

Catawba County Board of Education Highlights

May 23, 2011

Approved

Minutes from the April 18, 2011 Board of Education Meeting and Board Hearing on May 10, 2011.

Agenda

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

- (1) to move Old Business after New Business in order to allow a guest presenter, who would be returning to Raleigh after the presentation, to go first.
- (2) To add two personnel items after the consent agenda, Addendum 1 for certified staff and Addendum 2 for non-faculty coaches.

Approved Consent Items

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

Personnel: Certified, 15 administrative contracts, two classified, five substitute positions, five certified resignations, nine certified retirements, four classified resignations and three classified retirements.

Overnight/Out-of State Field Trip Requests:

The following requests were approved:

Date	School	#	Group	Place	Reason
6/20-26/11	SSHS	1	HOSA	Anaheim, CA	National Leadership Conference
6/21-23/11	Claremont Elementary	8	NAC	Greensboro, NC	Child Nutrition State Conference
6/25-7/1/11	Bunker Hill High	8	JROTC	Fayetteville, NC	Cadet Leadership School
6/28-29/11	Maiden High	20	Boys Basketball	Pfeiffer University	Camp
7/10-14/11	Maiden High	15	Wrestling Team	Appalachian State University	Camp
7/11-14/11	Bandys High	30	JV and Varsity Cheerleaders	Concord, NC	Cheer Camp
10/24-26/11	Balls Creek Elementary	110	5 th Grade	Haw River State Park	Educational
6/2-4/11	After School	Competition Squad	Cheerleading	Maiden High School	
6/13-16/11	6:00-8:00 pm	Grades 4-9	Volleyball	Fred T. Foard High	
6/13-16/11	6:00-8:30 pm	Rising 2 nd -9 th graders	Girls Basketball	Bunker Hill High School	

6/20-23/11	1:00-5:00 pm	Ages 5-12	Cheerleading	St. Stephens High School	
6/20-23/11	9:00 am-12:00	Ages 7-12	Baseball	Bunker Hill High School	
6/20-23/11	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Ages 5-13	Wrestling	Bunker Hill High School	
6/20-23/11	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Grades 2-9	Boys Basketball	Maiden High School	
6/27-29/11	9:00 am-12:30 pm	Rising 4 th -9 th graders	Volleyball	Bunker Hill High School	
6/27-28/11	9:00 am-3:00 pm	JV	Cheerleading	Maiden High School	
6/28-7/1/11	9:00 am-12:00	Rising 4 th -9 th graders	Softball	Bunker Hill High School	
6/29-30/11	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Varsity	Cheerleading	Maiden High School	
7/11-14/11	9:00 am-12:00	Rising 1 st -9 th graders	Boys Basketball	Bunker Hill High School	
7/11-14/11	8:30 am-12:00	Rising 3 rd -9 th graders	Basketball	Fred T. Foard High	
7/11-14/11	9:00 am-12:00	Rising 1 st -9 th graders	Cheerleading	Bunker Hill High School	
7/14-15/11	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Team Members	Volleyball	Maiden High School	
7/25-26/11	9:00 am-12:00	Team Members	Girls Basketball	Maiden High School	
7/25-28/11	8:30 am-12:00	Rising 1 st -9 th graders	Football	Bunker Hill High	
7/25-28/11	9:00 am-12:00	Ages 5-18	Soccer	Bandys High School	
7/25-28/11	6:00-8:00 pm	9 th -12 th graders	Soccer	Bandys High School	
7/25-28/11	8:00 am-3:00 pm	Foard percussion students assigned to band class	Percussion Camp	Fred T. Foard High School	
7/25-28/11	9:00 am-5:00 pm	New Members	Band Camp	Maiden High School	
7/25-28/11	8:00 am-6:00 pm	Foard percussion students assigned to band class	Guard Camp	Fred T. Foard High School	
7/25-28/11	9:00 am-1:00 pm	Grades 3-12	Tennis Camp	Maiden High School	
7/25-27/11	9:00 am-12:00	Grades 3-7	Football Camp	Maiden High School	
7/31/11 8/1-4/11 8/8-10/11	2:00-5:00 pm 8:00 am-6:00 pm 8:00 am-6:00 pm	Foard students assigned to band and guard classes	Marching Band Camp	Fred T. Foard High School	
8/1-4/11	6:00-8:00 pm	Grades 2-8	Football Camp	St. Stephens High School	
8/1-5/11	9:00 am-6:00 pm		Regular Band Camp – Wk 1	Maiden High School	
8/8-12/11	9:00 am-6:00 pm		Regular Band Camp – Wk 2	Maiden High School	
8/8-10/11	9:00 am-12:00	Grades 9-12	Soccer Camp	Maiden High School	

Gifts:

Bunker Hill High School Cabinetmaking Program – plywood – McCreary Modern

Mill Creek Middle School - \$8,000 donation for operational costs at the school – Mill Creek PTO

Mill Creek Middle School - \$25 donation in memory of Samantha Wheeler – Sharon Keiger

Catawba Elementary School – \$ 24, 338.66 in playground equipment purchased and donated by the PTO

Early Head Start Monthly Reports:

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

Personnel Addendums 1 and 2 were approved with Board member Glenn Fulbright in abstention.

