

## Summary of the Monthly Board Meeting, April 3, 2017

The Habersham County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Present were:

Dr. Robert Barron  
Russ Nelson  
Pat Taylor  
Doug Westmoreland  
Rick Williams  
Matthew Cooper, Superintendent  
Jennifer Thacker, Board Attorney

Chair Dr. Robert Barron called the meeting to order.

Pastor Brian James of Level Grove Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Noah Blackmon, Habersham Success Academy student, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

The minutes from the following were unanimously approved:

- Regular Board Meeting, March 13, 2017
- Budget Work Session and Called Board Meeting, March 28, 2017

Under announcements and recognitions, Pat Taylor presented The Extra Mile Award to Fran Blackburn, Academic Coach at Hazel Grove Elementary and Woodville Elementary Schools. Rhonda Andrews and Alison Anglin made the nomination and in their nomination state:

On Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, during Kindergarten Registration one Woodville Elementary Kindergarten teacher was unable to attend and complete the assessment on students that is done each year. Mrs. Blackburn volunteered to attend Kindergarten Registration in the place of this teacher. This requires a more than three-hour commitment of time, not to mention assessing 4 and 5 year olds continually during those three hours. One hundred and twenty one future Raiders went through the assessment process in that one night. Mrs. Blackburn's participation certainly made the process faster for our parents and students and lessened the burden on the other Woodville Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Blackburn often serves our school in ways that might not be typically part of her role as Academic Coach. She is the type of person who just does what needs to be done, no matter the task – She always goes the Extra Mile for Woodville Elementary.

Ms. Blackburn received a framed certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to Subway.

Russ Nelson presented the Service Above Self Award to Joey Nations, Custodian at Demorest Elementary School. Nancy Tomlin, Angie Anderson, Lynn Tallent, Amy Wright, Marie Benfield, Natasha Allen, Tanya England, Dana Brown made the nomination and in their nomination state:

Joey helped so much with kindergarten registration. We administrative assistants think Joey is very deserving of this award. Nancy Tomlin says: Joey is very deserving of this award. He was awesome during registration. He put up with all of our complaints and whining but still had a smile when he was finished. He never complained about anything we asked of him. In fact, he pampered us by having fans plugged in and ready to go before we even got there. Demorest is very lucky to have Joey. Lynn Tallent says: Joey is the perfect example of service above self. He provides service always with a smile. He went about and beyond to help us at kindergarten registration. Amy Wright says: Every day without question he truly goes above self. Regardless of the task, Joey is always willing and eager to help in whatever way he can. He works hard and always takes the time to speak and see how your day is going. He never hesitates to ask if you need anything or if there is anything he can help you with. Demorest Elementary is lucky to have Mr. Joey. Marie Benfield says: During the week of registration Joey worked extra hard to clean up and organize the gym for the following day. He is always cheerful and as a smile on his face. He is willing to help anyone with any request they may have. I feel he is very deserving of this award. Angie Anderson says: Joey goes above and beyond in everything he does. He is always willing to help and do anything that is asked of him. He always has a smile on his face and never complains. This past week he worked extra hard to make sure everything was set up correctly and we had everything we needed. Joey is a true team player. Dana Brown says: Joey's smile is contagious. He was very much a blessing during registration bringing tables, chairs, fans, etc. I appreciate all he did to make us feel welcome and comfortable.

Mr. Nations received a framed certificate of recognition from the Clarkesville Rotary Club and a gift certificate to Midtown Grill.

Congratulations!

Staci Newsome gave a FY 18 budget second look presentation.

The Board unanimously voted to table the monthly financial report. The report will be presented during the next regularly scheduled board meeting on May 8, 2017.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Cooper read and signed a Habersham County Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Jennifer Stein of Prevent Child Abuse Habersham and PCAH representatives were present to receive the proclamation.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month.

Mr. Cooper presented trophies to the following schools for outstanding student and staff attendance for March 2017:

- Top Elementary School for Student Attendance – Level Grove Elementary School – 95.43% Student Attendance
- Top Secondary School for Student Attendance – South Habersham Middle School – 96.54% Student Attendance
- Top Elementary School for Staff Attendance – Clarkesville Elementary School – 97.1% Staff Attendance
- Top Secondary School for Staff Attendance – Habersham Success Academy – 99.13% Staff Attendance

Congratulations!

This concluded the Superintendent’s report.

