



Board Bullets

Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2016

Beginning at 4:30 pm, the Board of Education, Superintendent, many directors and principals, friends and well-wishers gathered at Central Office to bid farewell to Messrs., Bill Gaither, Barry McClure and Boyd Shields, as they each embark upon their well-deserved journey of retirement. The gathering was one of nostalgic recollection, happiness and emotional farewells. It concluded with Ms. Conley presenting each a small token of our school systems unending gratitude for their endeavors to further the educational opportunities afforded the youth of this county. These three principals will be genuinely missed and we wish them all much happiness and success in their retirement.

- Beginning at 6 pm, Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the meeting to order.
- Mr. Paul Brown led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mr. George Postell read the mission statement.
- A motion was made to amend the agenda to include a decision regarding allowing 6th graders to participate in middle school athletics with the exception of football. The motion was approved.
- Ms. Arrowood called for public comment and there was none.
- Ms. Arrowood opened the floor for discussion about the question of allowing 6th grade student to participate in middle school athletics. Ms. Conley began by advising the Board of several principals concerns about this authority being given as well as principals who were in favor of the decision as well as information about other school systems in the region that have already approved such participation. There was some discussion after which a motion was made to allow 6th grade students to participate in middle school athletics. The motion was approved.
- Following this, Ms. Arrowood announced the Consent Agenda items for consideration. Those items are:
 - Approval of the Minutes from September 15, 2016.
 - Approval of the Beginning Teacher Support Handbook as prepared by Ms. Pam Pressley.
 - Approval & acceptance of the Financial Planning Subcommittee Update as prepared by Mr. John Higdon.
 - 1) Finance and Facilities update.
 - 2) Charter Bus company for approval: Burke International
 - 3) Use of Sales Tax request (Itemized list contained in the Budget request.)
 - Approval of the Budget amendment and usage request as prepared by Ms. Stephanie Hass.
 - 1) Amends State Public School Fund
 - 2) Amends Local Current Expense Fund
 - 3) Amends Federal Programs Fund
 - 4) Amends Capital Projects Fund: Use of ½ Cent Sales tax in the amount of \$38,865 for use as follows:
 - i. Dalton HVAC- Peachtree HVAC unit repair:\$9,938
 - ii. WNC Fence – MMS fence around chiller:\$1,402
 - iii. Crisp Asphalt Paving – MHS Track:\$4,815
 - iv. Environmental, Inc. MCEMS Soda Ashe Injector System:\$1,065
 - v. WNC Fence – Ranger playground fence:\$3,419
 - vi. Dalton HVAC - MMS Chiller add-on items:\$3,966
 - vii. Civil Design Engineering - Oaks Water System engineering cost:\$8,828
 - viii. Hillside Nursery – MHS Baseball Field:\$3,868
 - ix. Hillside Nursery - MCEMS Baseball Field:\$1,564
 - 5) Amends Grants, Donations & Reimbursements Fund
 - Approval of policies for second reading as prepared by the Policy Subcommittee:
 - 1) 3320 School Trips
 - 2) 4335 Criminal Behavior
 - 3) 5000 Schools and the Community

- 4) 6000 Support Services
- 5) 6550 Vandalism
- 6) 7950 Non-Career Status Teachers: Non-Renewal
- Acceptance of the policies for first reading as prepared by the Policy Subcommittee:
 - 1) 1760/7280 Prohibition Against Retaliation
 - 2) 2130 Board Member Compensation and Expenses
 - 3) 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability
 - 4) 4333 Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety
 - 5) 5027/7275 Weapons and Explosives Prohibited
- Acceptance of the Superintendent’s report. Those items reviewed on the report are:
 - 1) **Superintendent’s approval of Overnight Fieldtrips**
 - i. The Hiwassee Dam High School Seniors will travel to UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, and Davidson College on October 13 and 14, 2016. While visiting these colleges, students will have the opportunity to tour the campus they may consider attending next fall.
 - ii. Seniors of TCEC will visit UNC Chapel Hill, NCSU, and UNCG between November 9 and 10, 2016. During this trip, seniors will explore higher educational opportunities available at these universities.
 - iii. Global studies students of MHS will visit Florence and Rome between March 29 and April 5, 2017. During this trip students will be afforded the opportunity to be immersed in another culture, visit sites of great historical significance, and learn to navigate in a major world city.
 - iv. Students from the Junior and Senior classes of AHS will travel to Washington, DC, March 10 through 14, 2017. During this trip, students will visit the Nation’s capital, numerous monuments, the Smithsonian museum as well as Mt. Vernon.
 - v. In addition to the Washington, DC trip, students of AHS will travel to Berea College, KY, November 3 and 4, 2016 to take part in the Project Discovery Talent Search. During this trip students will visit and tour the many college programs.
 - 2) **Good News**
 - i. Ms. Jenni Irwin recently secured a Project Lazarus Grant for \$25,000. This grant will enable the Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Cherokee County to provide support to communities in order to prevent prescription drug overdoses as well as continue to provide many other programs and protocols.
 - ii. Lastly, Ms. Conley informed the Board that Mr. Tom Graham announced today that the MHS Band has won 1st place in class 1A, 1st place drumline in 1A, 1st place Music in 1A, and 1st place Drum Major 1A. Mr. Graham also announced that their drum major Amanda Benavente scored 91 out of 100 which is a superior rating. MHS also received an excellent rating in all the other areas; with a score of 84.7, which was higher than 6 other bands; all of which were 2 to 5 times larger than MHS and 4 of which were in higher classes. The Band students did an excellent job!