New Business

Report on Career-Technical Education (CTE) Audit – An audit of the CTE program took place during the 2010-2011 school year. Charles Perry, former NC Regional CTE supervisor and former CTE director for Union County, led the audit and presented the results. Perry complimented the CCS program, saying it was “very good.” He reviewed the audit process with Board members then provided statistics showing that the gap between skilled jobs and those qualified to fill the jobs is increasing, that mal-employment is the biggest challenge facing college graduates today, and that many of the jobs once considered “blue collar” jobs now bring in “white collar” salaries. He emphasized the need to align curriculum with the needs of local businesses and suggested that there is a need to market the CTE program. Board members received a copy of the complete report that includes strategies to consider as a follow up to the report.

Student Accident and Athletic Insurance for 2011-12 – The Board approved a plan provided by Nationwide with the American Advantage for the athletic insurance for 2011-12 at \$8 per athlete – this is \$2 less than the cost in 2010-2011. This insurance is secondary to other insurance plans and is endorsed by the NC High School Athletic Association, the NC Athletic Directors Association and the North Carolina School Boards Association.

Maiden Area Feeder Fleet Busing – Barbara Bell, principal of Startown Elementary School, spoke on behalf of the Maiden area feeder schools and presented a proposed fleet busing model similar to one used in the Bunker Hill feeder area. The Board approved the plan, which could eliminate 11 buses - with a potential savings of more than \$80,000. Details of the plan will be shared with parents and available on the CCS website at a later date.

Food and Supply Vendors – Child Nutrition Director Karen Duncan presented information regarding food and supply vendors for the 2011-2012 school year. The Board approved the following rollover vendors from the previous year: Food and supplies - U.S. Foodservice, Inc. - Ft. Mill; bread - Sara Lee Bakery Group/Earthgrains; milk - Land O Sun/Pet Dairy; ice cream - Blue Bell Creameries; bottled water 12 oz. - Coca-Cola Bottling Company; bottled water 20 oz. - Carolina Bottling Company; 100% juice 10 oz. - Coca-Cola Bottling Company; 100% juice 11.5 oz. - Carolina Bottling Company; 100% juice 15.2 oz. - Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company.

Duncan said that food costs were down and because of carryover from the previous year, bonuses received from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and special purchase opportunities USDA had made available, the department was financially stable with one month's reserve. She said supply costs were up due to Snow Creek Elementary meeting green standards by using biodegradable cups and plates, which cost 10 cents per serving as opposed to a cost of only 3 cents in other schools.

She reported that 10 Child Nutrition employees will be retiring this year, with five of those having more than 20 years experience. Duncan explained that the department has avoided additional expenses this year by fixing and not replacing such items as pans, carts, can openers, etc. She said those items would need to be replaced in the future.

Duncan also said supplemental sales are down. "Children don't like the choices out there," she said, adding that French fries were pulled out of elementary menus several years ago. "In middle schools, fries are only available when they are on the menu," she said. She believes that next year manufacturers will be getting on board to make healthier foods more appealing to students.

No Increase in Meal Prices for 2011-12 – Child Nutrition Director Karen Duncan told Board members that Child Nutrition would not request an increase to meal prices for next school year; they will remain at the current rates. "We want to send a message to citizens of Catawba County that we are trying to maintain meal prices during these difficult economic times," she said.

Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act

Duncan reported on the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, a federal act which goes into effect in September. She highlighted some of the changes that will take place:

- Section 104 – Eliminates individual applications through community eligibility – if a school has 40% on free or reduced all students will receive lunch.
- Section 203 – Water – if cafeteria does not have drinking fountain, water must be provided. Duncan said the district expense will be in cups. She said Oxford Elementary is currently participating in a special program and are currently using 6 gallons of water a day.
- Section 204 – Local Wellness policy implementation – Duncan said this has very strict guidelines, has been in county since 2006 but needs to be further implemented.
- Section 208 – Nutrition Standards for all foods sold in schools – The standards apply to all foods served at school - not just in the cafeteria – those foods must comply and adhere to same guidelines as those in Child Nutrition.
- Section 209 – Information for the public on the school nutrition environment – Districts are required to report nutritional information to the public on their website.

Duncan said other changes are coming and cited the new cafeteria being built at St. Stephens High School as an example. "We will not have fryers – all items will be baked," said Duncan. "We also must reduce starches – limit corn, continue serving fresh fruit, and milk will be 1% and flavored chocolate will be skim milk."

