

Catawba County Board of Education Highlights

April 18, 2011

Approved

Minutes from the March 28, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

Agenda

The agenda was amended by Superintendent Barger for the following purposes:

- (1) to remove/postpone revisions to Student Transfer Board of Education Policies until the Board of Education Meeting on May 23;
- (2) the addition of a review of revised Administrative Procedures for Board of Education Policy 7.4120 as New Business #3; and
- (3) the addition of an overnight/out-of-state field trip request on the Consent Agenda for the Bandys Science Olympiad team to attend state competition in Cary on April 29.

Approved Consent Items

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

Personnel: Two remediation positions, four classified positions, one substitute position, two certified resignations, eight certified retirements, five classified resignations and two classified retirements.

Overnight/Out-of State Field Trip Requests:

The following requests were approved:

Date	School	#	Group	Place	Reason
4/20/11	Arndt Middle	100	8 th Grade Social Studies	Kings Mountain Battlefield in South Carolina	Educational
4/29-30/11	Mill Creek Middle and Bandys High	24-35	Hunter Safety Teams	Ellerbe, NC	State Hunter Safety
6/4/11	Foard High	40	Chorus	Carowinds	Music Festival
6/20-23/11	Foard High	8	FFA	Raleigh, NC	State Convention
6/21-23/11	Bandys High	15	FFA	Raleigh, NC	State Convention
6/21-24/11	Maiden High	10	Beta Club	Nashville, TN	National Convention
6/21-23/11	Bunker Hill High	10	FFA	Raleigh, NC	State Convention
6/26-29/11	Bunker Hill High	20-25	Mens' Basketball Team	Catawba College	Team Camp
6/27-7/1/11	Bandys High	6	FFA	White Lake, NC	FFA Camp
6/29-7/2/11	Bunker Hill High	20	Women's Basketball Team	Catawba College	Team Camp
7/4-8/11	Bandys High	6	FFA	White Lake, NC	Leadership Camp

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7/8-10/11	Bandys High	15	FFA	New River State Park	Chapter Officer Retreat
7/8-10/11	Bunker Hill High	10-12	Volleyball Team	Rock Hill, SC	Team Camp
7/9-16/11	Maiden High	12	AFJROTC	Spartanburg, SC	Leadership School
7/9-15/11	Maiden High	4	FCCLA	Anaheim, CA	National Conference

Grant and Gifts:

Grant

Challenger High School - \$1,000 Walmart of Hickory – Local Community Contribution/Hunger Outreach Grant Program

Gifts

Balls Creek Elem School – 16 shopping carts – Technibilt Ltd.
 Sherrills Ford Elem School – 10 shopping carts – Technibilt Ltd.
 Catawba Elem School – 16 shopping carts – Technibilt Ltd.
 Mill Creek Middle School – 6 shopping carts – Technibilt Ltd.
 Maiden Elem School – Security Cameras – PTO \$4,400

Early Head Start Monthly Reports:

Three reports as a requirement of the federal funding for the Early Head Start Program.

Old Business

- **Approval of Bids for the Early Head Start Renovations at Sweetwater Early Childhood Education Center** – The Board approved the low bid from Moss Marlow Building for \$142,700 for the Early Head Start renovations at Sweetwater Early Childhood Education Center. The upgrade project will add a parent waiting area, new reception area, office for the Early Head Start Director and a method to secure access to the classrooms. It also includes increasing parking and resurfacing of the current parking area.

New Business

- **Approval of On-line Student Transcript Process and Fees** –The Board approved an on-line student transcript process and fees that will affect former students making document requests and employment companies seeking verification of graduation of former students. The fee schedule will help to defray the local expenses of the 1600-2000 requests per year. Requests will be made online and payment, by credit or debit card, will be secured online. For former students needing an alternate form of payment, a certified check, money order or exact cash payment will be accepted at the Student Services office at Catawba Rosenwald. Additionally, online assistance can also be facilitated at the Student Services office. For each transaction, the following rates will apply: \$7 per document, with a one-time \$3 service fee, \$25 per (each) verification of graduation, payable from the employment company making the request. The new process will go into effect on July 1, 2011.

- **Approval of HVAC Controls for Mt. View Elementary School** – The contract for the HVAC Building Automation upgrades at Mt. View Elementary School was awarded to Trane - the low bidder at \$43,612.
- **Review of Revised Administrative Procedure for Board of Education Policy 7.4120** - The Board was presented a *draft* of the revised administrative procedures for Board of Education Policy 7.4120 designed to ensure that the policy is enacted fairly and equitably should a reduction in classified force becomes necessary due to budget reductions.
- **Discussion of St. Stephens High School Kitchen/Cafeteria Project** – Members discussed possible revisions to the design plans for the construction project.

