

Board Highlights

Catawba County Board of Education
January 24, 2011 Meeting
Annex Boardroom

Board Actions

Approved

Board minutes from Regular Meeting on December 6, 2010 and Special Meeting on December 16, 2010. January 24 agenda approved with closed session being moved and held prior to meeting.

Approved as consent items:

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

Personnel: Eight certified positions, 21 classified positions, one non-faculty coach position, 12 substitute positions, two retirees, six resignations and one death of an employee.

Trip Requests:

Date	School	#	Group	Place	Reason
12/17-18/10	Bandys	16	Wrestling Team	Raleigh, NC	Tournament
12/28-29/10	Bandys	16	Wrestling Team	Chapel Hill, NC	Tournament
1/28-29/11	Bunker Hill	4	Chorus	Greensboro, NC	All-State Chorus
2/4-5/11	Bunker Hill	2	Chorus	Mars Hill, NC	Choral Clinic
2/11-12/11	Foard	10	Swim Team	Cary, NC	3A State Swim Meet
2/12/11	Bandys	10-12	Winter Guard	Rock Hill, SC	Competition
2/18-19/11	Bandys	25	JROTC Drill Team	Fort Bragg	Drill Meet
2/18-20/11	Maiden Middle	16	Cheerleaders	Atlanta, GA	Cheersport Nationals
2/25-27/11	Bandys	TBD	All-District Band Students	Boone, NC	Honors Band
2/27-3/1/11	Maiden High	9	DECA	Greensboro, NC	Competition
3/26/11	Bandys	10-12	Winter Guard	Rock Hill, SC	Competition
4/27-30/11	SSHS	20-24	Women's Soccer Team	Myrtle Beach, SC	Competition
5/5-8/11	Bandys	TBD	Music Department	Williamsburg/Norfolk, VA	Educational

Grants and Gifts

Gift: Fred T. Foard High School - \$325.00 (approximate) for new golf shirts for Golf Team (13) donated by Mike Johnson's Hickory Toyota

Grants:

Hickory Choral Society Music Grant \$250

Ada Smith, music teacher at Mountain View Elementary has received a \$250 grant from the Hickory Choral Society

American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Grant \$2500

Cheryl Markland, physical education instructor at Clyde Campbell, is the recipient of a grant from the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). Only 12 recipients are chosen in the United States. The grant provides \$1200 for physical education supplies provided by U.S. Games. The remaining \$1300 will cover her expenses to attend the National Physical Education Convention in San Diego and pay for her national membership to the AAHPERD. The convention is the last week of March.

Watercolor Society of NC and Cheap Joe's Art Supplies \$1000

Steven Hoke, art instructor at Arndt Middle School, has received a \$1000 grant from the Watercolor Society of NC and Cheap Joe's Art Supplies.

Early Head Start Monthly Report

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

Course Additions

At the January 21 Board of Education Work Session, members were presented the 2011-2012 course additions.

Old Business

The 2010 audit report, presented to the board at the December 6, 2010 Board of Education Meeting, was approved. *An additional review was conducted at the January 21 Board of Education Work Session.*

New Business

- The Board approved a resolution to Transfer of Excess Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Funding from the Murray Elementary Construction project to the St. Stephens High School Cafeteria Construction Project. *QSCB funds were issued and approved for Webb A. Murray Elementary School Construction Project but the bids received for the project were lower than initially anticipated.*
- The Board approved a resolution to continue the use of professional services with CBSA Architects for the St. Stephens High School Kitchen/Cafeteria Construction Project.
- The Board approved the schematic design for the St. Stephens High School Kitchen/Cafeteria Construction Project.
- The Board approved a resolution allowing administration to approve specific kitchen equipment for the St. Stephens High School Kitchen/Cafeteria Construction Project and to pre-qualify vendors for specific kitchen equipment in order to ensure quality of services, lowest qualified bid and to maintain similar type cafeteria equipment in all cafeterias.
- The Board gave approval for administration and the architect to proceed with the bidding process for the St. Stephens High School Kitchen/Cafeteria Construction Project (including base bids and specified alternates).
- Board approval is required for the hiring of engineers related to construction projects. The Board approved the Special Inspections Bid Summary for the Classroom Addition at Webb

- NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) requires an application and agreement by the board for driveway connections as a result of the Webb A. Murray construction project. The Board approved a NCDOT Driveway Connection Application for Murray Elementary School Project.
- The NC Department of Public Instruction requires that the board certify that the Facility Needs Study Report/Survey are a true representation of all improvements and additional facilities needed to accommodate projected enrollments through the 2015-16 school year. It also must show that improvements to existing facilities are made to provide safe, comfortable environments that support the educational programs. The Board approved this report, which must be updated and submitted every five years as required by the NC General Assembly.
- The Board approved a contract for services with the Katalyst Group to provide Voice over IP Telephone Systems for the Central Office, as recommended by administration.
- The Board approved the agreement for the Assessing Core-Content and Ensuring Success in Science (ACCESS) Grant. It is a Math/Science Partnership (MSP) federal grant. Catawba County Schools received the funding in January. The grant will end September 2012 with the possibility of extension for another year depending on federal funding and the budget.
- The Board approved a contract for employment with Michael Howard who will provide services as part of the ACCESS Grant.

