

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 29, 2013

The Whitfield County Board of Education held a Board Professional Development at Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton
Louis Fordham
Tony Stanley
Bill Worley

Board member Rodney Lock was late. He arrived at 3:30.

Also present were the following staff members:

Danny Hayes
Caroline Woodason
Carolyn Weaver

Board Member Professional Development

George Thompson with the Schlechty Center facilitated the board member professional development.

The Whitfield County Schools Board of Education is committed to making a major ongoing contribution in the performance of the school district in the following ways:

- Supporting district comprehensive goals
- Ensuring that meetings are focused on system priorities
- Educating the community about education
- Listening to the needs and interest of the community
- Involving all stakeholders
- Assessing regularly the board's performance on board priorities

There are two areas in which the board believes support for district comprehensive goals are a priority in the short term. These are the areas of safety and accountability. Board goals include the following:

- Safe learning environment
 - Heighten community awareness about what is currently in place to ensure a safe learning environment.
 - Provide support and dedicated staff for safety and security teams.
- Accountability
 - Support the superintendent and staff in developing measures of performance for district goals concerning safety, student achievement and patterns of engagement.

Adjournment

At the conclusion of the board member professional development, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, February 4, 2013. Board Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton
Louis Fordham
Rodney Lock
Tony Stanley
Bill Worley

Also present were the following staff members:

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| Danny Hayes | Ron Hale |
| Judy Gilreath | Eric Beavers |
| Richard Schoen | Carolyn Weaver |
| Audrey Williams | |

Also present:

A list of the public in attendance is a part of the backup minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Emily Allen, a 5th grade student at Dug Gap Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silent Reflection

Louis Fordham asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

Inspiration

Emily Allen, quoted a famous quote from Gandhi, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." This is a great inspiration to her. She told the board that we must be the change that we want to see in the world. We must be kind to others. Emily said that Gandhi was a good man who wanted to help his people by showing kindness to all. Emily said that she wants to be an example of kindness at Dug Gap. How are you going to be the change? The board thanked her for that great inspiration.

Recognitions and Presentations

The following certificates were presented:

Olivia Brewer, 1st Place, *The Cottage*, for the *Art from Georgia Schools* at North Georgia University. Olivia is a student at Southeast High School. Her art teacher is Melodie Vaden.

Austin Clark and Elvis Cordovi, 1st place team for the Fall Stock Market Game. Austin and Elvis are students at Coahulla Creek High School. Their teacher is Marybeth Meadows. Mr. Hayes told the board that Coahulla Creek also had the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th place teams out of 51 teams in the region.

Governor's Honors Candidates:

Brady Brown – Theatre Performance Coahulla Creek High School
Silvia Esteban – Music/Voice/Alto Coahulla Creek High School
Sarah Gossett – Communicative Arts Coahulla Creek High School
Tristan Henly – Social Studies Coahulla Creek High School

Courtney Lewis – Dance Coahulla Creek High School
 Joseph Sosebee – Social Studies Coahulla Creek High School
 Joshua Cooper – Technology Northwest High School
 Cleo Evans – Music/Woodwinds/Flute Northwest High School
 Elizabeth Hayes – Agriscience/Biotechnology Northwest High School
 Miranda Helton – Social Studies Northwest High School
 James Hoskins – Music/Voice/Baritone Northwest High School
 Joseph Avery Moore – Visual Arts Northwest High School
 Megan Parker – Agriscience/Environmental Science Northwest High School
 Jarod Patton – Executive Management Northwest High School
 Joshua Rountree – Technology Northwest High School
 Xiangyu Zhong – Mathematics Northwest High School
 Katie Cox - Mathematics Southeast High School
 Whitney Cruz – Social Studies Southeast High School
 Roberto Duarte – Theatre Design Southeast High School
 Clarissa Galaviz – Visual Arts Southeast High School
 Bryan Love – Music/Woodwinds/Saxophone Southeast High School
 Aldara Ramirez – Social Studies Southeast High School
 Daniel Satterfield - Social Studies Southeast High School

Caroline Woodason, Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, told the board that these students are part of a very special elite group. About half of a percent of all students across Georgia are selected to go through the interview process. These students have completed their interviews and/or auditions and are awaiting the results. Less than 550 students from across Georgia will be selected to take part in the Governor's Honors Program at the state level. Students that are selected will take part in a four-week residential summer program at Valdosta State. The program is designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year. At this time we would like to acknowledge the teachers that oversee the program and principals at their respective schools.

