News of Board of Education issues and actions from the Forsyth County Superintendent of Schools

Informed Source

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Informed Source strives to improve internal communications within FCS and to keep employees fully informed about the issues discussed and decided in meetings of the School Board that are of most concern to them.

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Board Happenings in June

June 5, 2003 CALLED BOARD MEETING

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS: Annual reports of the Local School Councils were reported by:

- Coal Mountain Elementary Recommendations none.
- Cumming Elementary Recommendations none.
- Daves Creek Elementary Recommendations none, only a suggestion that the Board of Education continue to try to influence other members of the county government to understand and own the problems growth is creating for the schools. There was concern about the lack of funding for transportation for the after-school program. Next year Daves Creek would like to do breakfast in the classroom.
- Mashburn Elementary Recommendations none.
- Matt Elementary Recommendations none.
- Vickery Creek Elementary Recommendations none. Suggestion: More equality of business partners or rather a need for a system approach to obtaining business partners other than each school having to obtain business partners on their own.
- Midway Elementary recommendations none.

FINANCE: Rick Gunn, Director of Finance, presented the detailed FY 2004 budget recommendations. Discussion followed on a possible decrease of the rate paid to the county for the collection of taxes. Further research will be done as to what other counties and departments and services pay. At the June 12 meeting the budget will be presented or tentative approval. The budget was advertised in the Forsyth County legal organ from June 16-20. The final budget was presented for approval at the June 26 called board meeting scheduled for 12:00 noon.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS June 5, 2003

CERTIFIED EMPLOYMENT (2003-2004)

Heather Anderson
 Katherine Atolli

50% Music Teacher 2nd Grade Teacher

Vickery Creek Elem. Sawnee Primary

3.	Linda Bearden	1st Grade Teacher	Matt Elementary
<i>3</i> . 4.	Kathleen Bilia	5 th Grade Teacher	Settles Bridge Elem.
5.	Phyllis Chandler	1st Grade Teacher	Midway Elementary
6.	Micheala Claus-Nix	50% German Teacher	South Forsyth High
7.	Toni Dionisio	Pre-K Sp. Ed. Teacher	Sharon Elementary
8.	Eva Echols	Kindergarten Teacher	Matt Elementary
9.	Dona Evans	Gifted Science Teacher	North Forsyth Middle
10.	Patricia Graper	ESOL Teacher	Daves Creek Elementary
11.	Lee Grimes	Counselor	Otwell Middle
12.	Scott Hallam	Physical Ed. Teacher	South Forsyth High
13.	Rebecca Majure	Social Studies Teacher	North Forsyth High
14.	Jennifer Martin	4 th Grade Teacher	Chestatee Elementary
15.	Patrick McAvoy	Band Teacher	North Forsyth Middle
16.	Laura McCormack	Speech/Lang. Pathologist	Cumming Elementary
17.	Cynthia Morrison	2 nd Grade Teacher	Daves Creek Elementary
18.	Sally Mullinax	Counselor	Matt Elementary
19.	Constance Pendley	Speech/Lang. Pathologist	Sawnee Primary
20.	Melanie Prince	2 nd Grade Teacher	Daves Creek Elementary
21.	Pamela Roe	50% SLP	Big Creek Elementary
22.	Chuck Shadburn	LD SC Teacher	Coal Mountain Elem.
23.	Amber Shaw	1st Grade Teacher	Big Creek Elementary
24.	Jennifer Tate	Math Teacher	South Forsyth Middle
25.	Krista Thompson	Interrelated Teacher	Big Creek Elementary
26.	Paul West	Language Arts Teacher	Otwell Middle
27.	Laura Wynn	3 rd Grade Teacher	Matt Elementary
	Kristan Horne	Assistant Principal	Midway Elementary

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

1.	Celeste Bauer	DDK Parapro	Sharon Elementary
2.	Dee Gravitt	Kindergarten Parapro	Cumming Elementary
3.	Ruth Grella	Kindergarten Parapro	Sharon Elementary
4.	Margie Ivey	Food Service Assistant	Forsyth Central High
5.	Aleah Lummus	Custodian	Otwell Middle
6.	Millie Parrish	Kindergarten Parapro	Daves Creek Elementary
7.	Brenda Rosson	Kindergarten Parapro	Matt Elementary
8.	Vickey Scott	Food Service Assistant	Forsyth Central High
9.	Wanda Vande Linde	Interrelated Parapro	Daves Creek Elementary
10.	Elizabeth Wood	DDK Parapro	Cumming Elementary

