

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The Haywood County Board of Education met for the 2024-2025 Annual Public Budget Hearing and Regular Session on Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Education Center in Clyde, N.C. The 2024-2025 Annual Public Budget Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. and the Regular Session was held at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Francis called the 2024-2025 Annual Public Budget Hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Superintendent, Trevor Putnam presented the 2024-2025 Budget Message and the 2024-2025 Local Current Expense Budget.

Assistant Superintendent, Graham Haynes presented the 2024-2025 Capital Budget.

Child Nutrition Director, Alison Francis presented the 2024-2025 Child Nutrition Budget.

No one addressed the Board during open public budget session.

The 2024-2025 Annual Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Chairman Francis called the March 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Francis made the following announcements:

- Steven Kirkpatrick is absent from the meeting due to a prior commitment.
- The 2024-2025 Annual Public Budget Hearing was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. The 2024-2025 budget was also presented in detail during the Board Work Session on Thursday, March 7, 2024. The video can be viewed on the website and the YouTube channel.
- Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, April 1, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Education Center
- Mardi Gras was very successful. Haywood County Schools Foundation has raised one million dollars over the past fifteen years.

Agenda adjustments were as follows:

- Add four Building and Grounds Committee items following #30.

Approved the amended March 11, 2024 Regular Board Agenda as presented by Chairman Francis.

Recognized Mariel Ottinger as a recipient of the 2024 Morehead-Cain Scholarship.

Recognized Abigail Bentley as the NCCAT 2024 Empower NC Beginning Teacher of the Year.

Recognized the following teachers for receiving National Board Certification Renewal.

- *Melissa Barden, Kristi Blackburn, Lisa Cook, Kelly Deaver, Sarah Floyd, Matthew Golden, Joshua Justice, Holly Kuykendall, Jenifer Mabry, Jennifer McCall, Roberto Robles, Joel Sellers, Courtney Smith, Dawn Williams-Tox*

Recognized the following 2022-2023 Teacher Bonus for Outstanding Achievement

- *Patty Singleton, Brenna Devlin, Mandy Allen, Emma Mann*

Recognized Rachel Blankenship as the recipient of the Dogwood Trust Grant to support aspiring educators sponsored by WRESA.

Recognized the following middle/high school athletes.

- Waynesville Middle Wrestling Conference Champions
 - *Landry Webb, Henry Spivey, Everett Messer*
- Tuscola High School Men's Basketball All-Conference
 - *Jed West*
- Tuscola High School Men's Basketball All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - *Peyton Ollis*
- Tuscola High School Women's Basketball All-Conference
 - *Karsen Cherry*
- Tuscola High School Women's Basketball All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - *Anna Kate Sutton, Nora Jenkins*
- Tuscola High School Wrestling All-Conference
 - *Luke Burress, Chase Hillis*
- Tuscola High School Swimming Men's All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - *Hunter Sollie, Brooks Barbee, Mason Rathbone, Noah Clancy*
- Tuscola High School Swimming Women's All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - *Meredith Bradshaw, Emma Duncan, Julia Ottie, Luci Snyder-Lowe*
- Tuscola High School Winter Track All-Conference
 - *Noah Clancy*
- Pisgah High School Men's Wrestling All-Conference
 - *Levi Curtis, Kail Burnette, Kane Bryson, Jason McClellan, Xander Hill, Landon Pope, Tytus Bridges*
- Pisgah High School Women's Wrestling All-Conference
 - *Treyleigh Miller, Emahni Hollis, Kayla Figgins, Paloma Ramirez*
- Pisgah High School Women's Conference Wrestler of the Year
 - *Paloma Ramirez*
- Pisgah High School Wrestling Conference Tournament Champions
 - *Xander Hill, Cameron King, Jason McClellan, Clay Hatton, Tytus Bridges, Scott Thompson, Kane Bryson, JP Chapman, Eli Frizzell, Turner Robb, Tyson Silver, Henry Holt, Nick Knox, Geovanie Chimalpopoca, Levi Curtis, Kail Burnette, Christian Gibson, Drae Hooks, Landon Pope, Hunter Nelson, Levi Early, Isaiah Warren, Dominic Carver, Leo Boljack, Jackson Fellows, Jacob Cruz-Reyes, Malachi Sawyer, Luka Francis, Karson Sartori, Carson Riley, Iker Ramirez, Ramsey Silver, Fernando Balderos, Terry Ramey, Peyton Pressley, Avery Henderson, Diesel Chambers, Camden Yawn, Teagan Harris, Zachary Evans, Jackson McCracken, Walker Hen line, Dylan Bridges, Brew Plemmons, Xander Bedini, Peyton Queen-manager, Lupe Medoza-manager, Raylynn Vaughn-manager, Kenzie Gibson-manager*
- Pisgah High School Swimming All-Conference, Mens MVP, 3A West Regionals 1st Place in 50 Free; State Finalist
 - *Luke Gonzales*
- Pisgah High School All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-Conference Men's 200 Medley Relay and Men's 200 Free Relay, 3A West Regionals Participants
 - *Hank Bradley, Daniel Sayblack, Jorge Galindo*

