

Summary of the Monthly Board Meeting, September 12, 2016

The Habersham County Board of Education met in a Work Session on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Clarkesville Elementary School. 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.

The Board unanimously accepted the work session agenda as presented.

Wade Rhodes and Staci Newsome led an ESPLOST Renewal discussion, which included a list of community meetings.

Denise Gunn and Staci Newsome led a Hazel Grove Elementary School and Woodville Elementary School Renovation discussion.

Dennis Unbehant led an E-Rate Network Upgrade discussion. The Board agreed to release a request for proposals.

Matthew Cooper led a discussion regarding upcoming board meetings.

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

The Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session. Pat Taylor was not present for the vote.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

The Board will mail a written decision regarding the student disciplinary tribunal appeal.

The Habersham County Board of Education held its Regular Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 at Clarkesville Elementary School. Present were:

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

Pat Taylor was absent.

Chair Don Corbett called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mickey Carroll of Foothills Community Church gave the invocation.

Clarksville Elementary School Student Council Members led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clarksville Elementary School's Kip's Crew entertained the crowd with a patriotic song.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

The minutes from the following meetings were unanimously approved:

- Regular Board Meeting, August 8, 2016
- Facility Visit and Called Board Meeting, August 24, 2016

Under Announcements and Recognitions, Dr. Robert Barron presented The Extra Mile Award to Morris Brooks, Work Based Learning Coordinator for Habersham Central High School. Jonathan Stribling, Amy Hood, Adam Bagwell, Lisa Saxon, and Wes McGee made the nomination and in their nomination state:

HCHS students who drive on campus register their vehicle and pay for a reserved parking space. This procedure promotes safety by being able to identify vehicles on campus with their owner and ensuring all student drivers have a valid driver's license and insurance. Many students register their vehicle during orientation and others do so during the first days of school. However, there is a small population of students who choose not to follow the protocol of buying a parking permit and registering their vehicle, and drive to campus anyway.

In the spirit of fairness to those students who choose to do the right thing, Coach Morris Brooks took it upon himself to address this issue head-on. Coach Brooks presented a plan to HCHS administration that included him making announcements to students over lunches, creating a handout that addresses the parking procedure to give to students, creating a team of teachers to place warnings on vehicles and finally implementing an alternative plan for those who choose to still not comply with the parking procedure. The plan culminated into Coach Brooks assembling and leading a team of 8 teachers who were stationed in their assigned spots at 6:45am August 15th and 16th. Coach Brooks' team identified all drivers without a permit and parked them together on campus, handed them the parking procedure handout, and made certain they realized the need for a parking permit. He then cross-referenced that list with those students who purchased a permit that day. Repeating that process for two days resulted in the sale of around 50 additional parking permits enhancing safety and promoting fairness in our school.

Coach Brooks saw a need outside his normal duties and took it upon himself to address it. He devoted time and effort outside his normal workday and responsibilities, and led other teachers to do the same in the spirit of creating a better Habersham Central. Coach Brooks is 30 years into his teaching career and still going the Extra Mile.

Mr. Brooks received a framed certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to Zaxby's.

Russ Nelson presented the Service Above Self Award to DJ Collins, Special Education Paraprofessional at South Habersham Middle School. Lana Jones made the nomination (on behalf of a parent) and in her nomination states:

DJ Collins works as a parapro in one of our self-contained classrooms and does an amazing job with our students! He is a kind and gentle soul that many times "flies under the radar" because of his humbleness. His acts of kindness and his example to others, not only is noticed by our staff, but he is a true example to others in our community as well. Please read the email sent to our principal below from a community member.

There is something I wanted you to know: you have some of the best staff around!

I'm Amy Young. I'm a single mom with a son who is 12 years old. My son is autistic. Normal everyday task will set my son off into a tantrum.

My son and I recently took a visit to Habersham's Wal-Mart. In between the makeup and shampoo my son decides he has had enough and sat in the middle of the floor and had a bad moment. Screaming and crying and cussing. I've learned now by 12 years that people will stare, and they did, people will make comments, and they did, but never in 12 years have I had someone stop, get in the floor with my child and comfort him... But that happened tonight. I couldn't get my son calmed and I was EXHAUSTED. A young man by the name of D.J. came up, dropped to the floor next to my son and began to talk to my son. D.J. pulled out his phone and played some game with my son. My son in just moments calmed down and began to laugh.... After helping him to his feet D.J. told me that he worked at your middle school with the special education department. I wanted to pay him and hug him for helping but he wouldn't take any money. He simply said, "Jesus loves me enough to sit with me on my bad days and help me, why wouldn't I do the same to some amazing kid having a bad moment." I didn't believe in God and I didn't believe in good people anymore, but your staff member D.J. made me believe that there is a God and good people. If we lived closer know my son would be at your school. Thank you for hiring such honorable people.

