

Board Bullets

Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held on Thursday, October 7, 2010, 6:00 p.m., at the Murphy Elementary School

Thank you to those Principals and Administrators attending: Kim Worley, Alissa Cheek, Bill Gaither, Kim Gibson, Tom Graham, Virginia Haynes, Arnold Mathews, Barry McClure, Mike Penninger, Phil Pressley, Andy Pyle, Boyd Shields, Paul Wilson, Jodi Alverson, Terelle Beaver, Kenny Garland, Jeana Hardin, DavAnn Hubbard, Karen Kephart, Carol Sims, Libby Thigpen, and Gary Wright.

- Mr. Randy Barnett called the meeting to order welcoming all those attending.
- Ms. Kimberly Worley led the invocation, Ms. Wanda Arrowood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. David Ackerman read the Mission Statement.
- The Agenda and Minutes were approved as presented.
- Ms. Linda Hurd appeared before the Board to ask if it was possible for Drama to be returned to the High School curriculum.
- Dr. Steve Lane recognized the Principal of the Year, Mr. Arnold Mathews.
- Mr. Kenny Garland recognized the Teachers of the Year:

Mr. Ben Owens	Ms. Sonya Crouch	Ms. Christina Berry
Ms. Sara Hickey	Ms. Janine Gilfilian	Ms. Vivian Johnson
Ms. Jenny Sickler	Mr. Thomas Nelson	Ms. Martha VanBuskirk
Ms. Brandy Farmer	Ms. Andrea Loudermilk	Ms. Mary White

Ms Wendy Britt
- Mr. Garland provided the Board with a thorough and detailed informational brief of SAT, ACT, and AP Scores for Cherokee County Schools for the 2009/10 school year.
- Ms. Jodi Alverson appeared before the Board and presented the District's Improvement Plan for approval. The plan was approved.
- Mr. Bill Gaither presented Mountain Youth's School Improvement Plan to the Board for approval. The plan was approved.
- Ms. Terelle Beaver appeared before the Board with a budget amendment for the State Public School Fund, 2010/11. The amendment was approved as presented.
- The Board heard several policies for first reading: 1740/4010 -- Student and Parent Grievance Procedures, 1750/7220 – Grievance Procedure for Employees, 5000 – Schools and the Community, and 6140 -- Automated External Defibrillation
- Dr. Lane announced several Overnight Field Trips which were approved. Dr. Lane provided the Board with the following Superintendent's Report: First, I would like to congratulate Arnold Mathews on his selection as Principal of the Year and all our Teachers of the Year as well as Steve Bias for being the Teacher of the Year for the District. There was a lot of hard work involved in making this happen, and there is much more hard work for Arnold and Steve as they go forth for the Regional competition. We received our property report from Mr. Brian King of the Department of Public Instruction, the agency responsible for insuring all of our building and grounds. When we received this report several years ago, it was

literally three quarters of an inch thick with discrepancies listed that needed to be corrected. On this latest report---this marks the second year in a row---there were no discrepancies of any type listed on the insurance inspection. This takes a lot of hard work from Principals and Teachers checking out things at their schools and reporting the same to maintenance. It involves maintenance following up and getting the areas corrected. It involves the resources being made available so corrective action can be taken. In short, it involves a lot of hard work and we appreciate all the efforts of the maintenance department and Gary Wright, and Terelle. Congratulations to all those who were involved in making this happen. We also want to thank our CTE committee folks: Pam Dickey, Erik Brinke, David Badger, Randy Wiggins, Jonathan Dickey, Phylis Blackmon, Alan Williams, Jamie Barnett, and Randy Barnett. They took the time to come together and spend time away from their regular jobs to come in and go from high school to high school to look at our CTE systems and make great recommendations. This is one of the additional reasons we've been able to prevent or correct many of those discrepancies. I'd like to recognize Ms. Alaina Tallant who was awarded a scholarship by the Master of Liberal Arts Program at the UNC in Asheville. She teaches chemistry, physical science and earth science at Andrews High. There are not a lot of scholarships going to teachers from public institutions, so congratulations to her. We want to recognize the 300th win for Coach Gentry. He has one more to tie and one more to achieve the record. There was a great write up in the Ashville Citizen-Times and as it said, Coach Gentry is indeed a legend. It was good to be there at that game to see a hard fought effort by our kids and see them doing lots of great things on the field. I'd like to also congratulate Hiwassee Dam High School Principal Mr. Tom Graham and the athletic director, Mr. Daniel McNabb, as well as Andrews High School Principal Ms. Virginia Haynes and athletic director Mr. Dane Rickett for being "ejection free" in all the sports for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a tough thing to accomplish these days and there weren't many school systems being represented from Region 8 to receive this recognition; we appreciate the sportsmanship that takes place on the field. I would like also to recognize Ms. Penny Johnson, our conference president, who was the Region 8 special award winner for her outstanding contributions to the athletic conference. She was the sole winner of that award for the entire region. Cherokee County Schools was well represented in the awards category.

- At this time, the Board adjourned to closed session. After returning to open session the Board took the following action(s):
- The following retirement was approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/School</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Elaine Dumas	NBCT Intensive Intervention/AES	Retirement	Dec 1, 2010

- The following leaves of absence were approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/School</u>	<u>Type Leave</u>	<u>From Date</u>	<u>To Date</u>
M. Soik	P-K Assistant, MES	Medical	Oct 7, 2010	Nov 8, 2010
M. Sudderth-Stiles	Assistant, MES	Maternity	Jan 3, 2011	Mar 9, 2011

- The Board approved hiring of the following personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Debbie Reeves	Interim Teacher	Martins Creek	Oct 27, 2010
Sharon Dockery	Cafeteria Manager	Murphy High	Oct 18, 2010
Vicki Bauman	Bus Driver	Hiwassee Dam/Ranger	Oct 07, 2010

(Note: Vickie Bauman's approval is based on her successful completion of the Bus Driver Training.)

- The Board approved the following as-needed duty assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Christina Berry	Connie Curtis	Marie Dobbs
Cecelia Kruggel	Laura Moses	Carolyn Reichman
Rodney Sellers	Ashley Spikes	Brenda Worley
Megan Swanson		

- The Board approved the following substitute teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Wendy Boyce	Linda May	Janie Payne	Donald Slifer
Jason Bryson	Allison McClure(Smith)	David Reiford	Johnny Srabian
Jeanne Burns	Megan Maffetone	Charlene Rickett	Michael Thompson
Kelly Craven	Tonya Padgett	Kristina Ritz	Karen Tipsword
Jennifer Farr	Wendy Parker	Ann Robinson	April Twiggs
Dr. C. Hendley	Laura Anderson	Heather Luther	Jennifer Quackenbos
Leslie Stanley	Nancy Scott		

- The Board approved the following volunteers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>School</u>
Willard Beaver	Wrestling	MHS	Louis Leggett	Softball	MHS
Diane Brown	Swimming	MHS	Scott Peterson	Baseball	Ranger
Jonathan Cochran	Basketball	Ranger	F. Roberson	Basketball	MHS
William Cook	Softball	MHS	Derek Sena	Softball	Ranger
Geri Heier	Swimming	HDHS	Tara Sena	Softball	Ranger
Stephen Kent	Wrestling	MHS	Ashley Smith	Basketball	MMS
Jerry Kilpatrick	Baseball	HD/Ranger			

- Dr. Lane announced the following transfer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>
Chelsie Picon	TCEC Workforce Counselor	MES Interim Counselor	Oct 18, 2010

- The next meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Education will be held at Ranger Elementary/Middle School, on November 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.