Donna Williams – Coahulla Creek High/Principal Phillip Brown
 Rebecca Jenkins – Northwest High School/Principal Britt Adams
 Leigh Ann Noll – Southeast High School/Principal Karey Williams

Mr. Hayes thanked all of the students for the great job they have done and the way they have represented Whitfield County Schools. Louis Fordham told the students to always remember that when they apply for a job this will look good on their resume. He told them that sometimes when you have two good people that you are looking at for the same job things like this can always make a difference. He told the students to keep up the good work.

Hearing of Individuals

Gandi Vaughn, New Hope Elementary School Council representative, told the board that the council at NHE is asking the board to consider making a change to their current Out-of-Zone policy. He told the board that the current policy states that if a student is accepted as an out-of-zone student at one of our elementary schools, they must reapply at middle school and again at high school if they wish to attend a school other than the ones which they are zoned. He told the board that if they are at New Hope Elementary through 5th grade they have to apply for New Hope Middle in 6th grade and if they are at New Hope Middle they have to apply for Northwest High School in 9th grade. They are requesting that students accepted at an elementary will automatically be approved for the feeder schools all the way through 12th grade. Mr. Vaughn told the board that this would help in two ways. 1) It would help with the planning problem for the district and would help the family. 2) It is traumatic to the student to have to wait and see if they are going to be accepted so they can continue in the same out-of-zone schools that they have attended since kindergarten. He told the board that the administration at the school is behind this too. Please look into this and he thanked the board for their time.

Joanne Tallent, Dug Gap community member, told the board that her family has played roller hockey on the tennis courts at Dug Gap for 3 ½ years. On Saturday, January 19, 2013 they were at the school playing and a Whitfield County Sheriff Deputy told us that we must leave immediately as per the school administration. Mrs. Tallent told the board that we have never had an incident that we are aware of. We know that the tennis courts have new asphalt on them but the

equipment we use does not hurt them. At this time she took out the equipment they use (inline skates have rubber wheels, rubber ball, and wooden sticks) and showed it to the board. This is a not a contact sport and they are always supervised by adults. She told the board that her son has Autism and this is a form of therapy for him. We would appreciate it if you would allow us to continue using this area as we always have.

Steve Hampton, community member, told the board that it upset him when he read in the paper that we are serving cheese sandwiches and milk to students who have over five lunch debits. He just can't believe that we would do that. Louis Fordham told Mr. Hampton that this issue was getting out of hand and we have had a policy in place but it was not being enforced. Now we are enforcing it so we can try to get some of this debt taken care of. We are communicating with parents. This is a way to give students lunch. Mr. Fordham told him that we give them multiple chances to pay their debt. He told him that he has talked with students about their unpaid charges. He said that they know about them they just forget to tell their parents. Rodney Lock told him that this has been going on for a long time. Mr. Hampton told the board that this must be embarrassing to students when they are handed a cheese sandwich. Dr. Judy Gilreath told Mr. Hampton that the school officials make sure that they do not embarrass the students. She said that even if a child is given a lunch but has the five debits their lunch is not taken away. Louis told Mr. Hampton that families who cannot afford lunch for their children can fill out the Free Meal Application.