As this one incident shows, DJ is truly an example for us all, not only as educators but a Christian example as well. He had a great impact on this mother and this is what South Habersham gets to experience everyday as he interacts with our students. Thank you DJ Collins for what you do for our students!

Mr. Collins received a framed certificate of recognition from the Habersham Sunrise Rotary Club and a gift certificate to Midtown Grill.

Tim Dockery and Stephanie Walker presented the strategic plan report, which focused on the Transportation Department. Ms. Walker announced 2016 School Bus Safety Week as October 16-22, 2016 and 2016 School Bus Driver and School Bus Monitor Appreciation Day as October 17, 2016.

Denise Gunn brought the facilities report.

Matthew Cooper brought the financial report.

Mr. Cooper provided facts regarding the upcoming ESPLOST renewal.

Following Mr. Cooper's recommendation, the Board unanimously approved the financial report as presented.

In the Superintendents Report, Mr. Cooper thanked Patrick Franklin and Clarkesville Elementary School for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Cooper reported Habersham County Schools have completed 28 safe and strong school days.

Mr. Cooper congratulated the Habersham Raiders Varsity Football Team for achieving a 3-0 record for the first time in 26 years.

Scott Cooper of the American Heart Association recognized Habersham County Schools for their success with Jump Rope For Heart. Habersham County Schools are in the top 25 systems in the state and it was the best year ever for Habersham County.

Mr. Cooper asked the following principals to present information regarding their students, staff and schools:

- Patrick Franklin – Clarkesville Elementary School
- Daphne Penick – South Habersham Middle School

Mr. Cooper recognized and presented trophies to the following schools for outstanding student and staff attendance for August 2016:

- Top Elementary School for Student Attendance – Fairview Elementary School – 97.53% Student Attendance
- Top Secondary School for Student Attendance – South Habersham Middle School – 97.55% Student Attendance
- Top Elementary School for Staff Attendance – Hazel Grove Elementary School – 96.76% Staff Attendance
- Top Secondary School for Staff Attendance – Habersham Ninth Grade Academy – 97.81% Staff Attendance

This concluded the Superintendent’s report.

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approved the following Per Diems:

- i. Regular Board Meeting, August 8, 2016: Don Corbett, Dr. Robert Barron, Russ Nelson, Pat Taylor, Rick Williams
- ii. Facility Visit and Called Board Meeting, August 24, 2016: Don Corbett, Dr. Robert Barron, Russ Nelson, Pat Taylor, Rick Williams

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

Requests to Raise Funds

<u>School</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Fundraiser</u>
Baldwin Elementary	Admin	Snack Machine
Baldwin Elementary	Admin	School Pictures, Fall & Spring
Baldwin Elementary	Admin	Teacher Drink Machine
Baldwin Elementary	PTO	United Way/Relay for Life
Baldwin Elementary	PTO	Book Fair
Baldwin Elementary	PTO	Fall Festival
Baldwin Elementary	PTO	Domino's Pizza Program
Baldwin Elementary	PTO/Fifth Grade	Donut Sale
Baldwin Elementary	PTO/First Grade	Cookie/Lemonade Sale
Baldwin Elementary	PTO/Fourth Grade	Candy Cane Sales
Baldwin Elementary	PTO/Kindergarten	McDonalds Fall Welcome to Kindergarten/Family Night
Baldwin Elementary	PTO/Kindergarten	Pixy Stick Candy Sales
Baldwin Elementary	PTO/Kindergarten	Papa John's Kindergarten Family Night

