

# Board Highlights

Catawba County Board of Education  
March 7, 2011 School Visit  
Jacobs Fork Middle School Media Center

## Board Actions

### Approved as consent items:

**Personnel:** One remediation position, for board awareness - one resignation and one retiree.

### **Trip Requests:**

Overnight/out-of-state field trip requests and camp request:

Date	School	#	Group	Place	Reason
3/25-27/11	Bandys High	26	JROTC	Prince George Sports and Learning Complex	Eastern Region Drill Meet
3/25-27/11	SSHS	17	Key Club	Durham, NC	Convention
6/20-23/11	Little Tiger Soccer Camp			Fred T. Foard High School Soccer Complex	Soccer Camp

### **Grant and Gifts:**

#### **Grant:**

Bandys High School - \$6,883.00

Soil and Water Conservation Grant from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture  
To reduce erosion of the existing sides of creek as a result of increased water runoff from non porous areas at Bandys High School from the last two additions.

#### **Gifts:**

Fred T. Foard High School - \$400

Donations to purchase matching Tiger golf bags for golf team given by David and Jean Gay (\$200) and Price Well Drilling Company (\$200).

## New Business

### **Discussion and Approval of Student Transfer Process**

Board members discussed a date the system should begin accepting student transfer requests for the 2011/2012 school year. It was decided that only employee transfer requests would be taken in April and others would be delayed until an appropriate date determined by the administration. Current policy regarding student transfers other than transfers for students of employees is tiered into three categories with the following priorities: students living in the Catawba County Schools district, students living in the Hickory City and Newton-Conover school districts and students living out of county. At the request of the Board, School Board Attorney Crystal Davis will amend the policy and administrative procedure to place a priority for siblings of previously transferred students

at each tier level of the policy. The opening of transfer requests will not take place until after May 1 and parents may be notified at the end of July but no later than August 1. The amended student transfer policy/procedure will be presented for approval at the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Discussion of Parents as Teachers and Parenting Network Programs**

Both Parents as Teachers and the Parenting Network operate under Catawba County Schools' Student Services. The discussion centered around the Parenting Network and the Smart Start grant application due on March 10. In looking at potential budget cuts for the coming year and focusing on providing core services, Mr. Barger asked for direction from the Board regarding submitting the grant application. Catawba County Schools is currently the fiscal agent and provides in-kind support to the Parenting Network. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board decided that the Smart Start application would be made if School Board Attorney Crystal Davis could insert conditional language into it that would release the Board from its obligations should the ability to fulfill the contract be affected by the decrease of state funding and the passage of Senate Bill 8. The Board also agreed to submit the application with the understanding that the Parenting Network would work to find another fiscal agent.

### **APPROVED**

**HVAC Controls for Bunker Hill High School** –The bid summary of the HVAC Building Automation System upgrades at Bunker Hill High School was reviewed and Trane was accepted with a low bid of \$ 56,873 base and \$3,100 alternate 1 for a total of \$ 59,973.

**Yearbook Contract for Fred T. Foard High School** – Due to a three-year commitment and according to the revised Board of Education Policy, Board approval was necessary for the proposed Fred T. Foard High School yearbook contract.

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## **Superintendent's Report**

- **Lyle Creek and Maiden Elementary Schools** have both been recognized as **North Carolina PBIS Green Ribbon Schools**. This is the first phase of the Positive Behavior and Intervention Support Initiative recognition that may be obtained by a school. Requirements include an active administration with a PBIS team in place that meets monthly, an identified in-school coach and the completion of Training Module 1. The school progress is monitored by the Department of Public Instruction.
- **Banoak Elementary** had over 250 parents, students, staff, and community guests' show up for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Penny Heart Ball**. This annual event, sponsored by the PTO, was a service project for the school. The Banoak family raised **\$2,815.00** by donating pennies, other coins, and bills to vote for the king and queen they wanted to be crowned on the night of the ball. On Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, the **Banoak family presented three checks in the amount of \$772.00 each to Hospice of Catawba County, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the Best of Banoak**. A portion of the Best of Banoak Funds was used to purchase a walker for a Banoak student. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the kings and queens of Banoak Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Congratulations to Catawba County Schools Teacher Assistant (TA) of the Year **Anita Wilkerson** of **Mt. View Elementary**, for winning the **District 7 TA** title. Anita was interviewed for the state title on February 26. The winner will be announced at a later date.

- March is **National Nutrition Month** and this week is **National School Breakfast Week** (March 7-11). The Child Nutrition Department invites Board members to dine at a school of their choice this month.
- At the **Regional Science Fair** on February 26 in Wilkesboro, **Maiden Middle School** had two students who placed and will now enter their projects in the state competition on March 26. **Alexis Burns** placed first in her division and **Austin Abernathy** placed second in his division. In addition, **Maiden Middle** had two students who were invited to extend their project by adding a research component for a competition at the **North Carolina School of Science and Math** on March 25. These students are **Alexis Burns** and **Sophie Sharp**.
- Several **Mt. View Elementary School** students were recognized in the Charlotte Bobcats Essay and Art Contests held recently. Winners in the essay contest were:  
1st place-Jake Marshall  
2nd place-Isabelle Scanlon  
3rd place-Courtney West  
In the Art Contest, 1st place was won by Laura Hudson.

**Reminder:**

The next **Regular Session** will be **Monday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.** in the boardroom.

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**OTHER**

**SENATE BILL 8 – NO CAP ON CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Mr. Barger briefed the Board on Senate Bill 8 and told members that the calendar bill has been delayed while the focus has been placed on this bill. Board Chair Joyce Spencer requested that a link be added to the Catawba County Schools website to provide the public an opportunity to communicate easily with legislators.