School Report

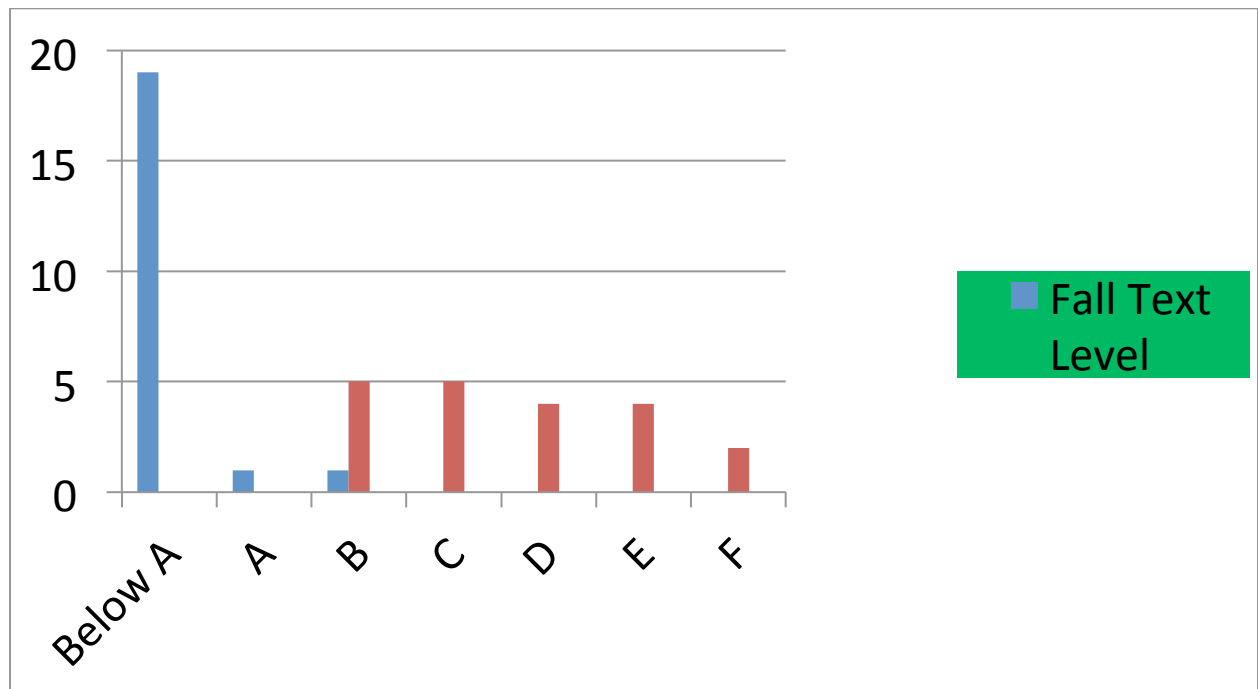
Dug Gap Elementary

School Council Report

Mandy Locke, principal of Dug Gap Elementary, introduced Angela Stafford to give the school council report. Mrs. Stafford told the board that she has two students at Dug Gap. She said we love having Mrs. Locke as our principal and that we have great teachers. She told the board that Dug Gap is a great school. Mrs. Stafford told the board that the school council is so glad that the Literacy Initiative is at Dug Gap. She said that being a part of the school council is a great opportunity. She said that there is a great sense of community at Dug Gap. She told the board that Dug Gap changed their mascot this year to be more like the Raider Nation. Security at Dug Gap is very good. We know that our students are safe and that Mrs. Locke cares. Mrs. Stafford thanked the board for the opportunity to share.