Baldwin Elementary	PTO/Second Grade	Thankful Candy Sales
Baldwin Elementary	PTO/Third Grade	Fun Dip Candy Sale
Baldwin Elementary	Rising Eagles/PTO	Candy Sale
Clarkesville Elementary	Admin	School Pictures, Fall & Spring
Clarkesville Elementary	Admin	Concessions
Clarkesville Elementary	PTCO	Cookie Dough Sale
Clarkesville Elementary	PTCO	Fall Festival
Clarkesville Elementary	PTCO	Yearbook Sales
Clarkesville Elementary	PTCO	Fun Run
Clarkesville Elementary	PTCO	Spring Fling
Clarkesville Elementary	PTCO	Candy Gram Sale
Clarkesville Elementary	School	United Way Campaign
Clarkesville Elementary	Student Council	Aluminum Recycling Project
Demorest Elementary	Admin	United Way Coins for Compassion
Demorest Elementary	Admin	Concessions
Demorest Elementary	Admin	Jean Day for United Way
Demorest Elementary	Admin	School Pictures, Fall & Spring
Demorest Elementary	Admin/PE	Jump Rope for Heart
Demorest Elementary	PTO	Fall Festival
Demorest Elementary	PTO	Mayfield Ice Cream Sales
Demorest Elementary	PTO	Brick Sales
Demorest Elementary	PTO	Book Fair
Demorest Elementary	PTO	Great American Opportunities
Demorest Elementary	PTO	School Store
Demorest Elementary	PTO	Santa Shop
Demorest Elementary	PTO	Yearbook Sales
Demorest Elementary	Student Council & Student Leadership Academy	Chicken Biscuit Sales to Parents & Staff
Fairview Elementary	Admin	School Pictures, Fall & Spring
Fairview Elementary	Admin	Relay for Life-Staff Jean Days
Fairview Elementary	Admin	Relay for Life-School wide Coin Collection
Fairview Elementary	Admin	Relay for Life-Staff special events/lunches
Fairview Elementary	Admin	Concessions
Fairview Elementary	Admin	Spirit Wear/Items
Fairview Elementary	Admin	Kona Ice
Fairview Elementary	Art/Music/PE	Mother/Son Outing
Fairview Elementary	Art/Music/PE	Movie nights
Fairview Elementary	Art/Music/PE	Art Show
Fairview Elementary	Art/Music/PE	Atlanta Trip for clubs
Fairview Elementary	Art/Music/PE	Daddy/Daughter Dance
Fairview Elementary	Media Center	Yearbook Sales
Fairview Elementary	Media Center	Book Fair
Fairview Elementary	Media Center	Magazine Sales
Fairview Elementary	PTA	Fall Festival
Fairview Elementary	Student Council	School Store
Hazel Grove Elementary	Admin	School Spirit Wear
Hazel Grove Elementary	Media Center	Book Fair
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	School Shirt Sales
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	Pop Friday
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	Box Tops
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	Run with the Rams 5k
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	Fall Festival and Raffle

Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	Christmas Shop
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	Fresh Strawberry Sale
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO	Parent Field Day Shirts
Hazel Grove Elementary	PTO-Art	Original Works Art Sale
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Donut Sales
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Magazine Sales
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Mayfield Ice Cream Sales
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Santa Photos
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Papa John's Night
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	McDonald's Night
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Gift Basket Raffle
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Ice Cream Social
Level Grove Elementary	5th Grade Overnight Trip	Kiss the Pig
Level Grove Elementary	Art Department	Art to Remember
Level Grove Elementary	Kindergarten-Grade Level	McDonalds's Night Sept/Feb
Level Grove Elementary	Kindergarten-Grade Level	Papa John's Nights Oct/Mar
Level Grove Elementary	PTO	Fall Festival
Level Grove Elementary	PTO	Dances
Level Grove Elementary	PTO	Santa Shop
Level Grove Elementary	PTO	Fun Run
Woodville Elementary	Admin	Cookie Dough Sales
Woodville Elementary	Admin	Kitchen Gadget Sales
Woodville Elementary	Art	Original Works Art Sale
Woodville Elementary	Music	Recorder Sales
Woodville Elementary	PTO	Fall festival/T-shirt & Cup Sales
Woodville Elementary	PTO-Media Center	Book Fair-Spring/Fall
Woodville Elementary	School	Ice Cream Buck Sales
Woodville Elementary	School	School Pictures, Fall & Spring
Woodville Elementary	School	Yearbook Sales
North Habersham Middle	Chorus/Drama	Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
North Habersham Middle	Chorus/Drama	Box Tops
North Habersham Middle	Chorus/Drama	Dinner Theatre
North Habersham Middle	Technology & Engineering	Wood carving & 3D Print Sales
South Habersham Middle	Builders Club	Trick of Treat for Unicef (coin collection)
South Habersham Middle	Builders Club	School Walk
South Habersham Middle	Chorus	Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
Wilbanks Middle	8th Grade	5K Run/1 Mile Run
Wilbanks Middle	Band	Cookie Dough Sale
Wilbanks Middle	Band	Candy Bar Sales
Wilbanks Middle	Chorus	Wilbanks Idol
Wilbanks Middle	Chorus	Candy Bar Sales
Wilbanks Middle	Chorus	Madrigal Dinner Theatre
Wilbanks Middle	FCA Club	Dollar Bars
Wilbanks Middle	FCA Club	Movie Nights
Wilbanks Middle	FCA Club	Patriot Gear Sales
Wilbanks Middle	FCA Club	Krispy Kreme Doughnut Pre-Sale (Fall & Spring)
Wilbanks Middle	FCA Club	Chick-fil-A Biscuit Sales
Ninth Grade Academy	Media Center	NGA Corner Store
Ninth Grade Academy	PE	Hat Day for MDA
Ninth Grade Academy	FFA	Pizza Hut Breadstick Cards
Ninth Grade Academy/Habersham Central	JV & Varsity Volleyball	Dollars for Duchenne

