



Cherokee County Schools

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Minutes of the Cherokee County Board of Education Meeting held July 31, 2017
beginning at 12 pm at Central Office

Board Members Present

Ms. Wanda Arrowood, Chair, Mr. Paul Brown, Vice Chair, Mr. Winfield Clonts, Mr. Tim Coffey, Mr. Jeff Tatham, and Mr. Tim West

Board Members Absent

Mr. Arnold Mathews

Board Attorney Present: Mr. Dean Shatley

1. **Call to Order.** Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the Board of Education meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Mr. Tim West led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Mission Statement.** Mr. Paul Brown read the mission statement.
4. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was accepted as presented.
5. **Approval of Minutes.** The Minutes of the June 8, 2017 regular board meeting and the June 30, 2017 special called board meeting were approved as presented.
6. **Public Input.** Ms. Arrowood called for public comment and there was none.
7. **Financial Planning Update.** Mr. Winfield Clonts delivered a report from the Financial Planning Subcommittee meeting held June 22, 2017. During his report, Mr. Clonts addressed the following items in need of repair/purchase and associated costs:

Dalton HVAC - new MES Chiller	\$88,658
WNC Fence - MHS Freezer Compressor Fence	\$750
WNC Fence - Ranger Chiller Fence	\$1,625
Learning Environments - AES Classroom Dividers	\$5,353
Elliott Brothers Mechanical – HD HVAC Band Building Repair	\$3,600
West End Building - MHS Storage Building for Track	\$7,223
West End Building - MHS Carport (cover Field Maintenance Equipment)	\$2,406
Tipton's Custom Cabinets – MHS Science Room	\$3,050
King Ford - School Nutrition Van	\$20,000
ElectroMec - AHS Football Scoreboard	\$9,737
School Specialty - EC Abilitations Duraswing	\$2,921

Board of Education

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Carpet Replacements (Materials = Carpet Mart, Labor = TBD):

MHS	\$3,092
VOC	\$772
PES	\$939
AES	\$3,254
MC	\$4,144

Motion made (Mr. Tim Coffey) and seconded (Mr. Paul Brown/Mr. Tim West) to approve the use of ½ cent sales funds for the items reported by Mr. Clonts. Voting is unanimous.

Following this, Mr. Higdon and Mr. Clonts addressed a Deed of Easement proposed by the Town of Andrews in order to install a new sewer line on Andrews High School property.

Motion made (Mr. Jeff Tatham) and seconded (Mr. Paul Brown/Mr. Winfield Clonts) to approve the Deed of Easement Contract as written with a caveat that the easement of 350' be amended to read 240' and that upon receipt of an amended Deed, the Board Chair is authorized to execute the Deed. Voting is unanimous.

8. **Budget Request.** Ms. Stephanie Hass delivered an update on the adoption of the Local Current Expense budget with regards to pay increases for cafeteria employees and managers. After much discussion it was agreed that the best option for the Board to pursue was to seek to increase the managers and employees to the state pay scale level without seeking additional funding from the County Commissioners. Following this, Ms. Jennifer Cable presented the School Nutrition budget for consideration. Next, Ms. Cable informed the Board of a requirement to increase the full paid school lunch price by \$.10 per meal bringing the total cost to \$2.85.

Motion made (Mr. Jeff Tatham) and Seconded (Mr. Tim Coffey) to approve the School Nutrition Budget and the \$.10 cent increase for full paid lunch prices as presented and proposed by Ms. Cable. Voting is unanimous.

9. **Policy Review.** Mr. Jeff Tatham presented several policies for 2nd reading; those policies presented are:

- a. 2220 Official School Spokesperson
- b. 2325 Board Meeting News Coverage
- c. 2330 Board Meeting Agenda
- d. 2600 Consultants to the Board
- e. 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- f. 6140 Student Wellness
- g. 6306 School bus Idling
- h. 7720 Employee Political Activities

Mr. Tatham informed the Board that by request of the Superintendent policy 4150 School Assignment is tabled until the August 10 meeting.

Motion made (Mr. Jeff Tatham) and seconded (Mr. Paul Brown) to approve the policies presented for second reading. Voting is unanimous.

Mr. Tatham next presented policies for first reading as prepared by the Policy Subcommittee. Those policies presented are:

- a. 3410 Testing and Assessment Program
- b. 3470/4305 Alternative learning Programs
- c. 5008 Automated Phone and Text Messaging
- d. 5030 Community use of Facilities
- e. 6320 Use of Student Transportation Services
- f. 6450 Purchase of Services
- g. 7930 Professional Employees Demotion and Dismissal

10. **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Conley delivered her superintendent's report. Dr. Conley began by thanking Mr. Daniel McNabb and HDS alumni for their efforts to memorialize Mr. Grady Anderson, former HDS teacher, by installing a plaque and naming the pavilion at the front of the HD school in his honor. Mr. Anderson's teaching career began at HDS in 1949 where he continued to teach until his retirement in 1995. Dr. Conley next congratulated Ms. Melissa Godfrey on being selected by her peers as Cherokee County Schools' 2016/17 Principal of the Year. Next, Dr. Conley announced that August 21 was being designated as a no-day for School employees due to the eclipse. Lastly, Dr. Conley announced that the opening day meeting was being moved to August 22, 2017 beginning at 12:30 and will be held at the Enlo Building at TCCC.
11. **Adjourn for Break and Closed Session.** Mr. Paul Brown read the motion to adjourn to closed session.

