

Board Highlights

Catawba County Board of Education
February 28, 2011 Meeting
Annex Boardroom

Board Actions

Approved

Board minutes from Regular Meeting on January 24, 2011 and Budget Hearing on February 7, 2011. February 28 agenda approved with Shining Star recognition removed due to severe weather conditions.

Approved as consent items:

Budget: Adjustments were made to 2010-2011 State Public School Fund, Federal Grants Fund, Capital Outlay Fund and Other Restricted Funds.

Personnel: One certified position, eight classified positions, 28 remediation positions, four non-faculty coach position, one leave of absence, seven substitute positions, 16 child nutrition/custodial positions, two retirees, one resignation and one retiree.

Trip Requests:

Date	School	#	Group	Place	Reason
2/27-3/1/11	Bunker Hill High School	8	DECA	Greensboro, NC	State Competition
3/18-19/11	Fred T. Foard High School	11	JROTC	Charlotte, NC	Raider Championship
3/25-27/11	St. Stephens High School	17	Key Club	Durham, NC	Convention
3/26-28/11	Lyle Creek Elementary School	35	Safety and Flag Patrol (5 th and 6 th graders)	Washington, DC	Educational
4/1/11	Fred T. Foard High School	80	Senior Class	Virginia Creeper Trail	Educational
4/13-14/11	Maiden High School	5	AFJROTC	Seymour Johnson AFB	Educational
4/14-16/11	Jacobs Fork Middle School	17-20	FBLA	Greensboro, NC	State Conference
4/22-24/11	Fred T. Foard High School	2	FBLA	Greensboro, NC	State Competition
4/23-27/11	St. Stephens High School	40	NJROTC	Norfolk, VA	Educational
4/29-30/11	Maiden High School	48	AFJROTC	Beaufort, SC	Base Visit/Air Show
March 28 March 31 April 4 April 6 April 11 April 13	Future Tiger Girls Soccer League	Banoak, Blackburn and MV elementary girls currently in the 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th or 6 th grades		Fred T. Foard High School Soccer Field	

Early Head Start Monthly Report

This is a monthly report required because of federal funding of the Early Head Start program.

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The Board approved the following with board member David Brittain abstaining from the vote:

**Grants:
Delta Kappa Gamma**

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Person's Name</u>	<u>Curriculum Area</u>	<u>Amount Funded</u>
Catawba Elementary	Nathan Crabtree	Music	\$399.60
Claremont Elementary	Kristi Fulbright	Reading, Writing, Tech	\$386.99
Clyde Campbell Elementary	Jessica Caldwell	Physical Ed, EC	\$364.20
Lyle Creek Elementary	Jenny Gerami	Reading, Technology	\$408.14
Maiden Elementary	Elisha James	Reading, Technology	\$204.00
Mountain View Elementary	Linda Wright	Reading, Technology	\$399.05
Tuttle Elementary	Kelly Hollar	Reading, Technology	\$312.91
Webb A Murray Elementary	Stacy Martin	Math, EC	\$208.21
River Bend Middle	Susan Anauo	Reading, Technology	\$353.45
Bunker Hill High	Rebecca Porter	Reading	\$388.71
Total Expenditures			\$3,425.26

Grants in yellow were funded through donation from the Retired School Personnel of Catawba County

Target Field Trip Grant \$700 and Donors Choose Grant \$387 for Stream Tables

Kristin Wallbrown, Maiden Elementary

Donors Choose Grant \$1100 for Eggspert Classroom Response System

Sarah Cardoza, Maiden Elementary

Donors Choose Grant \$552.95 for Recess Equipment

Amber McCaslin, Maiden Elementary

Old Business

2011-2012 Local Current Expense and Capital Outlay Budget Request

At the January 24th Board of Education Work Session, Board members reviewed the Current Expense and the Capital Outlay Budget Requests for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. On February 7, a Public Hearing was held for the purpose of receiving input from citizens regarding the proposed budget. Attorney Davis conducted the Public Hearing at which time two persons addressed members regarding the proposed budget.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Barger reminded Board members that the proposed budget has been discussed with all groups and also that the Board has had opportunity in past weeks to hear from interested parties. He also pointed out there is still a lot of time between now and the end of the budget process. It must first go to the county manager and commissioners. He expressed his hope

that in the process Catawba County Schools could see some relief from the proposed 5% reduction requested by the county.

