

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The Haywood County Board of Education met in a regular session Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:57 p.m. at the Education Center in Clyde, NC.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmy Rogers gave the invocation and Chairman Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Francis made the following announcements:

- The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center.
- Anne Garrett Retirement Reception – Thursday, February 15, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Tuscola High School Lobby
- Mardi Gras Ball 2018 – Saturday, February 23, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Laurel Ridge Country Club
- NCSBA School Board 101 – February 28-March 1, 2018 – Raleigh, NC
- Special thanks to Frog Level Fellowship House of Prayer for their letter of support, thoughts, and prayers.
- Congratulations to Sherri Arrington on her retirement and her many years of service to Haywood County Schools
- Jim Francis and Larry Henson are absent due to prior commitments.
- Chairman Francis announced the birth of his new grandson.

Agenda adjustments were as follows:

- Add calendar item after financial reports
- Add Building and Grounds Committee items after policies

North Canton Elementary School presented “Reading Buddies” program. Reading Buddies is a group of volunteers from local congregations who volunteer their time to read with students. Ms. Mann expressed her gratitude to the volunteers and for making a difference in the lives of students.

Recognized the following teachers as recipients of the teacher bonus:

- *Kymberly Riley, Angela Hamiel, Debbie Howell, Jeannine Carter, Pamela Valentine, Rhonda Rogers, Rena White, Amanda Williamson, Susan Francis, John Reilly, Krystal Ford, Kimberly Serenius, Karen Hopkins, Amy Kilgore, Suzanne Bigsby, Samuel Yancey, Lindsey Shelton, Samantha Burlison, Rachel Rizoti, Ashley Caldwell, Lindsey Huneycutt, Allyson Hutchby, Karley Wells, Angela Duckett, Erin Horton, Courtney Myers, Kelsey Cain, Heather Chastain, Laura Kirchner, Rosemary Rogers, Laura Turner, Sheree Hill, Danyiele Hyatt, Christopher Frodsham, Katelyn Overstreet, Timothy Bushnell, Ronald Hundley, Tabitha Judy, Shannon Hanson, Shawn Sampson, Tiffany Turner, James Pressley, Lisa Clifford, Roberto Robles, Mary Melville, Erica Smiley, Roberta D’Alessandro, Amanda Earley, Jacob Hannah, Brandy Mathews, Eric Sollie, Alesia Burgin, Amy Garner, Stephanie Kuykendall*

Recognized the following teachers for achieving National Board Certification:

- *Brooke Atwood, Daniel Atwood, Valerie Blazer, Kathryn Boyer, Deah Branson, Carla Brookshire, Daphne Buchanan, Anita Carreno, Molly Carver, Lisa Cleaveland, Jan Davis, Heather Downs,*

Erin Horton, Tiffany Marchbanks, Angela McHenry, Lindsay Foster Moore, Nanette Renegar, Amber Turner

Recognized the following teachers in appreciation for their assistance in coaching National Board candidates:

- *Lynn Carter, Joy Sollie, Sandy Strahan*

Recognized the following teachers for achieving National Board Certification Renewal:

- *Heidi Ashe, April Haider, Deborah Klinghagen, Vienna Lopresti, Jessica Perry, Angela Ray, Shannon Rock, Beth Hooper, Sandra Smith*

Recognized Cyndi Blankenship for achieving the 2017 Outstanding Physical Education Program of the Year Award

Recognized the following middle and high school athletes:

- *PHS All-Region Soccer Players*
 - *Bryan Castillo-Pina, Coby Hendrie*
- *PHS All Region Cheer*
 - *Maycie Henry, Madison Owen, Abigail Shoemaker, Adison Spivey*
- *PHS Junior Varsity Football– Mountain 6 Conference Champions*
 - *Ryan Reynolds, Wilson Moody, Justin Furman, Davan Dodgin, Jaxon Jarrell, Korey Griffith, Levi Cagle, Keegan Hudson, Louis Mehaffey, Jesson Jones, Dwayne Davis, Mac Deese, Houston Connor, Lane Mease, Collin Lanning, Kain Fortney, Ethan Sanford, Ridge Ray, Bo Warren, Tanner Glance, Hunter Brown, Trenton Dingus, Jay Schreiber, Tucker Lokerson, Caleb Bradford, Travis Shuford, Zach Jones, Jakob Case, Isaiah Israel, James Hutchinson, Tanner Kirkpatrick, Bryson Davis, Neyland Walker, Kain Parker, Zach Webb, Warner Mull, Alex Boone, Isaac Shipman Lleyton Shipman, Robbie Constante, Albert Messer, Dalton Conner*
 - *Coaches: Jacob Hannah, Bentley Rogers, Greg Parrott, Jacob Morgan, Jeremy Cagle, Jody Mathis, Rickey Brindley, Ron Cagle, Scott Early, Tony Francis, Will Warren, Zeb Capps, Brett Chappell*
 - *Manager: Ben Jones*
 - *Trainer: Emmy Lou Wilson*
- *PHS – Conference Lineman of the Year*
 - *Terran Brown*
- *BMS – All-Conference Wrestlers*
 - *Chance Rector, Drew Tems, Reece Moore*

Recognized Chip Singleton and PHS Metals III Class. Students presented an appreciation gift to each board member in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Chairman Francis recognized Board Member, Jimmy Rogers, for receiving the Diploma of Honor through North Carolina School Board Association.

