

Cherokee County Board of Education

Meeting of
April 21, 2011
6:00 p.m. – Andrews High School

Minutes

Board Members Present: Mr. Randy Barnett, Board Chair, Ms. Wanda Arrowood, Vice Chair, Mr. Winfield Clonts, Dr. David Ackerman, Ms. Debbie Hogan, Mr. Erik Brinke, and Mr. Paul Brown.

1. Call to Order and Welcome. Mr. Randy Barnett called the meeting to order and welcomed all those attending.

Welcome and Invocation. Ms. Virginia Haynes, Principal of Andrews High School, welcomed all in attendance and gave the invocation. The AHS Chorus sang the National Anthem.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Paul Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Mission Statement. Mr. Erik Brinke read the mission statement.

4. Approval of Agenda. The Agenda was approved as presented.

5. Minutes. The minutes for the Board of Education meeting of March 10, 2011 were approved as presented.

6. Public Input. There was no public input.

7. The Andrews High School, Student Government Association. Members of the AHS SGA appeared before the Board and made a request of the Board for funding for school beautification.

Motion made (Ms. Debbie Hogan) and seconded (Ms. Wanda Arrowood) to approve the Andrews High School's Student Government Association request for \$500 for school beautification. Voting is unanimous.

8. Recognition of Teaching Fellow Scholarship recipient. Dr. Stephen Lane recognized Elizabeth Coffey, a student of Andrews High School, for her many outstanding accomplishments and for being awarded a North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship. She was presented with a certificate of accomplishment. Dr. Lane also mentioned the achievements of Courtney Toole on being selected as an Alternate for a Teaching Fellow Scholarship.

9. Andrews High School Chorus. Dr. Lane recognized Ms. Kim Cozart and the following members of the Andrews High School Chorus for their outstanding performances while attending the National Vocal and Musical Festival held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The Women's Ensemble included: Ashlea Brehm, Kody Brehm, Katelynn Clark, Tiffany Clontz, Beth Coffey, BethAnne Collins, Brittany Creasman, Lee Dyer, Stephanie Ferguson, Brittany Gibby, Elizabeth Gilbert, Stephanie Johnson, Regan Jordan, Lauren Kilpatrick, Heather Kirkland, Meagen Lee, Rebecca Morgan, Ciara Payne, Kyndra Payne, Emily Peacock, Angelica Rodriguez, Courtney Toole, Katie Whitaker. The Mens Ensemble included: Jeremy Abernathy, Justin Abernathy, Logan Bear, Brendan Collins, Jacob Gilbert, Robby Goodell, Brandon Grant, Collin Gray, Christian Humble, William Morgan, Erik Rubino, Caleb White. Dr. Lane presented the Andrews High School Chorus with a certificate of accomplishment.

10. Andrews Middle School Chorus. Dr. Lane recognized the Andrews Middle School Choir for their many accomplishments to include competing at the District level at Western Carolina University on March 29, 2011. The students received an "Excellent" in their performance and a "Superior" (perfect score) for sight-singing. Dr. Lane presented the Chorus with a certificate of accomplishment. The Choir Members are: Grade 7 Chorus: Jessica Blauvelt, Pilar Brehm, Shelby Brehm, Olivia Brown, Devin Bryson, Dillon Coffey, Melessa Cudemo, Cassidy Dalrymple, Blair Fowler, Electra Gibby, Aurora Gonzalez, Courtney Greene, Erika Griggs, James Hoke, Brittany Holloway, Lynette Holloway, Tyler Holloway, Samuel Hydass, Abigail Klima, Christie Lackey, Kayla Ledford, Erin Maennle, D.J. Martin, Allison McClure, Melissa McSherry, William Parker, Cheyenne Patterson, Jacob Payne, Amy Pierce, Tyler Rose, Ashlyn Rowland, Bethany Summerell, Meka Thigpen, Lydia Tillet, Shayla Truett, Andrew West, Lacy Whitaker, Adrianna Yonce. Grade 8 Chorus: Carleigh Davis, Makayla Defore, Connor Earwood, Carrie Gray, Rachel Hogsed, Christie Knowles, Colton Luther, Jesse Rich, Kristen Roper, Josh Shields, Rebecca Stiles, Belle Taylor, Jacob Whitaker, Hannah White.

11. Andrews High School Band Student Recognition. Dr. Lane recognized Elizabeth Maynard, a student of Andrews High School for her accomplishment of being named to the All-State Band and read her lengthy bio and list of accomplishments. He then presented here with a certificate of accomplishment.

12. Teacher Scholarship Recognition. Dr. Lane recognized Ms. Dedra Davis, Art teacher at Andrews Elementary and Andrews High School for receiving the Blanton Centennial Scholarship from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

13. Tri-County Early College Presentation. Ms. Alissa Cheek, Principal Tri-County Early College, gave a power point presentation on the Affinity Networks Biotechnology and Agriscience, Energy and Sustainability potential anchor and network schools. Her presentation covered reasons TCEC was chosen for the program and the program's vision.

Motion made (Mr. Erik Brinke) and seconded (Ms. Debbie Hogan) to support the initiative as presented by Ms. Cheek. Voting is unanimous.

14. Operations Update. Mr. Gary Wright gave an update on construction efforts ongoing at Andrews High School as well as recycling efforts throughout the district.

15. Budget Amendments. Ms. Terelle Harr provided the Board with a summary of budget resolution and amendments for the State Public School Fund, Capital Project Fund, and Grant Fund for consideration.

Motion made (Ms. Debbie Hogan) and seconded (Mr. Winfield Clonts) to approve the amendments to the State Public School Fund as presented. Voting is unanimous.

