

## Summary of the Monthly Board Meeting, August 9, 2010

The Habersham County Board of Education met in a Work Session on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony at Habersham Central High School

The Habersham County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2010 in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Present were:

Gilbert Barrett  
Robert Barron  
Trent DeMore  
Meredith McConnell  
Pat Taylor  
Robert Costley, Superintendent  
Mike Sanders, Assistant Superintendent  
Jennifer Thacker, Board Attorney

Chair Meredith McConnell called the meeting to order.

Dr. Jay Hughes, Pastor of Cornelia United Methodist Church, led the invocation. Caroline Way, a student from Baldwin Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the following meetings were approved:

- Regular Meeting, July 26, 2010
- Called Meeting, August 2, 2010

In Announcements and Recognitions, Superintendent Costley presented the Extra Mile Award to Terri Wood, a teacher at Baldwin Elementary. Joel Head nominated Ms. Wood. She was nominated for going the extra mile by volunteering to clean and organize the office areas, the storage areas and the school bookroom during the summer. Ms. Wood worked well over 40 hours in the book room alone. Mr. Costley presented Terri Wood with a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate from El Sombrero.

Gilbert Barrett presented the Habersham Sunrise Rotary Service Above Self Award to Mike Bufford of the Technology Department. Brent Tuck, Principal of North Habersham Middle School nominated Mr. Bufford. Mr. Bufford was nominated for his constant care and prompt service of the school and staff at North Habersham. He is always ready and willing to help on any technology issue. Mr. Bufford arrives quickly and helps solve dilemmas with a smile on his face. Mr. Barrett presented Mike Bufford with a framed certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to Hawg Wild Barbeque.

The Board recognized the following students from Spring Sports teams who competed at the State level:

**Tennis Team:**

Abby Brown  
Claire Stovall

**Golf Team:**

Tanner Batson  
Jake Brooks  
Nick Lowery  
Jake Price  
Greg Reabold

**Track Team:**

Emily Robinson  
Andrew Seay

**Soccer Team:**

Saul Fernandez  
Victor Gaspar  
Orlando Navarrete  
Josh Welborn  
Gui Paoliello  
Sawyer Hemmer  
Andres Mora  
Nathan Byers  
Fabian Paramo  
Edgar Flores

Antonio River a  
Eduardo Garcia  
Jose Lara  
Miguel Alvarez  
Marco Arriaga  
Nolan Hemmer  
Drake Stephens  
Alex Paramo  
Parker Hinson

Nicolas Ramirez  
Jordan Byers  
Cristian Zavala  
Rojelio Navarrete  
Mitchell Harrison  
A J Garcia  
Anthony Zuniga  
Matias DeJesus  
Eric Garza

Each student was presented with a certificate of recognition.

Director Technology, Jason Hogan, updated the Board on the progress made through the Technology Department. Mr. Hogan showed a video of the use of Smart Boards in the classroom and updated the Board on the technology advances made in Habersham County Schools. Over the past 2 years, the Technology Department has upgraded the network backbone, provided wireless coverage in all schools and has installed virtual computer stations and Smart Boards in over 270 classrooms.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Sanders brought the Facilities Report. Mr. Sanders reported that work on the 4-way stop at Habersham Central would begin any day. He also recognized the Maintenance and Custodial Department for working tirelessly this summer to open the schools.

Mr. Sanders provided the Board with the monthly financial update.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Costley reported several items. Mr. Costley presented each Board Member with certificates for completing school board training. Mr. Costley reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony earlier at the newly renovated Habersham Central High School. He also updated the Board on the HB251 School Choice application process. At this time, the majority of applications filed were granted the school of their choice. Due to continued enrollments, some applications are on hold until after the first week of school.

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approved Payables to include the following per diem:
  - i. Regular Meeting, July 26, 2010: Gilbert Barrett, Dr. Robert Barron, Trent DeMore, Meredith McConnell and Patsy Taylor
  - ii. Called Meeting, August 2, 2010: Gilbert Barrett, Dr. Robert Barron, Trent DeMore, Meredith McConnell and Patsy Taylor
- b. Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Accepted the following resignations:

- Christel Welborn – Bus Driver
- Kimberly McConnell – SPED Paraprofessional at Habersham Central – effective August 4, 2010
- Pamela Childress – Bus Driver

Approved the following personnel for 2010-2011:

- Dale Zaboroskie – SPED Teacher at South Habersham Middle School

Accepted the following transfers:

- Patty Brock – transferring as School Nutrition Assistant at Baldwin Elementary to School Nutrition Assistant at South Habersham Middle School
- Jim Cornelius – transferring as School Nutrition Assistant at Woodville Elementary to School Nutrition Assistant at Baldwin Elementary

- c. Approved the following Requests to Raise Funds:

Baldwin Elementary:

- Fruitopia sales
- Drinks for Teachers
- Pictures
- Snacks
- Media Center – School Store

Cornelia Elementary:

- CES Fund – Pictures
- CES Fund – Chase Sanitation
- CES Fund – Cracker sales
- CES Fund – Juice/Coke sales
- Media Center – School Store
- PTO/Media Center – Scholastic Book Fairs

Hazel Grove Elementary:

- Administration – Fall/Spring Pictures
- Administration – School Store
- Administration – Drinks/Snack
- Administration – Book Fair

The Board approved a list of Banks County students to attend Habersham County Schools for the 2010-2011 school year.

Under Business, the Board unanimously approved the first reading of an addendum to Policy JBCCA – Student Assignment to Schools.

The Board unanimously approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Banks County.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned.