



Board Bullets

Highlights of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, November 9, 2017 (Central Office)

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Central Office Staff attending.

- Beginning at 6 pm, Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- Mr. Tim Coffey led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mr. Jeff Tatham read the mission statement.
- The agenda was accepted as presented.
- The Minutes from the October 12, 2017 regular board meeting were approved as presented.
- Ms. Arrowood called for public comment. Mr. Frank Barber was recognized and addressed the issue of the future of our schools. During his dialogue, Mr. Barber addressed infrastructure needs, the urgency of addressing these needs, and how we must change how we educate our children going forward and how changing infrastructure can aid in their education. Following, Mr. Barber, Ms. Dianne Abernathy was recognized and addressed school related issues. Ms. Abernathy spoke of how much better her educational experiences were when attending a small community school compared to a larger consolidated school. She spoke in favor of keeping the small community schools as they are in Cherokee County.
- Ms. Alissa Cheek presented the TCEC School Improvement Plan. During her presentation she addressed the 7 steps of her school improvement plan. After some discussion the plan is approved.
- Mr. Winfield Clonts and Mr. John Higdon presented the Financial Planning Subcommittee report. Those items presented are:
 - Lease of the Marble School cafeteria
 - Purchase of three 72-passenger activity buses at a cost of \$88,954 each and seeking the county commissioners purchase two
 - Purchase of chorus room chairs for MM & MHS
 - Replacement of an outdoor HVAC unit for the AMS computer lab at a cost of \$2,852.00
 - Replacement of the HVAC unit used by the AHS cafeteria office at a cost of \$1,327.00
 - Replacement of the commercial grade hot water heater for AES cafeteria at a cost of \$6,979.00
 - Purchase and replacement of the exhaust filtration system located in the AHS shop classroom at a cost of \$3,275.00
 - Purchase of replacement boiler parts for MES and The Oaks Academy at a cost of \$2,500.00
- Ms. Stephanie Hass presented budget amendments for the following Funds:
 - State Public School Fund
 - Local Current Expense Fund
 - Capital Projects Fund
 - Usage of ½ Cent Sales Tax funds in the amount of \$288,282 for the following purposes:
 - Carolina Thomas
 - (3) 72 Passenger Activity Buses \$270,000
 - BizChair.com –

- (35) MMS/MHS Chorus Chairs \$1,349
 - Mundy's
 - AMS Computer Lab Unit \$2,852
 - Mundy's
 - AHS Cafeteria Office Unit \$1,327
 - City Plumbing
 - AES Cafeteria Hot Water Heater \$6,979
 - AAF Corporation
 - AHS Shop Exhaust \$3,275
 - Dalton HVAC
 - MES & Oaks Boiler Parts \$2,500
- The budget amendments and usage of ½ cent sales tax are approved.
- Mr. Jeff Tatham delivered the Policy Subcommittee recommendations by announcing the following policy for second reading:
 - 2310 Public Participation at Board Meetings
 - 2400 Board Policies
 - 2670 Business Advisory Council (New policy for consideration)
 - 3530 Citizenship and Character Education
 - 7130 Licensure
 - 8510 School Finance Officer
- The policies presented for second reading are approved.
- Next, Mr. Tatham presented the following policies for first reading:
 - 3101 Dual Enrollment
 - 3230-7330 Copyright Compliance
 - 3300 School Calendar & Time for Learning
 - 3305 Fundraising Activities and Protection of Copyrights and Trademarks
 - 3450 Comprehensive Health Education Program
 - 4040-7310 Staff-Student Relations
 - 4240-7312 Child Abuse – Reports and Investigations
- Dr. Conley delivered her superintendent’s report. She began by announcing approval of an overnight fieldtrip for the AHS wrestling team for December 8, 2017. The team will wrestle 5 matches in Canton, GA against quality opponents. Next, Dr. Conley proposed approval of the TCEC Sustainability Agreement. The Agreement is approved. Lastly, Dr. Conley presented the following good news items as delivered by principals:
 - Andrews Elementary:
 - AES offered an Mclass Reading Night and Eureka Math Parent Night. These sessions offered information to parents to help them understand the various programs being used at AES and strategies to help their students at home.
 - AES made over \$3,600 at our Cow Patty Bingo Fundraiser.
 - Andrews High:
 - Theatre Arts explored Halloween make-up