YMCA Contract for Lyle Creek – The Board approved the renewal of a contract with the YMCA at Lyle Creek Elementary School for continuation of these services at Lyle Creek Elementary School for another year.

Bandys High School Field House Design – At the December 16, 2010 Board of Education Meeting, members approved the acceptance of an anonymous gift of \$120,000 for Bandys High School. Some of those funds are being used for a field house addition at the school. The current cost estimate is \$59,520. The Board gave its approval of the field house design and authorized Superintendent Glenn Barger to enter into contract negotiations and a contract with Lail Builders.

Old Business

Revisions to Student Transfer Board of Education Policies – At the March 7 Board of Education school visit at Jacobs Fork Middle School, administration recommended changes to the current student transfer process. Attorney Crystal Davis presented the following policy revisions, deletions and new policies that were approved by the Board, with the new policies going into effect immediately on first reading: *Revisions:* 4.2100 - Age Requirements for Entry, 4.2110 - Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission, 4.2320 - School Admission, Enrollment and Assignment (new title), 4.2332 - Homeless Students. *Deletions:* 4.2320 - Administrative Procedures (2), 4.2330 - Assignment of Students, 4.2340 Admission of Transfer students; *New Policies:* - 4.2340 - School Improvement Choice Transfer, 4.3010 - Unsafe School Choice Transfer. More information will be available on the Student Transfer policies in a separate release to media and on the website.

Superintendent's Report

- Every year during the first two weeks of May, students are put to the test to take a three hour college level exam when advance placement (AP) testing takes place. **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses are college level courses offered at the high school. These courses are rigorous and require a commitment of time and intellect in order to meet the challenges provided in AP classes. **This year the district has set a new record in test takers at 671 and broken their previous record of 534!** Why would students put themselves through the rigorous coursework, studying, and heavy homework load to take a college level class? Well, the two quality points added to a student's Grade Point Average are a plus, as well as having the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the AP Exam. Students can earn credit for a course as long as they meet the scoring criteria for the college which they will be attending. In addition to the cost value added, taking AP Exams is something that many college admissions offices look for on a student's transcript.

- On **Monday, May 9**, area elementary students competed in the **5th Annual Modern Woodman of America District Speech Contest**. Prior to the contest, the students had already won first, second, or third place in their local speech contest. They shared their presentations on this year's topic, "**an American Invention**." First place winner for the second year in a row was **Tanner Lloyd**, sixth-grade student from **Mt. View. Blackburn** sixth-grader **Annie Haunton** took second place and the third place winner was **Megan Lowman**, an **Oxford** fifth-grader.
- All of the second grade classes at **Mountain View Elementary School** are holding a Wax Museum on Thursday, May 26. Board members are invited to come enjoy the museum and visit!
- Each year the North Carolina Association of Teacher Assistants (TA) gives out scholarships to children of teacher assistants. This year, two children of Catawba County TAs have received scholarships. Ronald Hammitt, son of teacher assistant Dawn Bradley of **Sherrills Ford** and Sarah Brown, daughter of teacher assistant Joanne Brown of **Lyle Creek Elementary**, have each received a \$1000 scholarship.
- Preliminary end-of-grade test results from last week's elementary testing look very encouraging with third graders showing significant growth over last year. Middle school testing begins on May 24th.
- Congratulations to over 1200 seniors in Catawba County high schools who will be graduating in a couple of weeks. Best wishes to each.

Reminders:

Memorial Day Holiday: Monday, May 30 (all schools and offices closed)

Graduations (all at CVCC Multipurpose Center except Catawba Rosenwald, which is at the school):

Thursday, June 9: Catawba Rosenwald at 1:00 p.m., **Bunker Hill** at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10: Maiden at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 11: Foard at 10:00 a.m., **Bandys** at 2:00 p.m., **St. Stephens** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14 at 8:00 a.m.: Retirement Breakfast at the Newton Expo (beside the Pin Station)

Monday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.: Catawba County Schools Employee Appreciation Day at the Hickory Crawdads game –Wear your ID and get in free.

The next **Regular Session** will be **Monday, June 27** at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom.

Special Recognitions

CCS Sponsors

AMF Colonial Lanes and Carmike Cinema were recognized for being Shining Star sponsors. Texas Roadhouse was recognized for being a CCS Partner, sponsoring the Shining Stars, Teachers of the Year, and providing gift certificates to others recognized in the district on the local, regional and state levels.

Parenting Network Partner Principal

Sharon Harwood, principal at Lyle Creek Elementary School, was recognized by the Parenting Network as their "Partner Principal of the Year." Susan Lee, executive director and Lisa Doucette, made the presentation. The award given to a principal selected from all three school systems in Catawba County.

Shining Stars Recognition

The following three CCS students were recognized as May Shining Stars: Robbie Caskey – Maiden Elementary School, Chance Carden – Lyle Creek Elementary School, and Sofia Alcantara – St. Stephens Elementary School.

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