Mandy Locke gave the board a pamphlet. She told the board that this is the nuts and bolts of Dug Gap Elementary. She told the board that they changed their mascot this year so it would tie into Raider Nation. She said that Raider Nation creates pride and excitement about becoming a future raider. She told the board that on Election Day we voted on our new mascot, the Bandits. Our colors are now black, maroon, and silver. Now we are looking for a new face. We are having an art contest to decide exactly what the Dug Gap Bandit will look like. Mandy told the board that our Hispanic population has grown from 34% in 2002 to 65.87% in 2012. She said that we currently have 78.87% of students on Free and Reduced lunch. This is an increase from 50% in 2002. Mandy introduced Gena Welsh, Literacy Coach at Dug Gap. Gena shared a power point presentation with the board titled, "Literacy Collaborative, A Snapshot of Student Success." She shared about always moving forward. She said that you have to think about what you want to see happening three to five years from now. She said that change is hard and slow but someone has to move forward and support the need. Below you will see a chart that is a measure of Student Text Levels as they entered kindergarten for 2012 through winter 2013. The chart shows that they started with 19 non-readers and how they have progressed through the school year. Gena introduced Renee Haught, kindergarten teacher at Dug Gap Elementary. Renee told the board that when you walk into our classroom you will see a design that supports literacy. Ms. Haught shared some success stories about some of her non-reader students. She told the board that Lily is a second language learner who began as a non-reader. She is now reading above grade level and writes stories in complete sentences across pages with detailed illustrations. She told the board that Ulisies is a second language learner who has made tremendous growth this year. He would draw simple pictures and try to label these pictures sometimes. Now he consistently writes stories across pages. These sentences are written in sentence form and are accompanied by illustrations. We are excited about his future progress. She told the board that Mahnum is a second language learner who began as a non-reader. She now reads above grade level and is beginning to write stories across pages in complete sentences with more detailed illustrations. At this time, she had Griffin McCutchen and Zander Douhue share some of the things they have learned. Griffin read a story and shared illustrations that he had written. Zander read the story, "The Scrubbing Machine." Ms. Haught said that they both have made great progress this year. Griffin and Zander's moms are both teachers at Dug Gap. They said that they love to read and write and they are now using strategies. Louis Fordham wanted to know what makes this different. Ms. Haught told

the board that the students are thinking like authors. They are writing their stories and they can't wait to share their writings. This is also helping with their oral languages. Mandy Locke thanked the board for the time to share and invited them to come and visit Dug Gap whenever they could.



Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent, Danny Hayes, recommended the board approve the Consent Agenda items listed below: Thomas Barton moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2013, January 28, 2013

Adoption of Agenda – February 4, 2013

Overnight Field Trip Request

| <u>Name of Group or Sponsor</u> | <u>Activity or Request</u> | <u>Date for Request</u> |
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| Southeast High School Wrestling | Competition –Macon, GA | January 10-12, 2013 |
| Cedar Ridge Elementary 5 th Grade | Burton 4-H Center, Tybee Island, GA | February 24-27, 2013 |
| Eastbrook Middle School 8 th Grade | Burton 4-H Center, Tybee Island, GA | April 24-26, 2013 (Two Buses) |
| Valley Point Middle School 7 th Grade | Burton 4-H Center, Tybee Island, GA | May 3-5, 2013 |
| Northwest High School Skills USA | GA International Convention Center Atlanta, GA | March 21-23, 2013 |

Purchase Orders over \$25, 000.00

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Peach State Freightline, LLC | Purchase of 4 Buses | \$359,168.00 |

System Reports

Demographics

Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, told the board about the two assessments that are being administered at this time:

- Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) – this is a test for students with significant cognitive disabilities. This is a portfolio of student work that shows their work and the progress that is aligned to the Georgia curriculum. This test starts at the beginning of the school year and goes to the end of March.
- Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELL) – this test is designed to measure English learners' social and academic proficiency in English. This test starts around the middle of January and ends the beginning of March.

Audrey shared an email from Teresa Hensley, literacy coach at Antioch Elementary School, about Literacy. She said that an ESOL teacher stopped by to tell Alice and me that she was so impressed with the students she had just tested. She said that their reading and writing were impressive, but she was most excited about the difference in their language development. She said that the amount of “high quality, rich vocabulary” was amazing. One of the students told her that they had learned it in Miss Alice’s class (Alice Oliver). She knew that it had to be from school because in his home they speak no English. This is coming from the opportunities that are given to oral language development in the classroom, especially the Literacy Work Stations. Students are talking and working together, building community. We have noticed students helping each other during work stations and at other times during the literacy block. She said that the talk has become second nature to them. Teresa said that we also see them utilizing the anchor charts because they have been a part of them. One student said today as we made a chart for blends, “I will definitely be using that!” If students get off track or lost, they refer to the charts. Teresa said that this was an Ah Ha moment that she wanted to share.

Report Card

Financial Reports

General Funds and Capital Project Funds

December Statement of Changes in Fund Balance: Ron Hale told the board that he found \$11,964.00 charged to the general fund in Dec. that should have been paid by another fund. Since I prepared these financials in January, and we had already gone live with Visions, this change will have to be entered into the new system. Accordingly, I manually adjusted the expenditures but forgot to adjust the increase in the fund balance (by not using general fund monies). I have made the adjustments in the financials and have attached the revised copies. Ron apologizes for the error on his part.

