

# Board Highlights

Catawba County Board of Education

March 28, 2011

Annex Boardroom

## Board Actions

### Approved

Board minutes from Retreat on January 21 and 24, Regular Meeting on January 24 and School visit on February 7, 2011.

### Approved as consent items:

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

**Personnel:** One certified, two classified, two remediation positions, four substitute positions, 11 Child Nutrition/custodial substitutes. For board awareness: certified - one resignation and five retirees, classified – one resignation and 10 retirees.

### **Trip Requests:**

Overnight/Out-of-State field trip requests and camp request are presented for your approval. Staff has reviewed and recommends the following:

Date	School	#	Group	Place	Reason
3/19-20/11	Bandys High	6	FFA	Greensboro, NC	Leadership Conference
3/28-29/11	Bandys High	6	FFA	Raleigh, NC	State Livestock Judging
3/30-4/1/11	SSHS	3	Skills USA	Greensboro, NC	State Conference
3/29-30/11	Mill Creek Middle	18	Science Olympiads	Raleigh, NC	Competition
3/29-4/2/11	SSHS	3	Wrestling	Virginia Beach, VA	NHSCA Nationals
4/2-3/11	Foard High	4	Athletics	Research Triangle Park, NC	NCHSAA Coach and Captain Retreat
4/8-10/11	Bunker Hill High	40	JROTC	Charlotte, NC and Charleston, SC	Educational
4/29-30/11	Foard High	18	Science Olympiads	Raleigh, NC	Competition
4/29-30/11	Arndt Middle	17	Science Olympiads	Raleigh, NC	Competition
6/23-25/11	Bandys High	10-15	Women's Basketball	Boone, NC	Camp
6/23-25/11	SSHS	20-25	Men's Basketball	Spartanburg, SC	Camp
6/27-29/11	SSHS	20	Women's Basketball	Spartanburg, SC	Camp
7/13-16/11	SSHS	80	Football Team	Wingate University	Camp
7/15-18/11	Foard	20	Wrestling Team	Boone, NC	Camp
7/21-24/11	Foard	15-20	Men's Soccer	Gardner-Webb University	Camp
7/25-29/11	Foard	20	Volleyball Team	Catawba College	Camp
10/27-29/11	Arndt Middle	50	Social Studies	Washington, DC	Educational

7/6-8/11	Indian Baseball Camp		Rising 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	St. Stephens Optimist Park 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	

## Grant and Gifts:

### Grant:

Grant – Christine Perry and Regina Propst - \$800 NCAE – Boys Reading Club

### Gifts:

Mill Creek Middle School - \$2,500 Anonymous – For Science Olympiad Activities

Arndt Middle School – \$5000 from the Arndt Middle School PTO - To be used toward the purchase of security cameras for the new classroom wing at Arndt.

Catawba County Schools - Carolina Tape and Supply – Donation of surplus and sample rolls of tape consisting of various widths, colors, sizes of masking tape, duct tape, box sealing (shipping) tape, foam tape and aluminum tape. Approximate value \$2700.

### Early Head Start Monthly Report

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

## Old Business

- **2011-2012 School Calendar Update** – Those who have been waiting to see if there might be a shorter summer due to calendar legislation can proceed and make their summer plans. Since there has been no additional action in the General Assembly regarding the calendar bill in the past month which would allow school to start earlier, Board members re-affirmed the current approved 2011-2012 school calendar with an August 19 start date for staff and August 25 start date for students.

## New Business

- **Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Lutheran Home-Hickory** –A three-year continuation contract between the Career-Technical Education Department and Lutheran Home to place students in apprenticeship and internships in nursing homes was approved.
- **Sweetwater Early Head Start Renovations** – The Sweetwater Early Head Start Renovation 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. The project will also include increasing parking and resurfacing the current parking lot. The \$175,000 project is being funded by federal funds through Head Start. The board approved the project design to go out for bids using an informal bidding process, in order that it might be brought back for project approval at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The project must be completed by September 30, 2011.

- **Four-Day Work Week Summer Schedule** – In an effort to conserve energy and reduce cost in the school system, the board voted to place all schools and central operations on a four-day work week. The 40-hour work week will be maintained Monday -Thursday and closed on Fridays with a few exceptions. The Maintenance Department will operate on a rotation work week in order accomplish summer cleaning activities and the Transportation Department will have a skeleton staff on Fridays. In addition, during the week/weekend of the July 4 holiday, the offices and schools will be closed from Friday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 5 and open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 6-8. The summer schedule will begin on Monday, June 20 and end on Friday, August 12.
- **Contract for Students' and Athletes' Lockers at Arndt Middle School** – The Board approved the bid for the students' and athletes' locker contract at Arndt Middle School for the low bidder, McDonald Enterprises, for \$82,894. Included in the bid are 704 new student lockers, 306 athletic and coaches' lockers, and 13 maple benches for seating in boys and girls the locker rooms. The lockers are scheduled to be fully installed by July 16, 2011.