RECLASSIFY/REASSIGN/TRANSFER

1.	Nancy Baldwin	SLP/VCMS	to	SLP/VCE
2.	Vickie Bennett	Bus Driver/TRANS	to	Secretary/CUMM
3.	Margaret Cole	50% EIP Teacher/STBR	to	Science Teacher/LMS
4.	Cindy Dankewich	3 rd Grade Teacher/CUMM	to	3 rd Grade Teacher/CLMT
5.	Rebecca Graham	4 th Grade Teacher/DVCK	to	50% EIP Teacher/SHAR
6.	Joanne Ives	Interrelated Parapro/VCE	to	MIMO SC Parapro/SHAR
7.	Alicia Kemptner	Kindergarten Parapro/DVCK	to	Kindergarten Parapro/CUMM
8.	Ginny McCarty	Counselor/VCE	to	Counselor/VCE and MDWY
9.	Sheilia Moss	50% EIP Teacher/DVCK	to	50% EIP Teacher/SHAR
10.	Lynn Rosado	100% Counselor/OTMS	to	50% Counselor/OTMS
11.	Connie Trent	Nurse/CUMM	to	Nurse/MATT
12.	Dawn Weinbaum	Quality Work Facilitator/NFMS	to	Math Teacher/SFMS
13.	Elizabeth Willets	Interrelated Parapro/SFMS	to	Pre-K Sp. Ed. Parapro/SNEP

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

Michelle Bond Journalism Teacher/SFMS Resign/Release 2. Joy Bradford Social Studies Teacher/FCHS Resign/Release 3. Georgia Clairmont Pre-K Sp. Ed. Parapro/CUMM Resign Terry Duggan 1st Grade Teacher/CHAT Resign/Release 4. 5. Toni Eubank Principal/VCMS Retire/Release 5th Grade Teacher/SNE 6. Mary Elizabeth Giles Resign/Release Linda Hanev Custodian/MASH Resign Fred McDaniel Custodian/NFMS Resign 8. 9. Mary Pugh Custodian/MASH Resign 3rd Grade Teacher/STBR 10. Robin Ryan Resign/Release 11. Theodore Wishnie **Bus Driver/TRANS** Resign

SUBSTITUTES

37. Martha Tise

38. Denise Touchberry

Lori Anders Teacher **System** 1. **Teacher** System 2. Susan Arpin 3. Shannon Arthur **Teacher** System 4. Linda Benson **Teacher** System **Sumner Cahoon Teacher** System 6. Lisa Carrusca Teacher **System** 7. Linda Cartwright **Teacher** System **Kelly Cianciolo Teacher** System 8. 9. **Tina Ceron Bus Driver Transportation** 10. Robert Coulter Teacher System 11. Thomas Curran **Bus Driver Transportation** 12. Mary Jane Derderian **Teacher System** 13. Emily Echols **System Teacher** 14. Janice Fann **Teacher** System 15. Betty Hamlin **Teacher System** 16. Lori Held **Teacher System** 17. Danielle Hosier Teacher System 18. Scarlet Hughes **Teacher** System **Teacher** 19. William Jackovich System 20. Kimberly Johnson **Teacher** System System Teacher 21. Anne Jones 22. Dorothy Khan **Teacher** System 23. Anne Leduc **Teacher** System 24. Karen Maavere Teacher System 25. Carolyn McGonigal **Bus Driver Transportation** 26. Robert Milford **Bus Driver Transportation** 27. Beth Moore **Teacher System** 28. Barry Mundy **Bus Driver Transportation** 29. Elizabeth Neander **Teacher** System 30. Amy Oblinger **Teacher** System 31. Christina Saadat **Teacher System** 32. Melissa Steedlev **Teacher** System System Teacher 33. Laura Stein 34. Namarata Thadani **Teacher** System 35. Terena Thomas **Teacher** System 36. Heidi Tillinghast **Teacher System**

Teacher

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39. Megan Van ZandtTeacherSystem40. David WarrenTeacherSystem41. Carla YatesTeacherSystem

June 12, 2003 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

RECOGNITIONS: Matthew Hollar - 2003 Presidential Scholar.