Approval of School Fundraising Activities

According to policy, schools have the opportunity to submit fundraising activities at beginning of year and by semester. Approved school fundraising activities for the second semester include Mill Creek Middle School, Fred T. Foard High School and Maiden High School.

New Business

- The Board approved a **Golden LEAF Foundation Grant and Agreement**. Carol Moore has received a second grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation for Catawba County Schools. The award is \$249,500 and the funds will extend inquiry-based science to the middle schools, provide additional financial support for Project Lead the Way (currently at Jacobs Fork) and create a STEM middle school career fair. Moore gave an overview of the grant prior to the Board granting approval.
- The Board approved a **Right-of-Way Agreement for Webb A. Murray Elementary School** as required by NCDOT. The agreement is for a 60 ft right away with 30 ft. on each side and includes two 10 x 70 triangles where DOT could clear anything that might impede traffic.
- The Board approved of **Lease Agreement for Old St. Stephens Elementary School Property for Project HOPE**. The WNC Epilepsy Association has again requested to lease a portion of the old St. Stephens Elementary School Property for "Project HOPE" (Help Our People Eat).
- The Board gave its approval for a **Resolution for Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, Surveying Services and Landscape Architect**. This resolution basically designates individuals that the district can use for professional services in their respective areas. The list was compiled after receiving input from administration based on experience with local service providers who have been evaluated for the quality of their services. These businesses may be recommended based on the administration being able to negotiate contract with them.
- The Board awarded the contract for the **St. Stephens High School Cafeteria Construction Project** to G.L. Wilson for a low bid of \$1,252,506, which included eleven alternates. Prior to the vote, Assistant Superintendent Steve Demiter shared the drawing to review it along with the base bid and alternates that were certified. Intent of project is to construct a new kitchen behind the old kitchen that will extend out toward from parking and extend the old kitchen to four serving lines with a seating capacity of 525. The Board awarded the contract for the kitchen equipment with one alternate to C E Holt Refrigeration with the low bid of \$292,009.
- The Board approved a **Carnegie Learning Contract** in preparation for the mathematics curriculum changes in 2012-2013. Carnegie Learning features online curricula of algebra, geometry and cross-disciplinary courses. Over the course of five years, the district will save close to \$700,000 by using the online services.

