

Board Highlights

Catawba County Board of Education
June 14, 2011 Special Meeting
Annex Boardroom

Board Actions

Old Business

Approval of Revisions to Adopted 2011-2012 School Calendar – As a result of recent action taken by the General Assembly, the previously adopted 2011-2012 school calendar was revised to add five additional instructional days. The first day of school for staff will be August 19 and August 25 for students. To see the revised calendar, visit this link: [2011-12 revised calendar](#).

New Business

Discussion of Drivers Education Program (*For information only*) – The discussion centered around recent legislation that reduces the amount school districts receive for the Drivers Education Program by \$45 per student, with authorization in the legislation for districts to charge students \$45. Neither administration nor Board members want to charge students \$45 but the current program cannot sustain its operations as it has in the past minus the state funding. Other school districts have met with success using a contract Drivers Education service. The Board asked that a contract be researched and bids taken and presented for consideration at the June 27th Board Meeting.

Personnel Actions – The Board approved Jason Phelps as Physical Education Teacher and Head Football Coach for Fred T. Foard High School.

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Other

More at Four - Mr. Barger told Board members that he hoped to have a clearer picture on More at Four funding by June 27th. Under the new proposed budget the program will be moved from the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Health and Human Services and will become subsidy program. Barger said parents qualifying for the program use a card for daily attendance and the district will only be reimbursed for actual days. He expressed concern that a full time staff will be required daily and questioned where funding would come from for the difference. "Until we get clarity, we cannot make a decision," he said.

School Transfer Slots

Barger also told Board members that the school transfer slots available for the 2011-12 school year will be presented for their approval at the June 27 meeting.