Superintendent's Report

- Bunker Hill's yearbook, *Bunhihi*, has been recognized for excellence and featured in the 2011 *Gotcha Covered Look Book, Volume 9*. The *Gotcha Covered Look Book* features the extraordinary work of yearbook staffs and advisers from around the world and is a popular resource for yearbook advisers and staffs seeking creative design and coverage ideas, trends, and inspiration. The BHHS yearbook, titled "Intensity", was created by the school's yearbook journalism class under the direction of Kurt Sigmon, BHHS yearbook adviser.
- Three Science Olympiad teams from Catawba County Schools will compete at the 2011 NC State Science Olympiad on April 29-30 at North Carolina State University. Good luck to the Arndt Middle, Mill Creek Middle, and Fred T. Foard High teams as they compete in the varsity division.
- CCS has begun the roll out the Inquiry Based Learning Mathematics initiative to secondary schools. Carnegie Learning representatives presented overviews of their system to middle and high school principals on March 10th and April 4th. All middle and high school mathematics teachers have been given an overview of the K-12 Mathematics District Plan, course implications for Future Ready Core, Carnegie's Student Centered Learning program, and the Digital Textbook. Staff development will begin this summer.
- Congratulations to the Lyle Creek Elementary School's Battle of the Books sixth grade team for placing third in the regional competition on April 7th.
- High school prom dates for the month of May are as follows: Bunker Hill High School - May 7th at Bunker Hill High School, Fred T Foard High School - May 7th at the Park Inn/Gateway Center and St. Stephens High School - May 14th at CVCC.

- Four students from Clyde Campbell Elementary, Allison Brooks, Leah Brooks, Bailey Carlton and Hannah King, recently traveled to Chicago with their music teacher, Renee Anders, to participate in a National Honors Choir. The American Choral Directors Association sponsored this event which took place March 9-13. Over 1,000 students auditioned from across the United States, 300 were chosen to participate in the Elementary Honors choir, 10 were from North Carolina - and four of those from Catawba County! The students followed a demanding rehearsal schedule, met others from across the US, and still had a little time to "sight see."
- The Catawba County Special Olympics will be held on Friday, May 6th at Newton Conover High School. In the event of rain, the Olympics will take place on Monday, May 9th.
- The Teacher of the Year reception will be held on Thursday, May 12th, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Newton Expo Center.
- CCS student artwork from grades K-12 will be on display at the Valley Hills Mall Art Show from Tuesday, May 10 - Monday, May 16, 2011.
- Bandys High School Drama Department will be holding its spring musical, *Footloose*, at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 12-13 in the school cafeteria.
- Maiden High School drama students will present, "*Back to the 80's, a Totally Awesome Musical*", on Friday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the MHS auditorium.
- The Bandys High School choral department will present their first Annual Talent Show and Dessert Theater on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bandys cafeteria. Admission for the evening will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for ages 4 and under. The night will feature the Bandys chorus singing songs from the hit TV show GLEE, other Pop tunes, and 10 auditioned talent acts. The admission to the show includes the selection of a dessert and drink to enjoy during the performances. All proceeds from the event will go to support the Bandys choral program.
- St. Stephen High School Tractor Shed theatre students will be presenting an original show based on urban legends using interactive technology - Dualboard and classroom performance

system (clickers) to poll the audience on the truth of the legend. The Tractor Shed Theatre will be converted into the performance space with the design a collaborative effort among students in theatre and those in photography classes of Lori Flynn. Performances will be May 24 – 28 at 7 p.m. each evening.

- Nhoell Inthavong, Ashley Rose and Brigid Schnaue of Maiden High School received a trophy and gold medals for their first place finish at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference in Greensboro. Their project was based on “Healthy Eating for Children” They will now compete at the FCCLA National Conference in Anaheim, CA on July 9-14. Kristen Laney and Jaymi Hopkins won a silver medal in Chapter Service Project and are eligible to compete in Anaheim as well.
- The Child Nutrition Annual Banquet “Mardi Gras” will be held at the Maiden High School on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 beginning at 5:30 in the auditorium.
- Schools will be closing on an early release schedule on Friday, April 22 and will remain closed for students until Monday, May 2. There will be an optional teacher workday for staff on Friday, April 29. The administrative offices will be closing to the public beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22 and will re-open on Friday, April 29.

Reminders:

- Challenger High School graduation ceremonies will be held at the CVCC Multipurpose Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 21.
- The next Regular Session will be Monday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom.
- The Memorial Day holiday will be observed on Monday, May 30. All schools and the administrative offices will also be closed.

Special Recognition

Maiden Elementary School Assistant Principal J.R. Sigmon was recognized for being named the NCAE Assistant Principal of the Year.

Shining Stars Recognition

The following three CCS students were recognized as April’s Shining Stars: Quinn Rembert – Maiden Elementary School, Kasey Boger - Jacobs Fork Middle School, and Wayne Jenkins - Catawba Rosenwald.

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