

Board Bullets

Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held on Thursday, November 3, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at Marble Elementary School.

Thank you to those Principals and Administrators attending: Cindy Bean, Alissa Cheek, Kim Gibson, Tom Graham, Virginia Haynes, John Higdon, Arnold Mathews, Delaine MacDonald, Barry McClure, Phil Pressley, Andy Pyle, Boyd Shields, Paul Wilson, Jodi Alverson, Jamie Barnett, Kenny Garland, Jeana Hardin, Teresa Hayes, Shelley Hollingsworth, DavAnn Hubbard, Karen Kephart, Bryan Kilpatrick, Randy Phillips, Carol Sims, and Gary Wright.

- Mr. Randy Barnett called the meeting to order.
- Mr. Andy Pyle welcomed all in attendance and invited all to observe a moment of silence.
- Mr. Erik Brinke led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Debbie Hogan read the mission statement.
- Mr. Pyle introduced three students who spoke about Marble Elementary programs. The students were: from 2nd grade Ms. Amber Martin, from 4th grade Ms. Trinity Spiva, and from the 5th grade Mr. Zachary Taylor.
- The Agenda and Minutes were approved as presented.
- There was no public comment.
- Dr. Stephen Lane and Ms. Cindi Herr recognized Seth Curtis for being named to the NC STEP “No Spit All-Stars.”
- Dr. Stephen Lane recognized Mr. Wendell Chastain and presented him with a plaque recognizing the many contributions he has made to Cherokee County Schools as a Transportation Supervisor with NCDOT.
- Dr. Stephen Lane presented Ms. Dedra Davis with a Certificate of Achievement recognizing her contributions to Andrews Elementary and High Schools as well as the National Education Institution with the publication of her paper entitled “Education for Meaning and Social Justice”. Ms. Davis read excerpts from her article.
- Dr. Stephen Lane presented Ms. Teresa Hayes with a Certificate of Achievement for her efforts towards making Cherokee County Schools’ transportation department more efficient. Dr. Lane informed the Board that Ms. Hayes’ efforts will save the school system an estimated \$122,670.00 over a 180 day period.
- Mr. Kenny Garland recognized Cherokee County Schools Teachers of the Year. Teachers recognized were: Terri Gribble, Marble; Charlotte Wilson, Andrews Middle; Pam Rollins, Hiwassee Dam High School; Mike Brantley, Murphy High School; Kimberly Morrow, Tri-County Early College; Debbie Jacobs, Mountain Youth School; Mary Beth Cornwell, Murphy Middle School; Regina Gentry, Murphy Elementary School; Laurie Weinkle, Martins Creek School; Cassie Hyde, Andrews Elementary School; Julie Waldroup, Peachtree School; Elizabeth Gilbert, Andrews High School; Tara Watson, Ranger School; Stephanie Murphy, Hiwassee Dam Elementary School. Mr. Garland also recognized Ms. Elizabeth Gilbert as the Cherokee County Schools Teacher of the Year.
- Mr. Glenn Carson asked for permission from the Board to develop a walking path around Peachtree School. There was some discussion about the proposed project and the Board agreed to consider the matter further and inform Mr. Carson of their decision at a later date.
- Mr. Kenny Garland presented the Board with class size waivers for consideration. The waivers were approved.
- Mr. Greg Chapman briefed the Board on the recently completed Cherokee County Schools Emergency Action and Preparedness Plan.
- Mr. Kenny Garland presented the Beginning Teacher Plan to the Board. The plan was approved.

