

## Summary of the Monthly Board Meeting, August 8, 2016

The Habersham County Board of Education met in a Work Session on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Present were:

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

Chair Don Corbett called the work session to order.

The Board unanimously accepted the work session agenda as presented.

Wade Rhodes and Staci Newsome led an ESPLOST Renewal discussion.

Wade Rhodes presented Economic Development Council information to the Board. Mr. Rhodes praised the recent industry tour field trip taken by Habersham Central High School teachers. Mr. Rhodes invited the Board to attend the next Economic Development Council meeting on September 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m. at The Aquatic Center. The Board decided to continue the discussion during the next called board meeting.

Angela Robinson, Rhonda Andrews and Pam Dalton presented Teacher Keys Evaluation System and Student Growth Measures information to the Board.

Vicki Wade and Wes McGee led an Innovative Use of Instructional Time discussion.

Matthew Cooper led a discussion regarding upcoming board meetings. The Board agreed to a Facility Visit and Called Board Meeting on August 24, 2016, 7:30 a.m. at Woodville Elementary School.

The Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate reasons as described in the board minute's affidavit.

The Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

The Habersham County Board of Education held its Regular Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2016 in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Present were:

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

Chair Don Corbett called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mike Franklin of The Torch gave the invocation.

Habersham Central High School Key Club Officers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

The minutes from the following meetings were unanimously approved:

- Regular Board Meeting, July 18, 2016
- Called Board Meeting, July 29, 2016

Under Announcements and Recognitions, Russ Nelson presented The Extra Mile Award to Katherine Sanders, Migrant Educator for Habersham County Secondary Schools. Renee Pryor made the nomination and in her nomination states:

Katherine Sanders is a part-time Migrant Educator. She tutors migrant secondary students in academic subjects. Katherine also makes home visits as necessary for recruitment and identification of support service needs. Additionally she has to keep required documentation for the migrant program. Katherine works tirelessly to ensure that migrant students succeed in school and beyond. Currently there are two senior migrant students who will be graduating with close to “A” averages. Recently Katherine (on her own time) transported one of those students to North Georgia Technical College to take the COMPASS Test. He did very well on the test and was accepted into the welding program! The student will be the first one in his family to graduate from high school and the first one in his family to attend college! Part of his success is due to the efforts of Katherine Sanders. She has helped this student throughout his high school career and worked with his family. She even helped the family complete all the admissions documents as well as the financial aid documents. Katherine is always going above and beyond her normal duties to see that the mission of “Success For ALL Students” is accomplished. Habersham County Schools is fortunate to have Katherine Sanders’s compassion for students as well as her giftedness in the classroom. She is extremely worthy of the Extra Mile Award.

Mrs. Sanders received a framed certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to Zaxby’s.

Dr. Robert Barron presented the Service Above Self Award to Marva Griffith, Physical Education Paraprofessional at Fairview Elementary School. Darlene Hudson made the nomination and in her nomination states:

Ms. Marva exemplifies positivity and energy! She promotes health and fitness for everyone and makes exercise fun! Before school begins, Ms. Marva gets the students in the gym moving through Jazzercise type routines to start their day right. During PE, Ms. Marva assists Coach Morris as PE Parapro and works with students in computer lab on Keyboarding without Tears. Even during that time, she emphasizes with students the importance of developing fine motor skills and celebrates with each child when he/she gets medals for completing keyboarding tasks successfully. Recently, during the school-wide assembly and Christmas music program, Ms. Marva had all of us on our feet doing a dance routine to “Run, Run, Rudolph”! She tries to find time for students to be active all day, as part of our Power Up for 30 movement. She recently choreographed and led faculty and staff (including myself) in a hip hop routine for the Milestones Games Pep Rally! We had great fun and fitness as the backdrop for the student Hip

Hop flex team who also performed. Ms. Marva motivates us all to want to be more fit and have fun in the process!

Ms. Griffith received a framed certificate of recognition from the Habersham Sunrise Rotary Club and a gift certificate to Zaxby's.

Renee Pryor, Rhonda Andrews and Pam Dalton presented the strategic plan report. 2016 Georgia Milestones results were the focus of the report.

Denise Gunn brought the facilities report.

Staci Newsome brought the financial report.

Following Mr. Cooper's recommendation, the Board unanimously approved the FY 16 Year End Finance Report as presented.

Following Mr. Cooper's recommendation, the Board unanimously approved the July 2016 Finance Report as presented.