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORTS: Annual reports of the Local School Councils were reported by:

- Forsyth Central High–Recommendations
 - Look at exempting seniors in the class of 2004 from exams for classes taken in the Spring Semester.
 - Look at the possibility of placing flashing school zone signs on Tribble Gap Road for Otwell and Central High school.
- Sawnee Primary-Recommendations- none
- Sawnee Elementary Recommendations none
- Settles Bridge Elementary-
 - Recommends that the board clarify or reword the Board Policy JKB/KEBB-
 - Solicitation by Students. Clearly state spirit of the policy.
 - A flashing light is needed in front of the school.
- Vickery Creek Elementary Recommendations/Questions-
 - Recommend that LSC remain in tact in terms of basic structure, equally represented by the community, parents, and staff, with no more than nine (9) members in order to be effective, with at least one seat being designated for a PTA chair.
 - Recommend that the Board of Education communicate how Vision 2010 is being met both at the system and school levels.

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

DISCOVER Program- Susan Darlington, Facilitator, Special Education, presented the DISCOVER Curriculum and Diploma seal option. The DISCOVER program is an occupational exploratory curriculum for special education high school students who are seeking competitive employment immediately after high school. Approved - the DISCOVER seal to be placed on the diplomat of students who meet the requirements of the DISCOVER program curriculum.

Transition Center – Kathy Jolly, Parent Liaison, presented information on the programs and services that will be expanded for the 2003-2004 school year at the Transition Center.

<u>LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEMBER APPROVAL</u>: Approved - Barbara Noon from Northside Hospital as a new business member for Liberty Middle School.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: POLICY JBD- ABSENCES AND EXCUSES REVISION: Debbie Rondem, Director of Student Support Services, presented to the board for approval the revised Policy JBD- Absences and Excuses. The revised policy will allow students to make-up class work and tests whether the absence is excused, unexcused, or an out-of-school suspension. Only written excuses, no verbal excuses will be accepted for absences.

<u>FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES</u>: Susan Woods, Director, School Nutrition Services, recommended the following to the Superintendent for approval;

- 1. USDA Commodity Beef Processing contract- to JTM Food Group
- 2. USDA Commodity NFS Milk Processing contract to Land-O'Lakes
- 3. Purchased Food contract to US Food Service
- 4. Purchased Paper Supply contract to Fulton Paper Company
- 5. Beverage contract to The Atlanta Coca-Cola Bottling Company and US Food Service- US Food Services and Coca-Cola
- 6. Computer Lease Agreement-3 year lease agreement with Logical Technologics to provide replacement computer hardware in each school cafeteria and the School Nutrition Program Department pursuant to the state contract

<u>FACILITIES</u>: Bill McKnight, Director of Maintenance, presented a request for approval to initiate contract negotiations with Southern Company Energy Solutions, LLC to provide services and capital improvements to reduce consumption and related cost of energy and water use in certain facilities owned by the system.

<u>FINANCE REPORT:</u> Dan Jones, Executive Director of Finance, presented the financial report for the period ending May, 2003, including budget comparisons and department expenditures. The FY 04 budget was discussed and tentative approval requested. The superintendent recommended tentative approval for the FY04 budget. A motion was made by Paul Kreager, (second by Jeff Stephens) to tentatively approve The FY 2004 budget. Approved. All financial reports are filed in the Finance Office.

GOVERNOR'S LISTENING SESSION: Nancy Roche, Board of Education Chairperson, presented information on the feedback session with Governor Perdue. The Governor invited all Board of Education chairpersons to attend a listening session similar to those held for Superintendents, Principals, students and parents. He wanted to know what was working in the schools, and what they felt could be changed. Several items of discussion mentioned by Mrs. Roche were: The difference in staff Development and funding in the state, budget and flexibility in the budget. All responses from previous groups are listed at www.gov.state.ga.us.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS June 12, 2003

CERTIFIED EMPLOYMENT (2003-2004)

