016 beginning at 6 pm, at Central Office

- Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the meeting to order.
- Mr. George Postell led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts read the mission statement.
- The agenda was approved.
- The Minutes from the May 12, 2016 board meeting were approved as presented.
- Ms. Arrowood called for public comment and recognized Mr. Tom Hurd and Ms. Linda Hurd who wished to address Federal guidelines recently issued with regards to restroom and locker room use by students identifying with a specific gender. Mr. Hurd's primary concern with this National issue being that adherence to the law will have unintended consequences resulting in lawsuits.
- Ms. Andrea Stewart presented the NC AIG Program Standard Plan for Cherokee County Schools to the Board for consideration. The plan was approved.
- Ms. Jennifer Cable proposed an increase to the high school lunch price to \$2.75 stating that such an increase would align meal prices to the Federal standard. The increase was approved. Following this, Ms. Cable presented her 2016/17 School Nutrition budget for consideration. The budget was approved. Next, Ms. Cable provided an information brief of vendor contracts that rolled over from last school year and sought Board approval to continue with the same vendors. The contract rollovers were approved for Coca Cola, Bimbo Bakery, Corrections Enterprises, Mayfield, Borden, Foster Caviness, and US Foods.
- Ms. Stephanie Hass was recognized and presented budget amendments to the following funds for approval:
 - State Public School Fund
 - Local Current Expense Fund
 - Federal Programs Fund
 - Capital Projects Fund
 - School Nutrition Fund
 - Grants, Donations and ReimbursementsThe amendments were approved. Ms. Hass next presented an application for use of NC Education Lottery funds to be applied to the AHS Bldg. B renovations in the amount of \$42,762.85. The request was approved. Following this, Ms. Hass presented a Contractual Service Letter of Engagement from Turner and Company, CPAs P.A., to provide audit services to Cherokee County Schools. The letter of engagement was approved. Ms. Hass next informed the Board of insurance coverages to be provided for the 2016/17 school year. Lastly, Ms. Hass presented a proposed Interim Budget Resolution for consideration. The resolution was approved.
- Ms. Debbie Hogan presented several policies for first and second reading. The following policies were heard for second reading and were approved: 1310/4002 Parental Involvement, 1710/4021/7230 Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying, 1720/4015/7225 Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying Complaint Procedure, 2320 Compliance with the Open Meeting Law, 2400 Board Policies, 4040/7310 Staff-Student Relations, 4110 Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission, 7810 Evaluation of Licensed Employees, and 4326 Student Drug Testing (Drug Screening for Middle and High School Athletes).
- After presenting the policies for second reading, Ms. Hogan presented policies for first reading; those policies being: 4206 Student Driving Privileges, 4303 Fair and Consistent Discipline Administration (New Policy), 5030 Community use of Facilities, 5071/7351 Electronically Stored Information

Retention, 6305 Safety and Student Transportation Services, 7335 Employee use of Social Media, and 7920 Reduction in Force: Teachers and School Administrators.

- Ms. Jeana Conley delivered her Superintendent’s report to the Board. She began by stating how, as a result of everyone’s hard work and dedication, it had been a great year. She stated that On-line testing had been successfully performed district wide; that all revenue was in the black—she expressed gratitude for all the principals, teachers, students and community for supporting the school system this year. Next, Ms. Conley announced the 2015/16 School Year Teachers of the Year as follows:

- Phyllis Blaylock—Andrews Elementary School
- Shanna Mustin—Andrews High School
- Jenna West—Andrews Middle School
- Marla Hincke—Marble Elementary
- April Harper—Hiwassee Dam Elementary Middle School
- Lynn Barry-Toth—Hiwassee Dam High School
- Kary McClure—Peachtree Elementary School
- Mary Beth Cornwell—The Oaks Academy
- Regina Gentry—Murphy Elementary School
- Keith Payne—Murphy High School
- Charlotte Hill—Murphy Middle School
- Janine Gilfilian—Martins Creek Elementary Middle School
- Tracy Allen—Ranger Elementary Middle School
- Patricia Mathews—Tri-County Early College

- Following this announcement, Ms. Conley informed the Board that the Summer Reading Camp had been successfully launched at MES and AES and that there are more than 90 students enrolled in the elementary reading program; she expressed appreciation for Ms. Julie Higdon and Ms. Kim Gibson for their efforts in bringing about this program. She then commended the Technology Team on their efforts to complete a seamless rollover of phone services. Ms. Conley then informed the Board of the upcoming STEM Robotics Camps, stating that there were approximately 70 students enrolled in the program between two schools organized and directed by Jennifer White. Next, Ms. Conley commended the School Nutrition department on a successful audit by referencing a letter received from NCDA-NCS Administrative Review that acknowledged Ms. Jennifer Cable and Ms. Jennifer Rayfield on their hard work and announced no discrepancies or findings were noted and no corrective action needed. Lastly, Ms. Conley informed the Board of the recent publication and availability of the “90 Year Historical Journey of the Cherokee County Board of Education”. Ms. Conley went on to inform the Board that copies of the book could be purchased from Amazon.com as well as other online sources and that copies would be available for purchase at Central Office soon, and recognized Greg Chapman as author and thanked him for his dedicated efforts to make this publication a reality.

- Ms. Debbie Hogan read the motion to adjourn to break and closed session. The motion was approved.

- A motion was made to return to open session. The motion was approved.

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

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position & Assignment,</i>	<i>Type of Request</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Tyler Banister	Teacher, AMS	Resignation	06/24/2016
Megan Queen	Teacher, REMS	Resignation	06/30/2016
Mike Trammel	EC Teacher, AHS	Resignation	06/30/2016
Caroline Schutte	Teacher, MHS	Resignation	06/30/2016
Tara Watson	Teacher, REMS	Resignation	08/01/2016
Cynthia Rhodes	Teacher, REMS	Resignation	06/30/2016

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position & Assignment,</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Billy Ray Ledford	Bus Driver, District	08/22/2016—02/27/2017

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Colby White	Teacher, AHS	07/01/2016
Holly Cable	Teacher, MES	07/01/2016
Lisa Kelaher	Teacher, MES	07/01/2016
Jay Raxter	EC Teacher, Marble	07/01/2016
Jordan Lovingood	Teacher, MCEMS	07/01/2016
Lella Dougherty	Teacher, MMS (Part-time)	07/01/2016-06/30/2017
Josh Crayton	CTE Teacher, Oaks Academy	07/01/2016

- **The Board approved the following Bus Drivers:**
 - Chase Phillips
 - Keith Holloway (*Effective: November 1, 2016*)
 - Stephen Stiltner
 - Libby Solesbee
- **The Board approved the following 21st CCLC Personnel for the 2016 STEM Summer Academy:**
 - **21st CCLC Summer Camp Instructors**
 - a) Davis Bryant
 - b) Vivian Davis
 - c) Connie Dillard
 - d) Kristin Gaither
 - e) Efrain Ochoa
 - f) Deborah Sanders
 - g) Debbie Reid
 - h) Mike Verola
 - i) Sandy Zielepuza
 - j) Judy Breazeale—*One day a week STEM activity*
 - k) Gail Hubbard—*Part-time supervision/Co- Summer Director*
 - l) Jodi Alverson—*Part-time supervision/Co- Summer Director*
 - **21st CCLC Part-time Substitutes** (*To be utilized on an as needed basis.*)
 - a) Amanda Barton- Patterson
 - b) Carrie Ledford
 - c) Brenda Worley
 - d) Melissa Johnson
 - e) Dianna Sneed
 - **21st CCLC Bus Drivers**
 - a) Angie Davis
 - b) Justin Dockery
 - c) Glenda Hughes
 - **21st CCLC Substitute Bus Drivers**
 - a) Dexter Stiles
- **The Board approved the following Read to Achieve Summer Reading Camp personnel:**
 - Summer Reading Camp Substitutes
 - a) Krysta Huskins-English
 - b) Leah Dockery
 - c) Amanda Patterson
 - d) Margi Brownback
 - e) Shelby Golden
 - Summer Reading Camp Teachers
 - a) Summer Hedrick
 - b) Sarah Tatham
 - c) Jennifer Lewis
 - d) Christina Berry
 - e) Jennifer Lugiewicz
 - f) Carissa Dancer
 - g) Lisa Kelaher

- h) Adam Clonts
- i) Karissa McDonald -Teague
- j) Jackie Lee
- k) Maria Dobbs
- l) Brenda Worley
- m) Dianna Sneed
- n) Melissa Johnson

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date</i>
Cindy Luther	AMS, Cafeteria Manager	AES, Cafeteria Manager	08/22/2016
Regina Younce	AES, Cafeteria Manager	AMS, Cafeteria Manager	08/22/2016
Freda Coffey	AES, Cafeteria	MMS, Cafeteria	08/22/2016
Ruby Cutshaw	AHS, Teacher	AMS, Teacher	07/01/2016
Alaina Ledford	AHS, Teacher	AMS, Teacher	07/01/2016
Jenny McMahan	AHS, Media Coordinator	MBL/PES, Media Coordinator	07/01/2016
Mary White	AHS, Teacher	AHS, Media Coordinator	07/01/2016
Linda Kemerer	AMS, Counselor	MMS, Counselor	07/01/2016
Jason Johnson	AMS, EC Teacher	AES, EC Teacher	07/01/2016
Sarah Tatham	AES, EC Teacher	AHS, EC Teacher	07/01/2016
David Payne	MHS/MES/TCEC, Teacher	MES/TCEC, Teacher	07/01/2016
Erik Laney	MMS, Teacher	MHS, Teacher	07/01/2016
Joseph Watson	MMS, Teacher	MHS, Teacher	07/01/2016
Stephanie Foley	MMS, EC Teacher	MMS, Teacher	07/01/2016
Nikol Watson	MES, Teacher	MMS, Teacher	07/01/2016
Amanda Johnson	HDHS, CTE Teacher	MHS, CTE Teacher	07/01/2016
Colton Stewart	MHS/MMS/MCS, Band	MHS/MMS/PES, Band	07/01/2016
Logan Clonts	District, Drivers Ed	MMS, TA	08/22/2016
Erik Beck	MCEMS, Teacher	MMS, Teacher	07/01/2016
Chelsea Picon	REMS, Counselor	MHS, Counselor	07/01/2016
Lauren Gentry	MCEMS, Counselor/TA	REMS, Counselor	07/01/2016
Natalie Palmer	HDEMS, EC Teacher	MMS, EC Teacher	07/01/2016
Teresa Ricks	MES, PT Admin Asst.	MES, Admin Asst.	08/01/2016
Megan Swanson	MMS/MBL, Teacher	MES, Teacher	07/01/2016
Thomas Nelson	MHS, Teacher	MMS/MHS, Teacher	07/01/2016

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Reason for Volunteering</i>	<i>Application Renewal Date</i>
Christina Bohanon	MCEMS	Helping Hands	06/14/2017
Tiffany Totherow	MCEMS	Helping Hands	06/14/2017
Michael Jones	MMS	Soccer Coach	06/14/2017
Jordan Lovingood	MHS	Volleyball, Basketball Coach	06/14/2017
James Jallah, Jr.	AHS	Soccer Coach	06/14/2017
Timothy Wood	AHS	Basketball Coach	06/14/2017
James Martin	AHS	Football Coach	06/14/2017
Jerry Christensen	AHS	Football Coach	06/14/2017

• **The Board approved contract renewals for the following Teachers:**

<u>Andrews Elementary</u>	Emily Sneed	Summer Hedrick
Krysta Huskins-English	Jennifer Forchetti	Cassie Hyde
Ruby Ann Williams	Nicole Gibson	Jason Johnson
Lori Roberts	Tyler Edwards	<u>Andrews High</u>
Amanda Patterson	Emily Hedden	Barbara Haydon
Phyllis Blaylock	Dana Heidbreder	Margaret Jones-Edwards
Shawna Garrett	Hailey Raxter	Tonya Raper
Debbie Hawkins	Jennifer Lewis	William Bateman
Dorcas Phillips	Karissa McDonald	Susannah Thompson

Allen Lewis
Natalie Wilson-Keown
Sara Beaster
Amanda Chapman
Brandon Wilson
Griffin Anderson
Jill White
Bobby Barton
Kayla Sprinkles
Emily Kilpatrick
Michael Trammell
Sarah Tatham

Andrews Middle

Bradley Hammond
Kendra Gibson
James Vaught
Camille Brown
Elizabeth Gibson
Sarah Bennett
Brittany Pleasants

Hiwassee Dam EM

Jacqueline Plott-Lee
Monica Martin-Wayman
Cassandra Parks
Deborah Southworth
Lisa Raper-Ledford
Sheila Ingle
Levi English
Carissa Dancer
Richard Caldwell
Stephen Stiltner
Andrew Phillips
David Decker

Hiwassee Dam High

James Godfrey
Connie Stiles-McClure
Megan Lee-Watkins

Hannah English
Katrina Griggs
Jonathan Hart
Bethany Hamby
Cristen Cameron
Marble Elementary
Rebecca Mathis
Kayla Lopp
Jay Raxter

Martins Creek EM

Hillary Chastain
Wilma Dobbs
Debbie Ledford
Amanda Barber
Jamie Verola
Lucynthia Postell
Jordan Lovingood

The Oaks Academy

Debora England
Mary Mills

Murphy Elementary

Kristina Ritz
Melissa Johnson
Tristian Hamby
Brian Hoyt
Travis Garrett
Erin Simmons
Cheryl Barry
Janice Loudermilk
Autumn Jenkins
Jennifer Coker
Holly Cable
Lisa Kelaher
Megan Swanson

Murphy High

Brandon Clonts
James McBride

Alan Jones
Susan Steiner
Leia Hays
Aaron Kephart
Erin Wells-McCoy
Avery Gibson
Aneka James
Colton Stewart
Amanda Johnson
Murphy Middle
Whitney Shope-Tanner
Alexandra Hughes
Melissa Gant
Erik Beck
Natalee Palmer

Peachtree Elementary

Tia McKeon
Leah Dockery
Daniel Ledford
Efrain Ochoa

Ranger EM

Gabrielle Martin-Gagnon
Shelby Fowler
Jonathan Griggs
Sherry Whittaker-
Brookins
Stephanie Stanley-Henn
Shannon Holliday
Jessica Wright
Lauren Gentry
TCEC
Benjamin Pendarvis
George Thorley
Adam Haigler
Catherine Chambers
Theresa Peacock

- Ms. Arrowood announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, July 14, 2016 beginning at 6 pm at Central Office.
- It was announced the Financial Planning and Policy Subcommittee would meet July 7, 2016, with the Financial Planning meeting at 3:30 pm and the Policy meeting at 5 pm, each at Central Office.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.