Chairman Francis recognized former Board Member, Scott Smith for his service to the Haywood County Schools Board of Education.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Francis presented Anne Garrett with a plaque for her distinguished service and outstanding leadership to Haywood County Schools over the past 40 years.

No one addressed the Board during open session.

Approved the January 9, 2018 closed and regular session minutes.

Board Attorney Pat Smathers addressed the Board to officially notify them that the Open Meetings Law may have inadvertently been violated at the last meeting on January 9, 2018. The meeting was scheduled for January 8, 2018 and at the last minute was cancelled due to inclement weather. In good faith, the meeting was rescheduled for the following day. Unfortunately, this may not have been correct as to the technical reading of the Open Meetings Law. As with any statute, there has been no formal decision on this kind of situation. Attorney Smathers feels it's the better practice to reaffirm and accept all action that was taken at the January 9th meeting. When the meeting was cancelled on January 8th, it was announced that the meeting would be held the following day. It was publicized and notification went out to the Press and all parties but there still may have been a technical violation of the Open Meetings Law. Attorney Smathers prepared a motion to reaffirm all action from the January 9, 2018. His job is to identify issues and come up with solutions.

Approved the motion to accept, ratify, and reaffirm all decisions and actions taken by the Board at the January 9, 2018 meeting which began at 12:31 p.m. and adjourned at 1:18 p.m. The meeting held on January 9, 2018 being a rescheduled meeting for the January 8, 2018 meeting which was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Approved the E-Rate Project as presented by Todd Trantham.

Approved the following 2018 Graduation Dates for Haywood County Schools

- Haywood Early College – Friday, May 11, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. – Haywood Community College
- Haywood Community Learning Center – Tuesday, June 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Haywood Community College
- Tuscola High School – Friday, June 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – WCU Ramsey Center
- Pisgah High School – Saturday, June 16, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – WCU Ramsey Center
- Central Haywood High School – Saturday, June 16, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. – Haywood Community College

Approved the 2017-2018 Safe Schools Plan as presented by Bill Nolte.

The following policy was presented for first reading and will be tabled until the next board meeting to allow for public input:

- 7410 Teacher Contracts

The following policies were approved as presented by Bill Nolte in Mark Sheppard's absence.

- 4155 Assignment to Classes
- 4240-7312 Child Abuse – Reports and Investigations

Approved the motion for the Town of Waynesville to remove four maple trees along Camelot Drive at Waynesville Middle School baseball field due to the root system damaging sidewalks; presented by Building and Grounds Committee. Town of Waynesville will absorb all cost and there will be no cost to Haywood County Schools.

Approved the motion for Company Roof Options to replace the Canton Middle School Cafeteria roof with a standing metal seam roof with a bid of \$67,401 pending reference check on the vendor; presented by Building and Grounds Committee.

Approved the motion to use ADM Funds to place Access Control at Central Haywood High School for a cost of \$55,000.00 as presented by Building and Grounds Committee.

Approved the motion to use local funds to pay a teacher performance bonus to one employee whose EVAAS scores were in the top 25% for both the State and LEA level. Per legislation, employee was ineligible to be paid the bonus using state funds due to an employment status change in August. Total cost to local for the bonus will be \$4,628.95; presented by Finance Committee

Approved the motion to purchase cyber liability insurance at an estimated cost of \$2500 for the remainder of 2017-20188 and approximately \$5500.00 for 2018-2019 as presented by Finance Committee.

Approved the regular monthly finance reports as presented by Finance Committee.

Approve the amendment to the calendar weather plan as presented by Jenny Wood-Valliere.

Personnel was approved as presented by Anne Garrett

Anne Garrett recognized Travis Collins, Tuscola High School Principal to announce the new Head Football Coach.

Travis Collins announced Mr. J.T. Postell as the next Head Football Coach for Tuscola High School.

Mr. Postell thanked the Board and Administration for their support throughout the years. He thanked Administration for putting emphasis in the classroom as well as on the athletic field. He thanked his wife for her support. He looks forward to building on the great tradition of Tuscola High School football. He hopes to assist and help young men be better players, role models, students, and productive member of society and looks forward to the opportunity.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:37 p.m.