1. Betsy Anderson Language Arts Teacher North Forsyth Middle 2. Vicky Bitowf **Speech-Language Pathologist Daves Creek Elementary** 3. Gwen Cheatham 1st Grade Teacher **Daves Creek Elementary** 4. Baxter Cotton 5th Grade Teacher **Sawnee Elementary** 5. Stacy Driver **SID/PID SC Teacher Cumming Elementary** 6. Peter Goggin Health & P.E. Teacher Vickery Creek Middle 7. Gloria Green **Spanish Teacher** Vickery Creek Middle 8. Diane Grose **DDK Teacher Chattahoochee Elementary Muriel Kuhne Spanish Teacher** Vickery Creek Middle 10. Christine Lowther Health & P.E. Teacher **Settles Bridge Elementary** 11. Rhonda McWhorter **Math Teacher Otwell Middle** 3rd Grade Teacher 12. Andrea O'Neal **Matt Elementary BD SC Teacher** 13. James Reed South Forsyth Middle 14. Mary Jane Taylor 50% Art Teacher **Forsyth Central High** 15. Raymond Thomas **Music Teacher** North Forsyth High 16. Mike Weaver 49% Co-Principal **Piedmont Learning Center** 17. Bobbie Woodruff 49% Co-Principal **Piedmont Learning Center**

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

1. Sharon Bottorf	Nurse	Chestatee Elementary
2. Emily Christian	Interrelated Parapro	Sawnee Primary
3. Carla Fry	Secretary	South Forsyth Middle
4. Kathleen Harrar	Food Service Assistant	Sharon Elementary
5. Rebecca Lopez	Secretary	System/Teach. & Learn.
6. Lora Olvaney	Secretary	Big Creek Elementary
7. Cheryl Rada	Nurse	Cumming Elementary
8. Claudia Romero	ESOL Parapro	Chestatee Elementary
9. Julia Simpson	Secretary	Sharon Elementary

RECLASSIFY/REASSIGN/TRANSFER

1.	Heather Anderson	50% Music Teacher/VCE	to	Music Teacher/SNE and VCE
2.	Jessica Cheatham	5 th Grade Teacher/MATT	to	Gifted Teacher/MASH
3.	Tanya Cheeves	Kindergarten Teacher/DVCK	to	2 nd Grade Teacher/CHAT
4.	Cristi Hatcher	Kindergarten Parapro/STBR	to	Kindergarten Parapro/SNEP
5.	Amy Homonek	Food Service Assistant/SFHS	to	Food Service Manager/STBR
6.	Susan Hughie	Gifted Teacher/BGCK	to	Gifted Teacher/CLMT
7.	Wendi Kent	1st Grade Teacher/MASH	to	2 nd Grade Teacher/STBR
8.	Migdalia Raiano	Spanish Teacher/DVCK	to	Spanish Teacher/DVCK and MDWY
9.	Camille Resetar	100% EIP Teacher/MATT	to	50% EIP Teacher/MATT
10.	Melanie Roper	Music Teacher/CHEP	to	Music Teacher/CHES and SNE
11.	Jodie Roush	50% EIP Teacher/STBR	to	50% EIP Teacher/MATT
12.	Paula Samples	Food Service Manager/STBR	to	Food Service Assistant/MDWY
13.	Melanie Turner	Secretary/CUMM	to	Secretary/NFHS
14.	Connie McCrary	Asst. Principal/NFMS	to	Principal/VCMS
15.	Connie Stovall	Asst. Principal/DVCK	to	Asst. Principal/NFMS
16.	Eric Ashton	Asst. Principal/CUMM	to	Asst. Principal/DVCK
17.	Shari Rafferty	S.S. Teacher/VCMS	to	Inst. Tech. Spec./NFMS
18.	Derek Shelton	Science Teacher/LMS	to	Interrelated Parapro/LMS