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approved the following Per Diems:

- i. Regular Board Meeting, March 13, 2017: Dr. Robert Barron, Russ Nelson, Pat Taylor, Doug Westmoreland, Rick Williams
- ii. Budget Work Session and Called Board Meeting, March 28, 2017: Dr. Robert Barron, Russ Nelson, Pat Taylor, Doug Westmoreland, Rick Williams

Approved the following Requests to Raise Funds and Field Trips Requests:

**Requests to Raise Funds**

<u>School</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Fundraiser</u>
Ninth Grade Academy	Student Council	T-shirt sales
Habersham Central	Wrestling Team	Graduation Concession
All Elementary Schools	One Book Habersham/ VFL Elementary Curriculum	Book Sales for One Book Habersham
All Elementary & Middle Schools South Habersham Middle	Volunteers for Literacy Builder’s Club	VFL Annual Duck Race Charity – “Pie in the Sky” Relay for Life & March of Dimes
All Schools	Habersham Feed A Friend (Summer Feeding Program)	T-shirt sales

**Field Trip Requests**

<u>School</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates &amp; Location</u>
Habersham 4-H Club	Habersham 4-H Club	April 28-29, 2017 Eatonton, GA

Following Mr. Cooper’s recommendation, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel recommendations:

**Personnel Recommendations:**

**Accept the following retirements:**

- Deborah Schildbach – Kindergarten Teacher at Hazel Grove Elementary School – effective May 31, 2017
- Joy Nichols – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Clarkesville Elementary School – effective May 31, 2017
- Dr. Mary S. Murphy – EIP Teacher at Fairview Elementary School – effective May 31, 2017
- Keri Burpee – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Clarkesville Elementary School – effective May 31, 2017

**Accept the following resignations:**

- Glenda Worley – School Nutrition Assistant at Clarkesville Elementary School – effective May 26, 2017
- Jennifer Turner – School Nutrition Assistant at Habersham Ninth Grade Academy – effective April 7, 2017
- Rachel Barrow – Custodian at Level Grove Elementary School – effective March 8, 2017
- Meg Thomason – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Demorest Elementary School – effective May 31, 2017
- Bailey Taylor – Agriculture Teacher at North Habersham Middle School – effective June 30, 2017
- Kay McEachern – 49% Teacher at North Habersham Middle School – effective May 31, 2017
- William Crump – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Hazel Grove Elementary School – effective May 31, 2017
- Misty Turpin – Principal at Hazel Grove Elementary School – effective June 13, 2017

**Accept the following transfers for 2017-2018:**

- Katie Brooks – transferring as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Cornelia Elementary School to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Woodville Elementary School
- Dr. Debbie Bruster – transferring as Special Education Teacher at South Habersham Middle School to Special Education Teacher at Habersham Central High School
- Holly Skinner – transferring as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Cornelia Elementary School to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Hazel Grove Elementary School
- Leah Thomas – transferring as 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Baldwin Elementary School to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Woodville Elementary School
- Natasha Allen – transferring as Administrative Assistant at Baldwin Elementary School to Administrative Assistant at Clarkesville Elementary School

**Accept the following personnel for 2016-2017:**

- Angela Cook – 49% Administrative Assistant at Cornelia Elementary School
- Bradley Holbrooks – Custodian at Level Grove Elementary School
- Karla Orozco – Parent Involvement Coordinator at Level Grove Elementary School

- Lisa Mendoza – Substitute Bus Driver
- Kimberly Nations – Substitute Bus Driver
- Mark Nations – Substitute Bus Driver

**Accept the following personnel for 2017-2018:**

- Misty Turpin – Student Data Services & Instructional Technology Coordinator – Technology Department
- Macey Griffin – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Level Grove Elementary School
- Leslie Jordan – School Counselor at Demorest Elementary School
- Jeremy York – Physical Education Teacher/Head Boys Basketball Coach at Habersham Central High School

The Board unanimously approved certified staff for the 2017-2018 school year, minus Anna Ferguson.

Pat Taylor presided over the following vote:

The Board approved the acceptance of Anna Ferguson as a certified staff member for the 2017-2018 school year. The vote was 4-0 with Dr. Robert Barron recusing himself from the vote.

The 2017-2018 Certified Staff list is attached.

Dr. Barron presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Following Mr. Cooper's recommendation, the Board unanimously approved a first reading of KG – Use of School Facilities (includes KG-R Regulation).

The proposed policy changes are available for viewing on [habershamschools.com](http://habershamschools.com).

There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.