Ninth Grade Academy/Habersham Central	JV & Varsity Volleyball	T-shirt sales
Habersham Central	Athletics-All Sports	Dinner/Silent Auction
Habersham Central	Athletics-Baseball	Fall Raffle
Habersham Central	Athletics-Baseball	Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
Habersham Central	Athletics-Baseball	Winter Gun Raffle
Habersham Central	Athletics-Girl's Varsity Basketball	Laundry Detergent Sales

Field Trip Requests

<u>School</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates & Location</u>
Habersham Central	Band	October 15, 2016 Anderson, South Carolina
Habersham Central	DECA	October 20-21, 2016 Atlanta, GA
Habersham Central	Skills/USA Club	October 24-25, 2016 Atlanta, GA
Fairview/Discovery Center	Discovery	October 26, 2016 Seneca and Clemson, South Carolina
Habersham Central	Varsity Competition Cheer	November 10-12, 2016 Columbus, GA
Habersham Central	FBLA	November 16-17, 2016 Athens, GA
SHMS, NHMS, WMS, HCHS	Chorus	November 18-19, 2016 Gainesville, GA
SHMS, NHMS, WMS	FFA	January 27-28, 2017 Covington, GA
Level Grove	5 th Grade	March 9-10, 2017 Chattanooga, Tennessee
HCHS, NGA	FBLA	March 12-14, 2017 Athens, GA

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

Personnel Recommendations:

Accept the following retirement:

- Shirley McConnell – School Nutrition Assistant at Habersham Central High School – effective August 31, 2016

Accept the following resignations:

- Shane Eisel – Custodian at Habersham Central High School – effective September 15, 2016
- Tosha Hooper – Special Education Paraprofessional at North Habersham Middle School – effective September 2, 2016

- Jennifer Hinson – EIP Teacher at Baldwin Elementary School – effective September 9, 2016
- Teresa Kelley – Custodian at Habersham Central High School – effective September 12, 2016

Accept the following transfers for 2016-2017:

- Stacie Cheek – transferring as Registrar at Habersham Central High School to Data Support Specialist in the Technology Department
- Joanne Greenway – transferring as School Nutrition Assistant at Hazel Grove Elementary School to School Nutrition Manager at North Habersham Middle School
- Mary Edder – transferring as School Nutrition Assistant at Level Grove Elementary School to School Nutrition Assistant at Demorest Elementary School
- Rhonda Gray – transferring as School Nutrition Assistant at Habersham Ninth Grade Academy to School Nutrition Assistant at Hazel Grove Elementary School

Accept the following personnel for 2016-2017:

- Christy Darst – 3rd Grade Teacher at Cornelia Elementary School

Brian Horton presented Habersham County Economic Development Council (EDC) information to the Board. Mr. Horton is Vice-Chairman of the EDC and represents South State Bank and is an individual supporter. The Habersham County Economic Development Council is also known as Habersham Partnership for Growth.

The Board unanimously approved Financial Support for the Habersham County Economic Development Council (EDC) in the amount of \$5,000.00 with funding to be provided as follows:

- \$3,000.00 in budgeted funds redirected from the Archway Partnership (non-renewal)
- \$2,000.00 from the general fund (fuel cost savings)

There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.