Ron Hale, CFO, presented the General Fund Balance and the Capital Projects report as of December 31, 2013. Superintendent Hayes recommended the board approve the report as presented. Bill Worley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0. The financial reports are a part of these minutes.

Superintendent’s Reports

Teaching & Learning

Joe Barnett, principal at New Hope Middle School, presented this power point and told the board that we are going to have a guest speaker speak to the entire 7th grade class. Her name is Carolyn Maull McKinstry. Carolyn has recently authored a book (memoir) entitled *While The World Watched*. Carolyn was present on September 15, 1963 at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, when white racist bombed the Church. Carolyn’s four young friends were killed. The book details her life growing up in Birmingham, as well as” lessons learned” from her experiences and involvement in the Birmingham Civil Right Movement of the sixties. This book serves as a tool for Carolyn’s ongoing national and international travel and work in the Ministry of Reconciliation and Forgiveness. Joe told the board that this book is part of the 7th grade frameworks so the whole 7th grade class is reading this book. He told the board that Mrs. Tammy Rosenberger, a teacher at NHM, contacted Carolyn McKinstry and invited her to speak to the entire 7th grade class. She accepted and was very excited that they were reading her book. Tammy Rosenberger wants the

board to know what a fantastic book this is to not only teach various Common Core Skills like highlighting, annotating, vocabulary, and syntax, but it also teaches history and the power of persuasion. She said that the students have been full of thought provoking questions. The students were shocked to learn that Mexicans were also included in the segregation laws. She said that this has really caught the attention of my Hispanic students. She said that the students are really enjoying the book so that makes it easier to teach the skills. At this time Joe introduced Makayla and Melodie, two 7th grade students at NHM who are in Mrs. Rosenberger's class. They told the board that it is a once-in-a-life-time opportunity to meet someone who has survived not only the bombing, but racist Birmingham. It has changed our perspective about people who are different. Many students have a lot of questions to ask. Melodie told the board that if she can learn to forgive something as horrible as racism, then we can learn to forgive as well. Mr. Barnett told the board that she is coming to speak to the 7th grade class on March 21, 2013 at Crosspointe Christian Centre. Joe invited the board to attend.

Operations

Richard Schoen, assistant superintendent for operations, told the board that most of the purchasing for the buses will be paid out of state funds. He told the board that there are 4 buses that are being purchased. 3 regular size buses and 1 special need bus.

Support Services

Dr. Judy Gilreath, assistant superintendent for support services told the board that she had nothing to report at this time.

Approval of Personnel Changes

Personnel Recommendations

Superintendent Hayes recommended the board approve the personnel actions as discussed in executive session to include certified personnel changes, resignations, retirements, new hire, and other personnel changes in this action Thomas Barton moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Previous Business

New Business

Memorandum NWGCCA Equipment Transfer

Mr. Hayes told the board that this is a request to approve equipment transfer that is listed on the memorandum between Dalton Public Schools and Whitfield County Schools. The items that we are requesting to be transferred to Dalton High School are pieces of equipment that are no longer used due to the fact that the program was closed approximately 3 years ago. Mr. Hayes recommended the board approve the Memorandum of Equipment Transfer. Tony Stanley moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Board Member Reports

Bill Worley asked the board about discussion on the Work Session Meetings. At this time there was no discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
Tunnel Hill Elementary School
January 28, 2013

A work session of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held on Monday, February 25, 2013 at Tunnel Hill Elementary School. Board Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton
Louis Fordham
Tony Stanley
Bill Worley
Rodney Lock was late. He arrived at the meeting at 12:20.

Also present were the following staff members:

Danny Hayes Richard Schoen
Judy Gilreath Audrey Williams
Carolyn Weaver Ron Hale
Eric Beavers

Also present:

A list of the public in attendance is a part of the backup minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fred Toney, principal at Phoenix High School, introduced Sirena Hernandez, 12th grader, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Louis Fordham asked everyone to observe a moment of silent reflection.

Student Inspirations

At this time the Tunnel Hill Elementary Chorus sang, "Count on Me."

School Reports

Phoenix High School

Fred Toney, principal of Phoenix, gave the board a handout with information about Phoenix. He told the board that Phoenix is a school for students who cannot or choose not to remain in a regular high school program. Students come from all area high schools. Fred told the board that students attend Phoenix because of their work schedules, childcare needs/scheduling, and to help catch up on their course credits. He said that we have 7 teachers and 1 special education teacher. These teachers work hard to help these students. They want to see these students succeed. Fred said that they have 282 students on roll. He said that we have 6 students that are dual enrolled in college. We will have at least 136 graduates this year. We have already had 42 to graduate this year. We have 35 dual enrolled with other high schools. They are able to take online courses at school and at home. He told the board that we have no time restraints. As they finish a course they can start on another course. 99% of the students have passed the Language Arts EOCT by using a program that was obtained from a grant. Fred told the board that we honor our seniors with a Senior Dinner. Beth Hayes, counselor at Phoenix, told the board that the dinner would be May 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Engine Room. They invited the board and cabinet. Fred told the board that the students at Phoenix are involved in different programs and fundraisers that help people in our community. He told the board that we have hosted summer school for the past two years. Fred told the board that we use USA Test Prep. The students are required to do USA Test Prep before taking the EOCT. Mr. Toney said that we hire great people at Phoenix. He told the board that he loves what he does and he loves his students. Louis Fordham wanted to know how many students at Phoenix are from

Dalton. Fred told him that they do not have students from Dalton. He said that they now attend Innovative Academy and at this time the only students they have are Whitfield County. He thanked the board for the opportunity to share.

Tunnel Hill Elementary

School Council Report

Connie Kopcsak, principal at Tunnel Hill Elementary, welcomed the board to Tunnel Hill. She told them that this is her first year as principal at Tunnel Hill. She said that there is great pride and community support for Tunnel Hill Elementary. Connie told the board that they have a phamplett in front of them that has important information about Tunnel Hill. Connie introduced Chris Woods, assistant principal, to give a report on their Assessment Data. Chris told the board that they have a folder in front of them with all of the Assessment Data. The folder had the CRCT Grade Level Data for grades 3-5 from 2009-2012 for Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies. Next information is the same for Special Education/Gender/Economically Disadvantaged. Next was the CRCT Analysis (Same Class Tracking). Next was the MAP data. This information showed the Fall – Spring starting with 2009-2012. Next is the comparison of the same class of students (over 2-3 years). A copy of all of this information is with the back-up minutes. The board thanked Mr. Woods for this information. Connie Kopcsak told the board that the 2012-2013 school year has started off with two new administrators at Tunnel Hill. She said that we have tried to meet with parents on a regular basis to build that trust and respect. Connie shared with the board some of Tunnel Hills points of pride:

- Recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2009
- Title I Reward School – Highest Performing School (top 5%) in 2012
- Community Service
- Fish Philosophy Celebrations
- Career Day

Connie shared the 2012-2013 School Goals:

1. Safe Environment
 - Administrators strive to be available and form relationships with all stakeholders.
 - Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been reviewed and various drills performed with debriefing afterward.
 - Making front entrance more secure. All front doors have been locked, and hallway entrance doors have been closed.
 - Parents are invited to various events at the school.
2. Content and Substance
 - Teachers have been and still are reviewing the latest DOE webinars about new common core standards.
 - Tunnel Hill teachers have had 2 collaborative planning days to design work around the new standards.
 - Grade levels from across the county met to discuss the state resources accompanying the standards as well as design work around the standards.
 - Teachers are using task from the DOE as examples of rigorous work.

Connie told the board that the new Common Core Standards are very rigorous. Connie told the board that the kindergarten class at THE have been studying about penguins. The folders that they have in front of them, All About Penguins, will be presented by one of the kindergarten classes. The questions that they asked were followed by answers that they researched.