- Pisgah High School Indoor Track Conference Champions
 - *Evan Byrd- 500 m dash (WNC Champion), Preston Wright- Shot Put*
- Pisgah High School Indoor Track State Qualifiers
 - *Evan Byrd, Ben Frazier, Caroline Henson, Ashton Sutton, Dominic Messer*
- Pisgah High School Men’s Basketball All-Conference
 - *Sawyer Belue, Mason Putnam*
- Pisgah High School Men’s Basketball All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - *Jake Lowery, Kenyon Moore, Dominic Messer*
- Pisgah High School Women’s Basketball All-Conference
 - *Chandler Lowery, Jade Cody, Kylee Leonard*
- Pisgah High School Women’s Basketball
 - *Dot Mills-Co-Player of the Year*
- Pisgah High School Women’s Basketball All-Conference Honorable Mention
 - *Rylee Campbell, Bailey Conner*
- Pisgah High School Women’s Basketball All-Tournament Team
 - *Dot Mills- Most Valuable Player*
 - *Chandler Lowery, Kylee Leonard*
- Pisgah High Varsity Women’s Basketball All-Conference
 - *Dot Mills, Whitney Boone, Rylee Campbell, Jade Cody, Kennedy Conard, Bailey Conard, Isabel Hardin, Samantha Ivester, Kenna Lawing, Kylee Leonard, Chandler Lowery, Karlie Robinson, Elizabeth Smith, Macey Devlin*
- Pisgah High School Junior Varsity Women’s Basketball Conference Champions
 - *Jayden Belue, Lauren Belue, Faith Brown, Lanna Burke, Addie Foust, Kendall Inman, Ava Johnson, Carly McDowell, Kylee Mesimer, Olivia Newark, Sarah Rhinehart, Celeste Riddle, Molly Watson*

Trevor Putnam shared the 2023-2024 Mental Health Support Personnel Report.

No one addressed the Board during open session.

Approved the following minutes as presented by Chairman Chuck Francis.

- February 8, 2024 – Closed Session
- February 12, 2024 – Closed and Regular Session
- February 22, 2024 – Special Called Session

Approved the 2023-2024 Haywood County Schools/Haywood Early College Calendar Waiver as presented by Jenny Wood.

Approved the Book Harvest Service Agreement Addendum as presented by Charly Inman.

Approved the following 2024 Graduation Dates as presented by Charly Inman.

- Haywood Early College – Friday, May 10, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – HCC Auditorium
- Tuscola High School – Friday, May 31, 2024– 7:00 p.m. – WCU Ramsey Center
- Pisgah High School – Saturday, June 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – WCU Ramsey Center
- Central Haywood High School – Monday, June 3, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – HCC Auditorium
- Haywood Community Learning Center – Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. – HCC Auditorium

Approved the Pre-K Private Pay Rate increase from \$550/month to \$600/month as presented by Kim Shipman.

Approved class size waivers for North Canton Elementary School and Hazelwood Elementary School as presented by Jill Barker.

Approved the 2023-2024 Summer Program Plan as presented by Teresa Cook.

Approved the Positive Behavior Supports Corporation Agreement as presented by Graham Haynes on behalf of Brandi Stephenson.

Approved the Microsoft Renewal as presented by Kim Jackson.

Approved the E-rate Category 1-WAN as presented by Kim Jackson.

Approved the E-rate Category 2 – Switches and Access Points as presented by Kim Jackson.

Approved the motion for Shadeplay Max purchase and installation at North Canton Elementary School at no cost to Haywood County Schools as presented by Building and Grounds Committee.

Approved the motion for Plyo Wall at the Tuscola High School Baseball Field at no cost to Haywood County Schools as presented by Building and Grounds Committee.

Approved the motion for Hitting Cages Update at the Tuscola High School Softball field at no cost to Haywood County Schools as presented by Building and Grounds Committee.