- The Consent Agenda is approved.
- Ms. Debbie Hogan 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, Ms. Arrowood sought a motion to accept and approve the Closed Agenda as presented in Executive Session by the Superintendent. Those items are:

- **Resignations**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position & Assignment,</i>	<i>Type of Request</i>	<i>Date</i>
Sandra Silvers	School Nutrition Manager, Marble	Resignation	09/30/2016
Tresa Walls	School Nutrition	Resignation	09/23/2016

- **Leave of Absence:** Jennifer Lewis, 10/31/2016—06/09/2017

- **Hiring recommendations**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Laurel Smith	EC Teacher, REMS	10/13/2016
Troy Turner	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Jason Caylor	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Eric Duong	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016

Tammy Parker	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Jonathan Hart	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Amber Coffey	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Natalie Keon	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Emily Malin	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Sarah Tatham	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016
Josh Barton	Bus Driver, District	10/13/2016

- **Substitute Teachers**

- Kimberly Abe
- Luke Byrd
- Sarah Dunn
- Coral Frady
- Kathleen Lesly
- Julie Parker
- Nicole Stiltner
- Melisa Paul

- **21st CCLC Substitutes and Tutors**

- Angie Davis
- Brittany Henry
- Aerian Rayburn
- Tamara Roberts
- Taylor Truett
- Elyse Watrus
- Cynthia Waldroup

- **School Nutrition Cafeteria Substitutes**

- Amy Mashburn
- Megan Kitchel
- Trudy Moss
- Patricia Owens
- Tresa Walls

- **Transfers**

<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date</i>
Heather Lovingood	EC, Teacher, MHS	Teacher, MES	11/07/2016
Trina Seabolt	PT, School Nutrition	Fulltime, School Nutrition, MHS	10/13/2016
Jacqueline Mathis	PT, Cafeteria, Marble	School Nutrition Manager, Marble	10/13/2016

- **Interim Principal of Hiwassee Dam High School**

- Daniel McNabb

- **Principal of Murphy Middle School**

- Tiffany Clapsaddle

- **Principal of Murphy Elementary School**

- CJ Rummler

- **Helping Hands Volunteers**

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Application Renewal Date</i>
Sawyer Dillard	HDEMS	Wrestling Coach	10/13/2017
Leon Green	HDHS	Basketball Coach	10/13/2017
Taylor Keen	HDHS	Cheerleading Coach	10/13/2017
Holly Gutierrez	MHS	Basketball Coach	10/13/2017
Tracy Palmer	MHS	Cheerleading Coach	10/13/2017
Kim Stiles	MHS	Cheerleading Coach	10/13/2017
Cody Webb	MHS	Basketball Coach	10/13/2017
Andrew Skogen	MMS	Baseball/Basketball	10/13/2017
Keith Guess	REMS	Basketball	10/13/2017
Susan Guess	REMS	Basketball	10/13/2017

- The Closed Agenda items are approved.
- Ms. Arrowood announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, November 17, 2016 beginning at 6 pm at Central Office.
- It was announced the Policy Subcommittee would meet at 5 pm on October 27, 2016 at Central Office which will follow the Financial Planning Subcommittee meeting that begins at 4 pm.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.