In the Superintendents Report, Mr. Cooper recapped the system wide kick-off and stadium ribbon cutting ceremony and shared his optimism regarding the start of school.

Mr. Cooper emphasized that our focus will continue to be "Success For All Students". Mr. Cooper also stressed the importance of the "fundamentals" which are attendance, discipline and use of time.

Mr. Cooper shared current school attendance numbers as follows:

- Elementary students – 3278
- Secondary students – 3416

The total number of students currently attending Habersham County Schools is 6694, an increase of 46 students over last school year.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approved the following Per Diems:

- i. Regular Board Meeting, July 18, 2016: Don Corbett, Dr. Robert Barron, Russ Nelson, Pat Taylor and Rick Williams
- ii. Called Board Meeting, July 29, 2016: Dr. Robert Barron, Russ Nelson, Pat Taylor and Rick Williams

Approved the following Requests to Raise Funds:

### **Requests to Raise Funds**

<u>School</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Fundraiser</u>
Fairview Elementary	Discovery Center	Discovery T-shirt Sale
Habersham Central	FFA	Meat Stick Sales
Habersham Central	FFA	Chapter T-shirt sale
Habersham Central	Horticulture	Plant and flower arrangement sales

Habersham Central	Key Club	Boston Butt sale
Habersham Central	Livestock Show Team	Ag Center concession stand sales
Habersham Central	Livestock Show Team	Donations for Livestock Show Team
Habersham Central	Raider TV	Raider TV Enterprises
Habersham Central	FFA	Pork chop plate sale
Habersham Central	FFA	Citrus Sale
Habersham Central	FFA	Pork chop plate sale
Hazel Grove Elementary	Admin Fund	Cookie Dough Sale
Hazel Grove Elementary	Admin Fund	Yearbook
Hazel Grove Elementary	Admin Fund	Coke & snack machines
Hazel Grove Elementary	Admin Fund	Picture Sales - Individual and Class
Level Grove Elementary	School	Vending, Yearbook
Level Grove Elementary	Relay for Life	Staff activities, school wide coin collection, other
Level Grove Elementary	School	Spirit wear/item sales
Level Grove Elementary	School	Pictures
Level Grove Elementary	Media Center	Bookfairs & magazine sales
North Habersham Middle	Various grade level and school clubs	Event Concessions/School Socials
North Habersham Middle	FFA	Meat Stick Sales
North Habersham Middle	FFA	Little Caesars Pizza Kit Sale
North Habersham Middle	FFA	FFA Memorabilia Sale
North Habersham Middle	FFA	Plant & flower arrangement sales
Wilbanks Middle	PTA	T-shirt sales
Wilbanks Middle	FFA	FFA Cookie Dough Sales
Wilbanks Middle	FFA	Country Meats Beefstick Sales
Wilbanks Middle	FFA	FFA Membership T-shirt & memorabilia sales
Wilbanks Middle	FFA	Flower and plant sales
Wilbanks Middle	FFA	Boston Butt sales
Wilbanks Middle	FFA	Smoked Chicken Que

Under business and following Mr. Cooper's recommendation, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel recommendations:

**Personnel Recommendations:**

**Accept the following resignations:**

- Scott Woerner – Special Education Paraprofessional at Habersham Ninth Grade Academy – effective July 28, 2016
- Julie Harvey – Data Support Specialist in the Technology Department – effective August 12, 2016
- Amber Buffington – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Demorest Elementary School – effective August 4, 2016

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

- Jackie Cane – transferring as School Nutrition Manager at Clarkesville Elementary School to School Nutrition Assistant at Habersham Ninth Grade Academy

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

- Jalen Hulsey – Counselor at Habersham Central High School
- Candace Loudermilk – Special Education Math Teacher at Habersham Ninth Grade Academy
- Katherine Roland – Special Education Teacher at Fairview Elementary School
- Mike Bufford – Low Voltage Technician 49% in the Technology Department

- Nancy Edenfield – Kindergarten Paraprofessional at Baldwin Elementary School
- Leann Hawkins – Kindergarten Paraprofessional at Baldwin Elementary School
- Christy Blakely – School Nurse at South Habersham Middle School
- Nancy Thommasone – Custodian at South Habersham Middle School
- Alison Rackowski – Special Education/Autism Teacher at Demorest Elementary School

There were no public comments.

The Board recognized Lita Barnette and Boy Scout Troop #5. Troup leaders were present to observe and meet a requirement toward earning their Eagle Scout badge.

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.