Interim Superintendent's Report

1. **Lanier M. Cansler**, secretary of **North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**, will visit the **Murray** and **Sweetwater** campuses on **March 2nd** as part of **Read Across America Day**. Governor Bev Perdue encouraged her cabinet to use the opportunity to promote reading to students across the state. Secretary Cansler has accepted the invitation and plans to read to **Cynthia Blackburn's** 3rd/4th combination class. Mr. Cansler is the grandparent of a Murray student.
2. **Bunker Hill Science teacher Derek Chase** has been selected as one of two **North Carolina Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education Center Outstanding 9 – 16 Educators** to be recognized for **2011**. He will be honored on Saturday, April 16th at the **Celebration of Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education** in Cary.
3. The **Jacobs Fork Middle School Robotics Competition Team** is now officially a member of the 17,000 competitive teams across the globe that have partnered with **First Lego League**. In recognizing a need for science and mathematics integration to help foster competitive students in today's global marketplace, **Jacobs Fork** has redesigned a former computer application class to instruct students in basic robotic engineering. In conjunction with this new course offering, they have successfully completed the inaugural year for the **Lego My Robot! Team**. At the regional competition held in December in Wilkes County, the team placed 2nd and qualified for the state event. Target graciously sponsored the team through a CCS community grant.
4. Congratulations to the **Bandys JROTC Drill Team** for a first-place finish as the cadets competed against 18 other JROTC programs located throughout **Eastern North Carolina in the US Army Cadet Command, 4th JROTC Brigade, "Best of the Best (East)" drill competition**. The team brought home 11 trophies; placing 1st overall in regulation and exhibition drill, and finishing 1st overall in all drill categories. The Trojan Battalion JROTC Drill Team is experiencing another excellent year. To date the team boasts a combined overall record of 48 and 1; and has established a reputation among the JROTC community in our 5-state region as the team to beat. The team is under the leadership of Bandys Senior Army Instructor Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bryan D. Green.
5. Congratulations also go to students participating in the **Catawba County District Science Fair** (See list). Thirteen first and second place winners advanced to the **Northwest Regional Science Fair** held on Saturday, February 26 in North Wilkesboro.
6. Nine Catawba County students won awards in the **Catawba County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors Poster Speech and Essay** competitions held recently. The first place winners, **Nicole Dischiavi** and **Erin Hanigofsky** from **Jacobs Fork**, **Aaron Teague** and **Xochitl Navarrete** from **Clyde Campbell**, and **Madison Smith** from **Catawba** will now move on to compete in the regional competition. Other students placing were **Laura Velazquez, Arndt; Seth Pitman, Oxford; Molly Vanhoy, Catawba;** and **Sierra Eckard, Clyde Campbell**.
7. The **Battle of the Books** competitions have begun with the 6th grade - East / West Divisional held on February 28th at Catawba Rosenwald and the BTI Center. The **District Battle of the Books**, 6th grade - from divisional and middle school, will take place on March 14 while the **District Elementary Battle of the Books** - 5th grade - will be held on April 4. Both will take place at St. John's Church.

Reminders:

A school visit to **Jacobs Fork Middle School** is planned for **Monday, March 7th** at noon.

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be held on **Monday, March 28th at 5:30 p.m.** in the boardroom.

OTHER

FOARD WRESTING TEAM WINS STATE TITLE

Mr. Barger extended congratulations to the **Fred T. Foard Wrestling Team** for winning the **North Carolina 3A Championship**. The team is the first in Foard history to win a state title. He also praised the **Bandys Women’s Basketball Team** who will be competing in the regional competition in Greensboro this weekend.

CALENDAR CHANGES PROPOSED IN LEGISLATURE

There are several school calendar bills currently being proposed in the NC legislature. One, [House Bill 175](#), Putting Students First/Local Control, was filed in the House last week. The bill would completely repeal the 2004 school calendar law, restore the prerogative of school boards to set their school calendars, and restore the five teacher workdays that were lost. Rep. Mark Hollo (R-Alexander) and Rep. Mitch Setzer (R-Catawba) are two of the sponsors. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that if no calendar legislation has been passed by the March 28 Board meeting that the system will proceed with the current planned calendar with an Aug. 25 start date.

BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON SENATE BILL 8 – NO CAP ON CHARTER SCHOOLS

Mr. Barger briefed the Board on the impact SB 8 could have on the district, saying there are things that have been added to that bill that cause him grave concern and could severely impact the system should the bill be passed. Districts would be required to share in self-sustaining, fee-based programs such as child nutrition; share preschool and other federal funds (such as JROTC and Free and Reduced Lunch) with charter schools that do not provide these programs. The Board adopted a resolution requesting that members of the North Carolina General Assembly revise the proposed legislation. Click [here](#) to see the resolution.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH/CONTRACT

Interim Superintendent Glenn Barger was approved as superintendent of Catawba County Schools effective April 1, 2011. He will serve through June 30, 2014. To see complete story, visit this link:

[Barger Named Superintendent](#)

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