Motion made (Mr. Paul Brown) and seconded (Mr. Tim Coffey) for the Board of Education to adjourn to break and closed session pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) and 143-318.11(c), for the following purposes: under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information, under subsection (a)(3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege, and under subsection (a)(5) to discuss the terms of a contract for employment. Voting is unanimous.

12. **Return to open session & Closed Session Decisions.** Ms. Wanda Arrowood called the meeting to order and returned to open session.

Motion made (Mr. Jeff Tatham) and seconded (Mr. Winfield Clonts & Mr. Tim Coffey) to return to open session. Voting is unanimous.

After returning to open session, the Board took the following actions based on closed session discussions.

Motion made (Mr. Winfield Clonts) and seconded (Mr. Paul Brown) to approve the personnel recommendations contained in the Closed Session Agenda as presented by the Superintendent. Voting is unanimous.

Those items contained on the closed session agenda and approved are:

(a) The Board approved the following Retirements and Resignations

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position & Assignment,</i>	<i>Type of Request</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Kayla Lopp	Teacher, AES	Resignation	07-31-2017
Dion Lansdale	Teacher, AHS	Resignation	07-31-2017

(b) The Board approved the following hiring recommendations:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position & Assignment</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Silas Brown	Teacher, CTE, MHS	07-01-2017
James Bryan	Teacher, The Oaks Academy	07-01-2017
Lauren Cariseo	Teacher, AMS	07-01-2017
Jacky Egli	Teacher, EC, REMS	07-01-2017
Tashina Eller	Teacher, MHS	07-01-2017
Jacob Hogsed	Teacher, AMS	07-01-2017
James Minear	Teacher, CTE, HDHS	07-01-2017
Sharon Perry	Teacher, AHS/AES	07-01-2017
Kenneth Pierson	Teacher, CTE, AHS	07-01-2017
Brittany Rowland	Teacher, AMS	07-01-2017
John Worden	Teacher, AMS	07-01-2017
Rudolph Tholen	Teacher, HDHS	07-01-2017
Heath Curtis	Teacher Assistant, EC, MMS	07-31-2017

Brandon Deitz	Teacher Assistant, EC , AMS	07-31-2017
Danielle Hedden	Teacher Assistant, AES	07-31-2017
Erica Luther	Teacher Assistant, EC, MHS	07-31-2017
Jennifer Chapman	Administrative Assistant, MHS	07-31-2017
Allison Laney	Administrative Assistant, MMS	07-31-2017
Cristie Oliver	Bus Driver	07-31-2017
Tresa Walls	Cafeteria, (PT), MCEMS	07-31-2017

(c) The Superintendent announced the following transfers:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position, From</i>	<i>Position, To</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Julie Aiken	Teacher, AES	EL, District	07-31-2017
Sarah Bennett	Teacher, AMS	Teacher, MHS	07-31-2017
Sheba Brown	Teacher, TOA	Teacher, MHS	07-31-2017
Rick Carter	Teacher, MES/MBL	Teacher, MES/PES	07-31-2017
Kathy Cope	TA, MMS	TA, MHS	07-31-2017
Sandy Davis	Teacher, PES/MCS	Teacher, MCS/MMS	07-31-2017
Kristen Gaither	Teacher, PES	Teacher, AES	07-31-2017
Brad Hammond	Teacher, AMS	Teacher, AHS	07-31-2017
Aaron Kephart	Teacher, MHS	Teacher, The Oaks	07-31-2017
Zach Lovingood	EC TA, MMS	Teacher, MMS	07-31-2017
Sue Malin	Cafeteria, AHS	Cafeteria, MHS	07-31-2017
Cicely Mason	Teacher, MES/MBL	Teacher, MES/PES	07-31-2017
Jacqueline Mathis	Cafeteria, Marble	Cafeteria, AHS	07-31-2017
Therese Peacock	Teacher, MMS	Teacher, AHS	07-31-2017
Lisa Scott	Teacher, AES	Teacher, AMS	07-31-2017

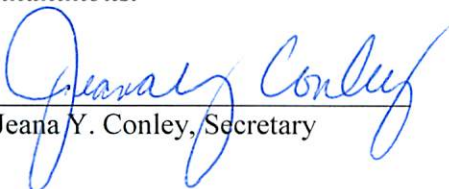
(d) The Board approved the following Helping Hands School Volunteers

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Reason for Volunteering</i>	<i>Application Renewal Date</i>
Angie Davis	HDS	Volleyball	07-13-2018
Kellee Davis	HDS	Volleyball	07-13-2018
Carlos Ramos	HDS	Cross Country	07-31-2018
Tommy Chekelelee	AHS	Marching Band	07-13-2018
Joel McClelland	AHS	Football	07-13-2018
Erik Brinke	MHS	Football/Wrestling	07-13-2018
Cammie Johnson	MHS	Cheerleading	07-13-2018
Joseph Helton	MMS	Soccer	07-13-2018
Cruz Ponce	MMS	Soccer	07-13-2018
Mark Bolyard	TCEC	Cross Country	07-31-2018
Gary Kenney	TCEC	Cross Country	07-31-2018

13. **Announcement of the next Board of Education Meeting.** Ms. Arrowood announced a regular Board meeting to be held August 10, 2017 at Central Office beginning at 6 pm.

14. **Adjournment.** There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Motion made (Mr. Tim Coffey) and seconded (Mr. Paul Brown) to adjourn the meeting. Voting is unanimous.


 Jeana Y. Conley, Secretary


 Wanda Arrowood, Board Chair