Approved the motion for the Bonitz Company proposal for Bethel Middle School Roof Replacement to be paid from Capital Funds up to \$140,000 as presented by Building and Grounds Committee.

Approved Budget Amendment #4 as presented by Finance Committee.

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

Approved the 2023-2024 Audit Contract – Anderson, Smith & Wike PLLC as presented by Finance Committee.

Approved the 2024-2025 Superintendent’s Proposed Budget as presented by Trevor Putnam, Graham Haynes and Alison Francis.

Approved the following personnel as presented by Trevor Putnam.

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PERSONNEL FOR INFORMATION

Separation from Employment

NAME-POSITION, SITE, REASON

Kimberly Williams-TA II, CLY, Resignation

Tamara Singleton-CN Asst, WMS, Resignation

Sarah Hundley-Teacher, CMS, Resignation

Rebecca Kamperschroer-CN Asst, THS, Resignation

Alecia Frances Martin-School Counselor, JVE/RES, Resignation
Rhonda Allen-Payroll Clerk, CO, Resignation
William Chase Hillis-Tech I, ITC, Resignation
A C Sprinkle III-Supervisor, BUS, Retirement

PERSONNEL FOR APPROVAL

Employment

NAME-POSITION, SITE, REASON

Mary Oberg-After School Asst, JES, PT 10 mth <19.5 hrs/wk
Rachel Robles-TA Title I, HES, FT 10 mth Temp New Position
Brian Piurowski-Custodian, CLY, FT 12 mth 30 hrs/wk replacing Dustin Justice
Patricia Ryan-CN Asst, BES, PT 10 mth 4 hrs/day replacing Tiva Smith
Jerry Hoglen-Bus Driver, BES, PT 10 mth AM Driver replacing Caleb Henson
Jordan Nazarian-TA Counseling Asst, BMS, PT 10 mth New Position
Makayla Deel-Teacher K, JES, FT 10 mth replacing Wendy Ford
Jaime Mehaffey-TA Computer Lab, BES, FT 10 mth Temp replacing Teresa Gallo
Anita Clark-Tutor, BES, PT 10 mth After School Tutor 3 hrs/wk
Linda Rathbone-Tutor Title I, JVE, PT 10 mth <10 hrs/wk
Richard Barnett-Bus Driver/Transportation Safety Asst, NCE, PT 10 mth as needed New Position

Employee Status Change

NAME-POSITION, SITE, ADD/MOVE/REMOVE/CHANGE

Andrew Burton-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 1 section
April Haider-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Rhonda Wester-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 1 section
Lauren Pope-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 1 section
Ashlee Jones-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 1 section
Stephanie Morgan-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Chris Amsler-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 1 section
Maegan Burrell-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Abigail Bentley-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Michelle Mahoney-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 3 sections
Sharon Marshall-Teacher, PHS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 1 section
Courtney McElroy-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Thomas Hughes-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 3 sections
Russell Stewart-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Lori Leech-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 3 sections
Kelly Williams-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 3 sections
Angela Greene-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Karl Dune-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Michelle Ware-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Vienna Lopresti-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 2 sections
Alexandra Johnson-Teacher, THS, Hard to Staff Spring Bonus 1 section
Hayley Prince-Teacher Lead, JES, Add Bus Transportation Assistant < 10 hrs/wk
Melissa Magruder-SN Asst, WMS, Change from 5.75 hrs/day to 6 hrs/day replacing Anna Hightower
Anna HighTower-SN Asst, WMS, Change from 6 hrs/day to 7.5 hrs/day replacing Tamara Singleton
Daria Sharp-Teacher Math, PHS, Change to FT 10 mth replacing Barry Lance
Rachel Jones-Teacher Lead, JVE, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus
Alexandria Varner-Director After School, RES, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus
Kaylee Leatherwood-After School, RES, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus

Lukasz Dobosz-Custodian, JES, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus
 Myra Frady-After School, JES, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus
 Jeb Garner-After School, JES, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus
 Nelsie Smathers-After School, BES, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus
 Sherry Fish-After School, BES, Add Stabilization Grant Bonus
 Cammy Schreiber-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Maria Miller-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Darby Warren-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Holly Trull-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Krista Jones-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Karen Henson-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 McKayla McClure-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Glenna Rayburn-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Lauren King-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Jennifer Rigdon-Teacher, BES, Add After School Tutoring <2 hrs/wk
 Heather Hollingsworth-Recruiter, CO, Move to FT 10 mth Temp Asst Principal replacing Layna Cope
 Rebecca Redpath-LCSW, CO, Change to PT 15 hrs/wk
 Rebecca Redpath-LCSW, CO, Change to FT 10 mth
 Kelly Boone-Math Tutor, CMS, Add Math Tutor CO <5 hrs/wk
 Donna Francis-Title I Tutor, HES, Change from 19.5 hrs/wk to 29.5 hrs/wk
 Sandra Smith-Title I Tutor, HES, Change from 19.5 hrs/wk to 29.5 hrs/wk
 Rebekah Waldrop-Teacher, CLY, Add Broyhill Tutor <8 hrs/wk
 Angela May-Teacher, CMS, Add Broyhill Tutor <8 hrs/wk
 Tracie McElreath-Teacher, PHS, Add Broyhill Tutor <8 hrs/wk
 Carly Pugh-Teacher, WMS, Add Broyhill Tutor <8 hrs/wk
 Angela Michelle Mull-School Social Worker, CO, Add Summer Employment 20 days
 Danielle Pettyjohn-School Social Worker, CO, Add Summer Employment 20 days
 Lisa Frazier-School Social Worker, CO, Add Summer Employment 20 days
 Amber Benhart-School Social Worker, CO, Add Summer Employment 20 days
 Misty Turner-School Social Worker, CO, Add Summer Employment 20 days
 Tonya Shepard-Teacher, BMS, Add Tutor <20 hrs
 Deidra Boone-Teacher, BMS, Add Tutor <20 hrs
 Rachel Sellers-Teacher, BMS, Add Tutor <20 hrs
 Amy Harrington-Teacher, BMS, Add Tutor <8 hrs
 Julie Green-Teacher, BMS, Add Tutor <4 hrs
 Kiffin Queen-Asst Principal, JES, Add Transportation Safety Asst as needed
 Zachary Williams-Teacher, CMS, Add Math 8th EC
 Angela Ray-Teacher, CMS, Add Math 7th EC
 Jamie Fuentes-Teacher, CMS, Add Math 8th EC
 Mary Jeannine Carter-Teacher, RES, Add After School Tutoring <3 hrs/wk
 John Reilly-Teacher, RES, Add After School Tutoring <3 hrs/wk
 Kennedy Eckard-Teacher, RES, Add After School Tutoring <3 hrs/wk
 Suzanne Bigsby-Teacher, RES, Add After School Tutoring <3 hrs/wk
 Carleene Finger-Teacher, RES, Add After School Tutoring <3 hrs/wk
 Jocelyn Landt-Teacher, RES, Add After School Tutoring <3 hrs/wk
 Pamela Boggess-Custodian/Bus Driver, PHS, Add Bus Transportation Assistant
 Suzanne Wilson-Tutor Title I, NCE, Change from 19.5 to 24.5 hrs/wk
 Catherine McCracken-Tutor Title I, NCE, Change from 19.5 to 24.5 hrs/wk
 Carrington Lovelace-TA EC, CLY, Change from FT 10 mth Temp to FT 10 mth Permanent
 Debra Jones-FEMA Specialist, Maint, Add Months to Continue Employment <29.5 hrs/wk

Layna Cope-Principal, RES, Add Bus Sub as needed
Carly Pugh-Media, WMS, Add Bus Sub as needed

Staff Coach

NAME-POSITION, HEAD/ASSISTANT, BOYS/GIRLS, SITE

Vienna Lopresti-Track, Assistant, Boys/Girls, THS
Joseph Sayblack-Track, Assistant, Boys/Girls, PHS
Neil Rogers-Basketball, Head, Girls, THS

Non-Staff Coach

NAME-POSITION, HEAD/ASSISTANT, BOYS/GIRLS, SITE

Roy Williamson-Track, Head, Boys, PHS
Jordan Jones-Basketball, Assistant, Boys, BMS

Volunteer Services

NAME-POSITION, HEAD/ASSISTANT, BOYS/GIRLS, SITE

William Kapanke-Track, Assistant, Boys/Girls, WMS
Aarika Harris-Track, N/A, Boys/Girls, WMS
Tyler Stephenson-Baseball, Assistant, Boys, CMS
Cody Lovelace-Baseball, Assistant, Boys, CMS
Nathaniel Lowe-Baseball, Assistant, Boys, CMS
Kenneth Lawing-Baseball, Assistant, Boys, CMS
Ashlee Jones-Softball, Assistant, Girls, PHS
Brenton Fisher-Baseball, Assistant, Boys, PHS
Patrick Broom-Baseball, Assistant, Boys, THS

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.