Motion made (Mr. Erik Brinke) and seconded (Mr. Winfield Clonts) to approve the amendments to the Capital Project Fund as presented. Voting is unanimous.

Motion made (Ms. Debbie Hogan) and seconded (Mr. Winfield Clonts) to approve the amendments to the Grant Funds as presented. Voting is unanimous.

16. Policy Subcommittee. Ms. Debbie Hogan, Policy Subcommittee Chair, presented three policies to the Board for second reading which were approved: 2121 Board Member Conflict of Interest, 4400 Attendance Policy, 5027-7275 Weapons and Explosives Prohibited. Additionally, Ms. Hogan presented four policies for first reading: 7100 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel, 7810 Evaluation of Licensed Employees, 7820 Personnel Files, 7900 Resignation.

Motion made (Ms. Debbie Hogan) and seconded (Mr. Winfield Clonts) to approve the policies for 2nd reading as presented. Voting is unanimous.

17. Superintendent's Report. Dr. Lane announced the High School graduation dates: Tri-County Early College: June 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm (Saturday); Andrews High School: June 9, 2011 at 8:00 pm (Thursday); Mountain Youth School: June 9, 2011 at 5:30 pm (Thursday); Hiwassee Dam High School: June 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm (Friday); and Murphy High School: June 11, 2011 at 10:00 am (Saturday). He announced that the Ranger E/M School's Envirothon Team, coached by PTA vice president Larry Gramm, placed 7th out of 16 schools at the Area 1 Envirothon Competition (science) in Waynesville, NC, and that they will now travel on to the next level of competition at Burlington, NC on April 29, 2011; also, the Andrews High School seniors will be traveling to Atlanta, GA on May 30, 2011. He informed the Board that Murphy Middle School has the first Panalogic Computer Lab in CCS and it is up and fully operational. He expressed appreciation to Mark Thigpen, Randy Starnes, Randy Bryant, and Jeana Hardin for making this new lab possible. He went on to say that this is a huge cost savings in equipment and energy to MMS, and that all are really excited to have this new lab available to students and staff. Dr. Lane next informed the Board of the Child Find Grant, and explained that this grant is \$10,000 and is to be used to purchase needed equipment to identify vision and hearing deficiencies of the preschool population. The Child Find Grant appeared out of nowhere and there was only a matter of a few days to pull everything together in time to meet the deadline. He gave a special thanks to our preschool group, Judy Zeigler, Kathy Dudek, and Valerie Mashburn, and to our physical therapist, Doug Drew, who identified and matched the types of equipment and assessments from the grant with what we needed for our preschool population. Lastly, Dr. Lane spoke of the \$1.2 million loss the schools will experience should the one cent sales tax not be continued and that according to polls, 73% of North Carolinians' support leaving the sales tax in place and that 53% support raising the tax to two cents. Dr. Lane questioned who the General Assembly is really representing by not extending the one cent sale tax, when 73% of North Carolinians support continuing the tax to avoid deep cuts in personnel and program services. He then encouraged all present to contact as many state representatives as possible to express their concerns about the cuts and support for continuing the one cent sales tax. Dr. Lane announced that the contact information for all State representatives is located on the Cherokee County Schools web page.

18. Adjourn to Closed Session:

Motion made (Ms. Debbie Hogan) and seconded (Ms. Wanda Arrowood) for the Board of Education to move into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 for the following purposes: Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321; under subsection (a)(3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege; under subsection

(a)(6) to hear a complaint or grievance, by or against an employee; under subsection (a)(5) to discuss the terms of contracts for employment. Voting is unanimous.

19. Return to Open Session/Closed Session Decisions. After returning to open session, the Board took the following actions based on closed session discussion:

Motion made (Dr. David Ackerman) and seconded (Ms. Debbie Hogan) to approve the Retirements of:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/School</u>	<u>Request/Effective Date</u>
Alice Lewis	TA, Murphy Elementary	Retirement; June 14, 2011
Laura James	PT Cafeteria employee, AES	Retirement; June 14, 2011

Voting is unanimous.

Motion made (Ms. Wanda Arrowood) and seconded (Ms. Debbie Hogan) to approve the maternity leave of absence of: Kellie Burton, Pre-K Teacher/MES, 09/14/11 thru 12/30/11. Voting is unanimous.

Motion made (Dr. David Ackerman) and seconded (Mr. Winfield Clonts) to approve the Substitute teachers:

Jodi Robertson	David Rogers	Robert Kelly
Melina Taylor	Deanna Bryant	Stacie Morgan
Sheila McGrath	Margaret Wells	Aubrey Byers
Veda Kay May	Bridgette May	Marlene Meeks
Jamie Deren	Andrew Burton	Douglas McCarthy
Victoria Kelly	Jackie Trammel	Hillary Chastain
Ashley Smith	Amanda Long	

Voting is unanimous.

Motion made (Ms. Debbie Hogan) and seconded (Dr. David Ackerman) to approve the Administrator Contracts of:

Virginia Haynes	Principal, Andrews High School
Arnold Mathews	Principal, Martins Creek E/M School
Boyd Shields	Principal, Murphy High School
Jodi Alverson	Assistant Superintendent, Central Office

Voting is unanimous.

20. Adjournment. The next meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Education will be held at Murphy Middle School, on May 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made (Ms. Debbie Hogan) and seconded (Dr. David Ackerman) to adjourn the meeting. Voting is unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m., April 21, 2011.

Stephen E. Lane, Ed.D, Secretary

Randy Barnett, Board Chair