- Andrews High School will host the West vs. Midwest All Star Basketball game on March 17th.
- The English classes enjoyed a field trip to the New American Shakespeare Tavern in Atlanta to see *Twelfth Night*. Several students remarked that it was their favorite play performance they have attended. Employees at the theater and the Varsity restaurant commented on how polite and well behaved the students were.
- On October 28th, The Pride of the Valley Marching Band won Grand Champions at the 2017 Knight Tournament at North Henderson High School. The band won 1st place in Class A, 1st Place Percussion, 1st Place Music, 1st Place Visual, and 2nd Place Color Guard.
- On November 11th, Hannah McCaw will travel to Berea College to accept the Pinnacle Scholar Award of Excellence in Music. She will be honored at a banquet lunch and awards ceremony.
- Kitana Queen, senior at Andrews High School, has been accepted to perform at Carnegie Hall as part of the Honors Performance Series for high school students on February 1-5th 2018.
- Savannah Horton was spotlighted on a CNN special Positive Athletes, November 1st. The special highlighted the town, school, and Savannah's contributions to her sport and her work with Special Olympics. The link to the broadcast is: cnn.com/positiveathlete
- Andrews High Art students exhibited artwork in a show at the Andrews Art Museum during the musical, "The Addams Family" The Andrews Journal featured photos of the "Monsters" exhibit and an article about the work in last week's newspaper. Cade Ward's amazing pencil drawing is seen here.
- AHS Food & Nutrition I classes baked gingerbread decorations and adorned a tree to be auctioned off for Haven's yearly fundraiser.

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Andrews art students tap into their inner monsters. PAGE 9

Journal

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- Hiwassee Dam Elementary Middle:

- Information about the Band is included in the HDHS section.
- The entire 8th grade attended the Team Industries STEM program on Nov. 7th. They back with a renewed excitement for Science and Mathematics!
- Several teachers received mini-grants from the Bear Paw Ladies Auxiliary.
- Kindergarten received a Tri-State Round-Up grant to cover the cost of educational software.
- The Walk and Roll event on Oct. 30 was a huge success.



Students, parents, and community members came out to walk with Weston Ledford and create an awareness and understanding of Spina Bifida. The article in the paper has led to further donations, and plans for a wheelchair-accessible 8th grade graduation are in the

works!