1. How do Baby Penguins eat?
2. Where do penguins live?
3. What do penguins eat?
4. How do penguins move?
5. How do penguins stay warm?
6. How do penguin parents find their babies?

They shared the book, *All About Penguins*. The students got most of their information from this book. Connie told the board that the students had worked very hard. Mr. Hayes asked Connie about the standards that this lesson would apply too. She said Reading, Writing, Communication, Science, and Geography. Mr. Hayes thanked them for their presentation and the great job they did.

School Council Report

Connie Kopcsak introduced Sandy Stroud to give the school council report. Sandy told the board that they have been getting to know the new administrators. She said that they have reviewed the Dash Board with them and reviewed the goals for Whitfield County and the goals that Tunnel Hill is striving for which is School Safety and Content and Substance. She said that they discussed the entrance into Tunnel Hill and is very glad that the front hall doors are kept closed. She thanked the board for the opportunity to share. Mr. Hayes thanked her for her report.

System Reports

Teaching and Learning

Dr. Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, introduced Vanessa Paluszcyk to show a power point on a draft of the District Report Card for 2011-2012. Vanessa introduced the following committee who has been working on this information:

Britt Adams – Principal at Northwest High School

Angela Hayes – Assistant Principal Valley Point Elementary

David Thacker – Instructional Coach for Middle Schools

Andrea Bradley – Principal at North Whitfield Middle School

George Kopcsak – Principal at Eastbrook Middle School

Caroline Woodason – Coordinator for Teaching and Learning

Dr. Audrey Williams – Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

The presentation was presented and discussed.

Audrey told the board that Caroline Woodason had information on Readers to Leaders. Caroline gave the board a print out with the information to celebrate the Week of the Young Child. She told the board that we are holding a book drive at schools, churches, and other places to receive slightly used books. This is being organized through our Vista volunteers.

Audrey Williams presented a draft of the 2013-2014 School Calendar for the board to review. She told them that a committee had been formed with representation from parents, teachers, students, administrators, and school council members. She said that we have also worked with Dalton Public Schools.

Operations

Richard Schoen, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, told the board that they have been working with ABM on a proposal about Solar Power. This would be for schools that are served power through Georgia Power. Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Schoen if he thought we could have this before the board meeting. Mr. Schoen said that he did not know if the proposal would be ready by then.

Support Services

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, presented Amended Contract – Infinite Campus. This would be a change in hosting of student information data by Infinite Campus. It has been on our servers but now will be hosted off-site. This has been reviewed by legal council.

Dr. Gilreath said that Open Enrollment for the high schools is Feb. 25th – March 8th. This is for all Whitfield County students who want to attend another high school instead of the one that they are zoned for.

Dr. Gilreath gave a report on the Cheese Sandwich issue. She said that on Dec. 10th we had \$82,000.00 in lunch charges. She said that we are now at \$39,000.00 and we have only served 22 cheese sandwiches. Louis Fordham told Judy that she did a good job on the report that was on TV.

Finance

Ron Hale, CFO said that the new software implementation went really good. He told the board that pay stubs were posted on Friday, January 25, 2013. We did this so staff could go on and check their stubs to make sure that everything was okay. That way payroll would have a chance to correct any mistakes before the 31st. He

told the board that we still have different modules to be put in place. Ron told the board that they would like to start meeting to discuss the FY13-14 budget.

Review Board Agenda

Monday, March 4, 2013

Other Business

Mr. Hayes wanted to know if the work session or any of the board meetings are meeting their needs or let us know what you want. Rodney Lock said to give them some time to think about it.

Executive Session

The superintendent recommended the board move into executive session for the discussion of personnel. Rodney Lock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton
Louis Fordham
Rodney Lock
Tony Stanley
Bill Worley

Others present:

Danny Hayes, Superintendent

Return to Regular Session

The board having taken no action in executive session returned to regular session at 2.25 p.m. Thomas Barton moved approval to return to regular session and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 5-0.

At this time Rodney Lock told the board that the land next to Cedar Ridge Elementary that has chicken houses on it is going on the market to sell. The owner of the land told the board that if he ever sold he would give the school system first choice. The board appreciated him giving them first choice but they are not interested at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2.35 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary