



# Board Bullets

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## *Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, August 10, 2017 (Central Office)*

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Central Office Staff attending: Alissa Cheek, Julie Higdon, Jennifer Cable, Kim Gibson, Stephanie Hass, John Higdon, John Parker, and Pam Pressley.

- Beginning at 6 pm, Ms. Wanda Arrowood 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 July 31, 2017 regular board meeting were approved as presented.
- Ms. Arrowood called for public comment. Mr. Gary Chamberlain was recognized and advised the Board of the many anti-litter efforts being made by students and staff of Cherokee County Schools.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts and Mr. John Higdon delivered a report from the Financial Planning Subcommittee meeting held August 3, 2017. During this report, the following items were discussed:
  - New Chiller at MMS and the installation of a temporary chiller until the new unit arrives.
  - Termite damage to cabinets at MHS and units purchased to replace those damaged.
  - Purchase of 30 science room chairs for AHS.
  - Replacement of two cafeteria tables and basketball goals for REMS.
  - Purchase of art tables and chairs for AHS.
- Following this, Mr. Clonts explained that the chiller purchase for MMS was necessary. Mr. Clonts went on to report the need of additional classrooms at HDHS as well as planning to repave the HDS parking lot in the future.
- Ms. Stephanie Hass presented the 2017-2018 Budget Resolutions for:
  - State Public School Fund
  - Local Current Expense Fund
  - Federal Programs Fund
  - Capital Projects Fund
  - School Nutrition Fund, and
  - Grants, Donations, and Reimbursements Fund
- The 2017-2018 Budget Resolutions are approved.
- Next, Ms. Hass presented budget amendments for consideration for the following funds:
  - State Public School Fund
  - Capital Projects Fund
  - School Nutrition Fund
  - The usage of ½ cent sales tax funds approved in the amount of \$27,645 is for the following:
    - 1) Staples
      - i. MHS Storage Cabinets \$1,299
    - 2) Worthington Direct
      - i. AHS Science Chairs \$3,014
    - 3) School Specialty
      - i. Ranger Cafeteria Tables \$2,400
    - 4) BSN Sports
      - i. Ranger Gym Basketball goals, padding repair, etc. \$1,249
    - 5) Worthington Direct

i.    AHS Art Tables & Chairs	\$4,111
6) Dalton HVAC	
i.    MES Chiller Rental (Traine)	\$14,074
7) Dalton HVAC	
i.    MES Plumbing for Chiller Rental	\$1,498

- The amendments and usage of ½ cent sales tax are approved.
- Lastly, Ms. Hass presented a request for use of NC Education Lottery Funds for:
  - Debt Service Payment, REMS classroom addition project in the amount of: \$75,027.35
- The use of Lottery Funds is approved.
- Mr. Jeff Tatham delivered the Policy Subcommittee recommendations by announcing policies for second reading. Those policies presented are:
  - 3410 Testing and Assessment Program
  - 3470/4305 Alternative learning Programs
  - 5008 Automated Phone and Text Messaging
  - 5030 Community use of Facilities
  - 6320 Use of Student Transportation Services
  - 6450 Purchase of Services
  - 7930 Professional Employees Demotion and Dismissal
- The policies presented for second reading were approved. The Board tabled policy 4150 School Assignment.
- Next, Mr. Tatham presented policies for first reading as prepared by the Policy Subcommittee:
  - 3640-5130 Student Voter Registration and Preregistration
  - 4250-5075-7316 North Carolina Address Confidentiality Program
- Dr. Conley delivered her superintendent’s report. Dr. Conley began by announcing overnight fieldtrips approved for student of the Andrews High School band to travel to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, TN on May 11, 2018 where they will apply the elements of music and musical techniques in order to sing and play music with accuracy and expression. She next announced that students of the Spanish classes and Club of Andrews High School will travel to Costa Rica on April 2, 2018 and while in Costa Rica students will gain fluency in the language, learn about history and culture of Costa Rica and study the scientific/geographical aspects of Costa Rica. Following this, Dr. Conley informed the Board that Mr. Paul Boney presented several potential plans for schools improvement and construction; as well as very exciting legislation being considered by the Legislature that will provide \$3 to \$1 for Tier I Counties to pursue new building construction up to \$15 million. This legislation, if passed, would really enable Cherokee County Schools to broaden our vision as far as what we want to provide for our students and brings us closer to getting our students into some modern classrooms. Following this, she informed the Board that preparations are being made to launch the 2017-18 school year beginning August 28, 2017. Classrooms are being painted and there are a number of teachers who are already back at work—without being worried about being on the clock—and getting their rooms and materials ready for students! Dr. Conley stated that “we’re so grateful for our wonderful teachers who work with us.” She went on to report more good news by stating that numerous churches and businesses have donated and worked with our PTAs so the classroom materials lists for this year for most schools are mostly non-existent or miniscule as far as what’s required for students to come back to school. Dr. Conley concluded her report by stating that many schools, including Andrews Middle are hosting eclipse events; through the efforts of Andrews Middle, they have already raised a great deal of money that will go toward afterschool programming, robotics competitions, and a great deal of academic pursuits that Mrs. Higdon and her staff have lined out. They will also be hosting a great number of retired scientists, teachers, and NASA data collectors.
- 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 Resignations**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position &amp; Assignment,</i>	<i>Type of Request</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Caleb English	Teacher, MMS	Resignation	08-10-2017
Andy Pyle	Teacher, MCEMS	Resignation	08-10-2017
Karen Stewart	Cafeteria, MES	Resignation	07-10-2017
Amber Coffey	TA, MCEMS	Resignation	08-10-2017

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Inclusive Dates</i>
Shelby Golden	09-18-2017—10-27-2017
Angela West	08-10-2017—11-30-2017
Megan Swanson	08-28-2017—05-28-2018

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position &amp; Assignment</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Anne Franklin	Enrichment Instructor, MMS	08-10-2017
Larry Hunsucker	IT Computer Tech, District	08-10-2017
Breezlei Raxter	Teacher, MMS	08-10-2017
Chad Shook	Teacher, HDEMS	08-10-2017
Cindy Thrasher	TA, MCEMS	08-10-2017
Donnel Nichols	Cafeteria, REMS	08-10-2017
Ty Martinez	Cafeteria, PES	08-10-2017
Carrie Passmore	Cafeteria, AHS	08-10-2017
Stephanie Moore	Cafeteria, MCEMS	08-10-2017

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

- Sharon Gibson
- Geneva Gillus
- Kimberly McNabb
- Candace Vaughn

- **The Board approved the following Bus Drivers:**

- Christine Crayton
- Josh Crayton
- Stephanie Ledford
- Enoch Martin
- Heath Curtis

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position, From</i>	<i>Position, To</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Teresa Bryant	PT Cafeteria, AMS	FT Cafeteria, AMS	08-10-2017
Susan Yankanich	PT Cafeteria, MCS	FT Cafeteria, MES	08-10-2017
Jane Ware	AIG, District	EC Teacher, District	08-10-2017
Elaine Luther	TA, MCS	Pre-K TA, PES	08-10-2017
Aerian Rayburn	TA, PES	TA, MCS	08-10-2017

- **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>
Kimberly Bozeman	AHS	Volleyball	08-10-2018
Brent Burch	AHS	Football	08-10-2018
Tommy Chekelelee	AHS	Band	08-10-2018
Jerry Christensen	AHS	Football/Track & Field	08-10-2018
John Holland	AHS	Football	08-10-2018
James Martin	AHS	Football	08-10-2018
Dustin Pawter	AHS	Volunteer Coach	08-10-2018
Leighton Brown	MHS	Volunteer Coach	08-10-2018
Gary Thompson	MHS	Volunteer Coach	08-10-2018
Jeffrey Stiles	MHS	Volunteer Coach	08-10-2018
Mitchell Newton	MHS	Volunteer Coach	08-10-2018

- Ms. Arrowood announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, September 14, 2017 beginning at 6 pm at Central Office. The next Financial Planning Subcommittee and Policy Subcommittee meetings will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017 beginning at 4 and 5 pm at Central Office.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.