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## Superintendent's Report

- **Ashley Hart, EC teacher at Mt. View Elementary**, has received the “**Best Mannered Teacher**” award from the National League of Junior Cotillions (NLJC), Catawba County Chapter. NLJC is an etiquette and social dance-training program that involves thousands of students nationwide. She was nominated by **Mt. View student Tommy Braunsteiner**.
- **Bandys FFA Agriculture Awareness Day** will be held on **Friday, April 8 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.** at the **Bandys School Farm**. They are expecting over 2,000 visitors from schools and the communities of Catawba and Iredell counties.
- School Nutrition Association's **Nutritional Advisory Council “NAC” of the Year** competition took place recently with **Claremont Elementary** taking top honors as Catawba County Schools District “NAC” of the Year. Advisor **Harriet Ignoffo** and her “NAC” group are to be commended for their hard work and efforts in completing the 21-page project book. **Claremont's** project was to educate students and staff about hunger in our community and world wide. They did several activities including a food drive at Thanksgiving and helping out at The Corner Table Soup Kitchen. Their project book will now be entered in the state level of competition.
- This year's **Catawba County Schools District “NAC Art Winner”** to promote National School Breakfast Week was **Melina Sanchez**, 6<sup>th</sup> grader at **Maiden Elementary**. **Mill Creek's Morgan Overby**, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, was runner up. Melina's artwork will be entered in the state level of competition.
- **River Bend Principal Donna Heavner** has been selected to participate in the **2011-2012 Distinguished Leadership (DLP) in Practice West** cohort. The DLP program will be an exciting, application-based experience that will provide immense professional growth. The cohort is scheduled to launch on April 26-27, 2011, with its first face-to-face session located at the Gardner-Webb University at Statesville, in Statesville. This is certainly a well-deserved honor.
- Congratulations to the following sixth grade/middle school **Battle of the Books** teams and coaches: first place – **Lyle Creek Elementary**, second place – **Mill Creek Middle**, and third place - Jacobs **Fork Middle**. **Lyle Creek** will now represent Catawba County Schools at the regional competition on April 7<sup>th</sup> at First United Methodist Church in Hickory.

- **Challenger Early College High School** held its first ever Athletic Signing ceremony for the first on Friday, March 18 when **Montreat College** signed **Ashley Plover** to play women's soccer.
- Upcoming high school proms scheduled for April are **Bandys, April 15** at Gateway Center, **Maiden, April 15** at Maiden High, and **Challenger, April 16** at Lake Hickory Country Club.
- Mark your calendars now for high school graduations:

**Challenger ECH** – Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.

**Catawba Rosenwald** – Thursday, June 9 at 1 p.m.

**Bunker Hill High School** – Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

**Maiden High School** – Friday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

**Foard High School** – Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m.

**Bandys High School** – Saturday, June 11 at 2 p.m.

**Saint Stephens High School** – Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

All graduations will be held at Catawba Valley Community College in the Multipurpose Center with the exception of Catawba Rosenwald, which will be held at Catawba Rosenwald Education Center.

- **Hailey Banish** of **St. Stephens High School** was named North Carolina state president of Health Occupation Students Association (HOSA) last weekend at the annual state conference.

#### **Reminder:**

The next **Regular Session** will be **Monday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m.** in the boardroom.

### **OTHER Special Recognitions**

#### **Derek Chase, Outstanding 9-16 Educator and Region 7 Outstanding High School Science Teacher**

Bunker Hill High School science teacher Derek Chase was recognized for being selected an Outstanding North Carolina 9-16 Educator by the North Carolina Science, Math and Technology Center and Region 7 Outstanding High School Science Teacher.

#### **Dr. Jeff Isenhour**

Dr. Jeff Isenhour, principal at Jacobs Fork Middle School, was recognized for being selected Region 7 NC Middle School Administrator of the Year.

## Shining Stars Recognition

Six CCS students were recognized at the meeting. Due to inclement weather in February, no recognition was made at the February Board meeting. February Shining Stars recognized were Shining Lark Bodnar of Mt. View Elementary, Elise Hall, River Bend Middle, and Diana Martinez, St. Stephens High School. March Shining Stars recognized were Julia Harris, Tuttle Elementary, Marina Pitofsky, Arndt Middle, and Hannah Cox, Fred T. Foard High School. Watch for complete story on the Catawba County Schools website.

## Other Notes

Representatives from the Catawba County NAACP spoke during the public comments and requested that the Board not use the Martin Luther King holiday in the future as a make-up day.

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