Interim Superintendent's Report

Brandon Kaminski of Blackburn Elementary was the **2010-11 Catawba County Schools Spelling Bee Champion**. **Lawson Barkley** from **Snow Creek Elementary** came in second. Brandon will now advance to the regional contest in Charlotte on February 14, 2011.

Maiden Middle School's (MMS) Career class "321" finished 19th of 156 groups in the Stock Market Game™ challenge with a total return of 7.93%. Two other MMS groups place in the top 50. The program gives students the chance to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in an on-line portfolio. They think they're playing a game but they're learning economic and financial concepts they'll use for the rest of their lives. SMG is the only market simulation that is endorsed by the New York Stock Exchange and is correlated to voluntary national and state standards in math, economics, business education, English language arts, family and consumer sciences, technology and social studies. It is run by a non-profit foundation that does not accept advertising or merchandise company products in delivering the program. It has more than 30 years of educational programming built into it and is played in schools around the world. This year 700,000 students, along with their 25,000 teachers, used the program to improve their basic skills, learn about our economic system, and have fun!

CHALLENGER Early College High School students compiled a **90% passing rate on all college courses** taken in fall semester 2010, maintaining their position as the highest-performing identified program subgroup from among the entire CVCC student population for another semester.

Congratulations to these 21 teachers in Catawba County Schools who received their **National Board Certification** recently. They are:

Emilee Hillman - Balls Creek Elementary
Timothy Knopp - Bandys High
Jennifer Stodden - Blackburn Elementary
Rebecca Porter - Bunker Hill High
Keith Wilson - Bunker Hill High
Molly Barlow - Challenger High
Jennifer Blevins - Fred T. Foard High
Betty Floyd - Fred T. Foard High
Jodi Kautz - Lyle Creek Elementary
Liesl Armstrong-Slone - Mill Creek Middle
Dennis "Shad" Franklin - Mill Creek Middle
Michael Slaughter - Mill Creek Middle
Natalie Cadle - Mt. View Elementary
Jana McIntosh - Mt. View Elementary
Connie Abernathy - Oxford Elementary
Rachel Lamb - Oxford Elementary
Grace Ann Shuman - River Bend Middle
Amy Honeycutt - Sherrills Ford Elementary
Barbara Faulkner - St. Stephens High
Darel Reese - St. Stephens High
Fred Whalen -St. Stephens High

Congratulations also go to the **Maiden Middle School Cheerleaders** for winning the JamFest Nationals Cheerleading Competition. The competition was a two-day event in held in early December in Gatlinburg TN.

Catawba County's 2011 District Science Fair is slated for Wednesday, **February 2nd, 2011** at **Catawba Rosenwald**. High school students have been invited to participate this year.

Board Reminders:

The **Budget Hearing** will be held **Monday, February 7th at 5:30 p.m.** in the boardroom.

The **next board meeting** will be **Monday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m.** in the boardroom.

A school visit to **Jacobs Fork Middle School** will take place on **Monday, March 7th at 12 noon.**

Special Recognitions

Andy Blevins, NW Region Teacher of the Year

Fred T. Foard Math teacher and Catawba County Schools Teacher of the Year Andy Blevins was recognized for being selected the NW Region Teacher of the Year. Mr. Blevins will now compete

with seven other regional finalists and one charter school teacher for the NC Teacher of the Year title.

Catawba County School Board

January is School Board Appreciation Month and members of the Catawba County Board of Education were saluted and thanked for their service to the youth of Catawba County.

Shining Stars Recognition

Four Catawba County Schools students were recognized; December Shining Star Olivia Holmes of Arndt Middle School and January Shining Stars Sam Owensby, Tuttle Elementary, Cassey Cha, River Bend Middle and Lake Gibson, Bunker Hill High. See complete story on the Catawba County Schools website.

Other Notes

Catawba County NAACP President Jerry McCombs attended the meeting. Interim Superintendent Barger expressed his appreciation to Mr. McCombs and his organization for their understanding and cooperation when the system was forced to use the Martin Luther King holiday as a make-up day due to being out the previous week because of the snow. Mr. Barger told the group that many learning activities surrounding Dr. King took place in the classrooms that day.

Mr. McCombs also thanked Mr. Barger and the Board for contacting leadership of the organization regarding the situation and working with them by allowing students to attend the MLK celebration on Monday.

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