- Hiwassee Dam High:
 - Several teachers were awarded a mini grant for individual classrooms by Bear Paw Ladies Auxiliary.
 - HDHS SGA hosted a “Trunk or Treat” event at the school on the evening of October 31st. This was a great event that was attended by an estimated 250 kids. Many school groups, individual community members, churches, and the HDFD provided goodies. The SGA sponsored a carved pumpkin contest and provided a concessions stand. Several positive comments were offered by many of the attendees.
 - Several of our STEM students attended the program sponsored by TEAM Industries on Wednesday November 8th.
 - CJ Anderson competed in the NCHSAA Cross Country State Championship on Saturday placing 34th of 147 runners.
 - The Band competed on October 14 in Blue Ridge Ga at The Blue Ridge Mountain Marching Festival, The band got Excellent Ratings in Drum Major, Percussion, and band. On October 28 the band traveled to Alcoa Tn to compete in the Alcoa Band Festival, there the band received an Excellent rating, 3rd place band and drumline and 2nd Place Drum Major. For the last competition the band travelled to Newnan Ga to participate in the Old South Band Festival. The band received an Excellent rating, 2nd place band, 2nd place Drum major and 2nd place Percussion
 - High School students participated in the Spina Bifida Walk around the school to show support of one of 8th grade students which is also a future HDHS student
 - Seniors attended the TCCC College Fair on October 12
 - 68% of HD students qualified for the attendance reward ceremony at the conclusion of the first 9 weeks
- Martins Creek Elem/Middle:
 - Martins Creek School received an American flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. Senator Richard Burr’s office arranged for the flag to be flown in honor of the staff and students at Martins Creek to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the move to our present day campus.
 - On October 20th, the MCS PTO held its Spooky Fall Carnival, attended by 100’s of students, parents, grandparents, and community members from throughout CCS. The event raised enough money to continue providing all school supplies for all students through the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Mrs. Cheryl Aiken recently successfully renewed her National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification!
 - Rebekah Simonds (school nurse/basketball coach at MCS) successfully completed training to become a licensed bus driver!
 - The 8th grade at MCS, along with some 7th grade robotics team members, attended STEM camp at Team Industries on November 7th, learning about 3D printing, lasers, CAD software, and robotics.
 - MCS’ third robotics team is now underway and practicing three times per week after school.
 - MCS will hold its 5th annual car show on Saturday, November 11th, from 10 till 3. The show is sponsored by more than 10 local businesses. The school expects to break last year’s record of 67 classic cars. All proceeds go toward completing the baseball and softball fields, new basketball uniforms, and other needs of the middle school athletics program.
 - As a follow-up to social studies units and Constitution Week, each student in grades 5 through 8 received a copy of a pocket Constitution from the National Center for Constitutional Studies. The pocket guide contains other important documents, such as the

- Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.
- The fourth grade students, in keeping with their class' desire to help others in need, donated dog and cat food, pet toys, blankets and towels, cat litter, pet treats and other items needed by the Valley River Humane Society. This was in response to the book *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate D'Camillo. This work of fiction shares the story of young girl, Opal, and her best friend, Winn Dixie, who was a stray dog that she found in the Winn Dixie grocery store. Students enjoyed the book so much, they wanted to help other stray animals in our county by collecting these donated items.
 - Murphy Elementary:
 - 5th Grade Team raised over \$8000 for Crop Walk
 - On Wednesday MES honored Veterans with a breakfast and a program run by students thanks to the help of MHS chorus and band
 - MES hosted our 2nd Annual Literacy Night. Students and parents enjoyed several literacy activities while third grade parent learned about Read to Achieve. A big thank you to our PTA for helping with this event.
 - Murphy High:
 - Deena Collins, Community Relations Coordinator for Murphy Medical, brought a pop-up banner to the MHS Volleyball Breast Cancer Awareness Game. The banner shows the team making last year's check presentation to the Murphy Medical Center Foundation. From this donation, the MMC Foundation purchased educational materials, including models, that MMC representatives have used at health and wellness fairs, including a recent one at Harrah's Employees Health and Wellness Fair. According to Ms. Collins, these models are having a direct impact on some fair attendees who are gaining awareness and going to doctors for diagnoses. She wanted to thank the lady bulldogs' volleyball team for their efforts and let them know the impact they are having. The Breast Cancer Awareness Week at MHS this year once again raised funds to support local community and cancer education.
 - On Tuesday, October 10, thirty-five MHS health sciences students attended the Health Careers Education and Awareness Conference sponsored by MedCat and MAHEC at UNC-A's Sherrill Center. The students attended an expo of health careers and educational opportunities and participated in sessions conducted by health professionals to introduce the students to advances and opportunities in the medical field.
 - On Thursday, October 11, fifty MHS agricultural sciences students visited Brown Farm where they engaged in hands-on learning about raising cattle. The experiences on the farm directly enhanced the material the students are learning in class.
 - On Monday, November 6, fifty MHS agricultural sciences students visited Shields' Dairy Farm in Ranger where students learned about dairy farming and milk production.
 - On Thursday, October 11, Mrs. McCoy's family and consumer science students welcomed Braley Murphy and Barbeque Dave from Rib Country who worked with the students on food safety, food preparation and presentation, and hospitality. The students had opportunities to apply their knowledge from the classroom to the experiences that the representatives provided them.
 - Ms. Anderson's Digital Media III course created an educational video about the Moving Wall to show at Murphy Middle so that students from there would have some context and preparation for visiting the exhibit.
 - Miss Peyton Wood was selected to be the DAR Good Citizen for Murphy High School.
 - Eighty-five seniors attended the college fair at TCCC today, October 12.
 - Seventy-five students took the PSAT on Wednesday, October 11.
 - This week, students and faculty participated in Spirit Week at MHS in advance of Homecoming on Friday, October 13.

- Ninety-six students at MHS have met the requirements to be invited to join the National Beta Club.
- The National Honor Society held an induction of new members on Monday, October 2.
- On September 19, Rob DeLoach of Lincoln Tech in Nashville, TN, made presentations to 175 students taking CTE classes this fall at MHS. Mr. DeLoach gave the students information about opportunities at Lincoln Tech and careers in CTE related fields.
- The MHS Volleyball team won the Smoky Mountain Conference and ended their season in the third round of the state playoffs.
- The MHS Girls' Cross Country team placed 2nd in the regional meet and placed 3rd in the NC 1A State Championship on November 4. Peyton Wood finished 8th overall.
- Murphy High's faculty teams have been participating in professional development about learning walks, and on November 7, eight MHS teachers opened their classrooms as fishbowls and hosted visitors throughout the day. The learning walks highlighted excellence in teaching and learning at Murphy High. Next week, Murphy High teachers will engage in learning walks at Murphy Middle, and Murphy Middle teachers will visit classrooms at Murphy High.
- On Friday, November 3, MHS HOSA hosted a blood drive, partnering with Blood Assurance. During the blood drive, MHS students donated enough blood to save 135 lives.
- On Wednesday, November 8, thirty MHS students participated in the STEM Camp sponsored by Team Industries. This event provided students the opportunity to learn about careers and advances in STEM-related industry.
- The MHS faculty selected Ashlyn Gentry for the MHS Best Citizen Award.
- The MHS faculty selected Katelyn Jones and Trent Ledford for the I Dare You Danforth Award.
- Murphy High will host College Application Week during the week of November 13-17.
- Murphy Middle:
 - Julie Hughes successfully completed renewal of her National Boards.
 - Mrs. Payne's life skill class had a successful community night at Rib Country with a total donation of \$327.68.
 - Red Ribbon Week was a complete success with a photo booth, trivia questions, t-shirt contest.
 - Dillon Brown, 7th Grade Student, was the Cross Country Conference Champion. The JV Football team completed an undefeated season.
 - Thanks to our Tech team, MMS team has completed learning walks throughout our school and will continue with these at MHS next week.
 - Ms. Franklin and FFA members completed the FFA Chartering Ceremony. Over 75 students, parents, faculty, and state representatives attended the ceremony. MMS FFA officers did an excellent job performing the ceremony.
- Peachtree Elementary:
 - Currently collecting new toys and money for Toys for Tots and gently used coats for the State Farm Coat Drive. Junior Beta Club is sponsoring a canned food drive.
 - Peachtree United Methodist Church is sponsoring Thanksgiving dinners for several of our families at PES.
 - PTA hosted a successful Krispy Kreme fundraiser and profited over \$2000!
 - PES students enjoyed a visit from the Denmark students hosted by TCEC.
 - Our Veterans Day program was a success thanks to the help of parent volunteers, staff contributions of breakfast foods, and the use of Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church. Many veterans and their families attended and enjoyed the program presented by Rick Carter and the students of PES. The entire student body was involved in the program.

- Ranger Elementary/Middle:
 - Ranger recognized the Perfect Attendance for the first 9 weeks. 39 students were treated to Put Put Golf and a picnic lunch.
 - For Red Ribbon Week, we hosted the Omega Man performance with HD students attending from grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. It was a successful performance. The students really enjoyed the show.
 - Students were treated to NED Kindness show and the students were encouraged to respect and treat others as you want to be treated.
 - Ranger recognized their Veterans with a honorary breakfast and program on Monday, November 6th. We were excited that 42 Veterans attended the program.
 - Ranger PTA - beautification project by posting our Timberwolf on our building with the school name. We are proud of our PTA.
 - Ranger PTA - purchased benches in the front of the building. The benches display our school name and our mascot.
 - Dr. Conley joined us for our Faculty & Staff Meeting to share ideas for possible building projects and input from the faculty & staff. It was a successful meeting.
 - Ranger PTA purchased two water fountains with filters. This allow our students to fill water bottles. This is a step toward Eco-Friendly Environment. The fountain keeps count of the water battles we are saving.
 - Ranger Carnival was a big success this year. We were able to raise around \$6,000 for school projects that will support Ranger student and faculty members.
 - Teachers have been trained in BURST and the training was under the direction of Mrs. Brandy Raper.

- CTE:
 - TEAM Industries STEM Camp was remarkable. Instructors from St. Cloud State University led workshops for our middle school and high school students on AutoCAD Inventor software, Prototyping, Laser engraving, 3D printing, VEX robotic competitions, and VEX robotic kits that students had to create a machine to perform a task in 40 minutes. Instructors from St. Cloud said they had led many workshops like this but they had never had a more respectful or engaged group of students. They were totally blown away by our students! TEAM Industries deserves a huge “Thank You” for sponsoring this event, letting our students participate in these workshops, tour the facility and provided lunch free of charge to our students.
 - Cherokee County Schools ranks 4th in the state for percentage of students earning an industry credential based on student enrollment. We are at 90% of our students earning an industry recognized credential. In the past three years, we have been 4th, 3rd, and 4th. This is due to extremely dedicated CTE faculty who are excellently prepared and in turn prepare our students with valuable industry skills for their future.

- 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 Retirement & Resignation:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Type of Request</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Andrea Stewart	Retirement	01-31-2018
Brandon Dietz	Resignation	11-06-2017

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Inclusive Dates</i>
Sonya Crouch	October 16—November 11, 2017

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position & Assignment</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Joe Simonds	EC TA, HDEMS	11-10-2017
Sharon Hibberts	EC TA, MES	11-10-2017
Jessica Cochran	Custodian, HDS	11-10-2017
Paulette Smithmeyer	Teacher, MES (Long-term Substitute)	11-10-2017

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

- Mark Bolyard
- Carissa Dancer
- Robert Raver
- Elaine Svitil
- Lance Taylor
- April Twiggs

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

- Autumn Adams
- Erin Nicholson

- **The Board approved the following 21st CCLC Site Directors/Tutors:**

- Dedra Davis
- Brittany Hoyt
- Amber Ledford

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position, From</i>	<i>Position, To</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Stephanie Murphy	Instructional Coach, HDEMS	Instructional Coach, HDEMS/REMS	11-09-2017
Stephanie Elliott	PT School Nutrition, MCS	Teacher, MES	11-17-2017
Morgan Figliola	TA EC, AHS	Teacher, EC, AMS	11-10-2017

- **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>
Scott Cooper	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Sean Matthews	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Josh Garrett	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Scott Stalcup	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Kenny Clark	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Jason Rowland	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Jill West	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Colby Pace	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Brandon West	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Roger West	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Adam Cross	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Denise Cross	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Steven West	AHS/AMS	Shooting Team	11-09-2018
Leon Green	HDS	Basketball	11-09-2018
Brian Gatti	MHS	Band Trips	11-09-2018
Cynthia Gatti	MHS	Band Trips	11-09-2018
Keith Holloway	MHS	Basketball	11-09-2018
Cheyenne Fedder	TCEC	Soccer	11-09-2018

- Ms. Arrowood announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, December 14, 2017 beginning at 6 pm at Central Office. The next Financial Planning Subcommittee and Policy Subcommittee meetings will be held Thursday, December 7, 2017 beginning at 4 and 5 pm at Central Office.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.