- Ms. Shelley Hollingsworth presented proposed budget amendments for the Capital Project and Grant Funds. The amendments were approved.
- The Board approved the following policies: 3101 Concurrent Enrollment & Other Curriculum Expansions; 7241 Drug & Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators. Nine were heard for first reading and approved for inclusion in the Cherokee County Board of Education Policy Manual: 1500 Governing Principle—Safe, Orderly & Inviting Environment; 1740/4010 Student & Parent Grievance Procedure; 2500 Hearings Before the Board; 4301 Authority of School Personnel; 4302 School Plan for Management of Student Behavior; 4320 Tobacco Products---Students; 4325 Drugs and Alcohol; 4328 Gang-Related Activity; 4330 Theft, Trespass and Damage to Property. The Board heard policy 3300 Time for Learning for 1st reading.
- Dr. Stephen Lane delivered his Superintendent’s Report: This week our schools have worked very hard to come up with their Veterans Day celebration schedules and that information has been posted on our web site. There is always a fantastic show by all the schools and we appreciate the effort and the recognition. I can tell you as a veteran, it’s special to me and I know it is for all those who attend and I thank them all for what they do. The events are scheduled for November 9th and 10th. We hope our Board members will be able to attend one or more of the events. It’s well worth the time and effort. Some news we’ve received from our schools I’d just like to share: First, Murphy High. Murphy High has just received a \$500 grant from Exxon to be used in math/science. Recently, all of our schools participated in the Manna food drive and Murphy High’s drive resulted in the collection of 2101 pounds of food to be distributed evenly between two distribution centers in Murphy. I’ll add that all the schools, and the collections they did will benefit Cherokee County and all the food banks and distribution centers indicate that they have more demand than food so this is a great effort by our students for the people of Cherokee County. Two cross-country athletes, Michael Herring and Keason Hooper, will be competing in the state championship meet on Saturday November 5th. Congratulations to the MHS volleyball team who made it to the state semifinal game on Tuesday, November 1st. They have gone a long way with their effort. Incidentally, a nice letter was sent by a line judge that highly complimented the coach and team and the hard effort they put forth during the competition. He said it was the finest effort he’d ever seen and it was the first letter he had ever written to a school to recognize a coach and team. Congratulations also to MHS Football team for entering the playoffs with a 7-4 record. They will be playing Allegany High School Friday night. We wish them well. Mr. Shields has reported Mark Wilson is the finalist for the Questbridge Scholarship. This is a full scholarship to an Ivy League School. So we wish him well as he competes in the final competitions for that scholarship. At Murphy Elementary, Rebecca Carter and Kailey Graves have both been chosen to participate in the NC State Elementary Honor Choir. Congratulations to Rebecca and Kailey! Rick Carter, Music teacher at MES and Marble, was awarded a \$1200 grant from Haywood EMC . This money will provide each fifth grade student at MES with a kit in which to build a musical instrument. At Andrews High School; we congratulate the Varsity Football team for their victory of Hayesville Friday night. This win gives the Wildcats a 6 and 4 record and clinched a home playoff game. The Cats will play North Stokes, Vikings, at Hugh Hamilton Stadium on Friday, November 4th at 7:30 pm. The AHS Band placed first place in all categories in their division again this weekend at the North Buncombe Band Festival. Congratulations to the Band! Last night I got to watch the AHS Soccer team play MHS. MHS nipped them but it was a hard fought effort with a lot of great individual and team participation. Congratulations to AHS for getting to the playoffs and congratulations to MHS for moving on to play Highlands. The AHS Varsity Football Team also qualified for the State Playoffs and will play North Stokes on Friday, November 4th at Hugh Hamilton stadium at 7:30pm. I’m going to recognize the Martins Creek School briefly this evening but we’re going to have our December meeting there. But just to inform the Board, the school did a fantastic job on the American Math Challenge; which is a national math competition. They competed for 48 hour, there was a total of 71,971 students competing across the US from a total of 1,431 US Schools. Martins Creek School finished 3rd in the Nation, won a visit from Scott Flansburg (The Human Calculator), date TBA, and they finished 1st in NC. So Martins Creek School is on a roll and congratulations to Ms. Amy Morin for the hard work she’s put forth in that and we’re going to be seeing those students next month at Martins Creek and hearing from them. The 6th grade was 10th in the nation, 1st in NC; the 7th grade was 12th in the nation, 2nd in NC. Six of the top 100 students in the country are from MCS, they are: Hailey Porter 32nd in the nation, 5th in NC; Erin Davis

38th in nation, 6th in NC; Jacob Bates 49th in the nation, 7th in NC; Zachary Jones 53rd in the nation, 9th in NC; Ivy Collins 57th in the nation, 10th in NC; Richard Noble 63rd in the nation 11th in NC, and again, we'll be seeing these students next month. Recently, we held the Juvenile Crime Prevention fund raiser and we appreciate all those who came out to raise money for the students of Cherokee County and we appreciate David Brown, publisher of the Cherokee Scout and Andrews Journal for serving as a judge, and Doyle Smith of Doyle's restaurant who also served as a judge and Tim Fisk of Rib Country. It was a great day for the children of Cherokee County. We have started our Toys for Tots program and boxes have been distributed to our schools and we appreciate the principals participating in this program. We have two fieldtrips to report: Hiwassee Dam High School's Science Department will be visiting the Great Smokey Mountains National Park participating in activities dealing with biology between April 20 and 21st, and Martins Creek School's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade class will visit Atlanta, GA March 12th thru 16th.

- Ms. Debbie Hogan read the motion to adjourn to closed session.
- Ms. Debbie Hogan made a motion to return to open session. The motion was approved. When the Board returned to open session, the following action(s) were taken:
- Mr. Erik Brinke moved that Murphy High Schools' wrestling team be allowed to enter into an agreement for the use of the rescue squad building for the purpose of holding athletic events and practice. The motion was approved.

- The Board approved the retirement requests of:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/School</u>	<u>Request/Effective Date</u>
Wanda Gladson	Teacher/Ranger School	Retirement; 02/01/12
Misty Messer	Part-Time Child Nutrition/AES	Resignation; 09/21/11

- The Board approved the following hiring recommendations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Amanda Adams	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Mitchell Ballew	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Stephen Barassi	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Jackie Burt	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Connie Dillard	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Samuel Dillard	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Matthew Flaig	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
John Keith Hartness	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
David Opperman	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Herman Pope	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Aimee Queen	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Raymond Shamblin	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Lois Shields	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Anne Stick	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Bill Swingle	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Greg Elliott	Substitute Bus Driver	TBD	11/07/11
Debbi Timson	Full-Time Cafeteria Worker	MCS	11/07/11
Nikola Balzer	Part-Time Cafeteria Worker	MMS	11/07/11
Donna Farrow	Part-Time Cafeteria Worker	Peachtree	11/07/11
Angela Davis	Part-Time Cafeteria Worker	HD	11/07/11
Lora Hughes	Part-Time Cafeteria Worker	MHS	11/07/11
Tresa Walls	Part-Time Cafeteria Worker	MES	11/07/11

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Tammy Payne	21 st Century Program	11/07/11
Lori Coffey	21 st Century Program	11/07/11

- The Board approved the following substitute teacher applications:

Tristan Hamby	Timothy Lee	Dot Norton	Sherrie Hammond
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Rebecca Watkins
Rhonda Odom
Amanda Dockery

Brian Myers
Monica O'Connell
Nanette Miles

Ronnie Barton
Angela Owl
Josh Farmer

Susanna Kustaborder

- The Board approved the following volunteers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>School</u>
Tripp Beaver	Wrestling	MMS/MHS
Alex Craze	Wrestling	MHS
Lee Guthrie	Wrestling	HDHS/HDR
Stephen Kent	Wrestling	MHS
Brian Wilson	Baseball	MHS

- The next meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Education will be held at Martins Creek School, December 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.