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1.	Marlene Caruson	Kindergarten Parapro/STBR	Resign
2.	Cynthia Darnell	Secretary/VCE	Terminate
3.	Janet Elrod	Secretary/VCE	Terminate
4.	Charles Eubanks	Custodian/STBR	Terminate
5.	Cindy Fisher	2 nd Grade Teacher/MASH	Resign/Release
6.	Lisa Garcia	3 rd Grade Teacher/STBR	Resign/Release
7.	Patty Sarallo	Kindergarten Parapro/BGCK	Resign
8.	Michelle Walker	Secretary/DVCK	Resign
9.	Tammy Wilson	Secretary/SFMS	Resign
10.	Alan Lane	Health & P.E. Teacher/SFHS	Resign/Release
11.	Sandra Lich	Spanish Teacher/NFMS	Resign/Release
12.	Yonna Marchman	K Parapro/VCE	Resign
13.	Jane Morse	K Parapro/MDWY	Resign
14.	Lissa Pijanowski	Dir. Teaching & Learning/SYS	Resign/Release
15.	Linda Reid	Gifted Teacher/SHAR	Resign/Release
16.	Ray Schoor	BD Teacher/OTMS	Resign/Release

SUBSTITUTES

No recommendations.

June 26, 2003 CALLED BOARD MEETING

<u>FINANCE</u>: Dan Jones, Executive Director of Finance, recommended approval for the FY2004 budget. The budget has been advertised in the Forsyth County Newspaper the week of June 16-20 as required by law. The tentative budget was approved at the June 12 meeting. No community input was received. Discussion followed.

TECHNOLOGY: Mark Klingler, Director of Educational Technology, recommended the following; lease of 1025 desktop computers to be distributed to replace existing units at all high school and middle school Tech & Career Prep classrooms and 1600 notebook computers which will be distributed to district teachers. 345 desktops currently being leased for Tech & Career Prep will be purchased for \$55.00 each and will be used to replace some of the remaining 7 year old Dell and IBM computers still in use at many elementary schools. Current teacher notebooks still under warranty will be redistributed to replace the oldest units being used in notebook carts at some middle and elementary schools. The technology department is investigating the possibility of providing each 12th grade student with one of the old notebooks but issues related to support, wireless connectivity, and ability to maintain the program will need to be resolved. Approved

FACILITIES: Robert Sewell, Director of Facilities, presented the following recommendations:

- 1. Georgia Power easement at the FCHS Stadium.
- 2. Georgia Power easement at the FCHS Campus.
- 3. Georgia Power easement at Elm Street.
- 4. Grounds Maintenance Bid-Contract to Trammell Lawn Care, L.L.C.
- 5. Ground Lease Agreement- Execute the ground lease for the property on Little Mill Road near the intersection of Little Mill Road and GA Hwy 369 to Charlie Gambriel, Sunny Farms North.
- 6. Capital Outlay Program Application- Recommendation to approve the agreement in order to receive the State Funding for a portion of Riverwatch construction cost. The 2004 Capital Outlay Application was submitted to the Georgia Department of Education and included Riverwatch Middle School to be funded from the Regular and Growth Funds appropriated by the state. The Legislature appropriated the FFY 2004 Capital Outlay Appropriations at the 60% level, which allocates \$959,359 in Regular Funds, and \$3,797,714 in Growth Funds to the Riverwatch Middle School. SPLOST 2 funds are scheduled for the balance of the Riverwatch Middle School Construction Budget.
 - Draw down \$4,757,073 in State Capital Outlay Funds for Riverwatch Middle School within a (3) year time frame.

Sharon Elementary Update- Robert Sewell presented the current construction status report for Sharon Elementary. Due to construction delays and rainy weather conditions the construction and punch list should be completed by Sept. 16. It will be necessary to extend the opening date for Sharon Elementary until October 7, 2003.

SHARON ELEMENTARY PLAN B: Jane Fuqua, Associate Superintendent, presented the contingency plans due to the delayed opening of the new Sharon Elementary School. A meeting was held with all three principals involved and a very comprehensive plan has been developed. All primary students will be housed inside the buildings, and portable classrooms will be utilized for the upper grades. Letters are scheduled to be mailed to all parents affected by the delayed opening. An informational parent meeting will take place July 22, at 7:00PM at the First Redeemer Church for all interested parents and community members. A request for approval was submitted to alter the 03-04 student calendar to accommodate a move-in date for the new school. Mrs. Fuqua recommended to the Superintendent for approval of the new calendar and Plan B for the new Sharon Elementary. The new student calendar will be published on the website. A motion was made by Ann Crow, (second by Rebecca Dowell) to approve the plans and the changing of the 03-04 student calendar.

<u>STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</u>: Susie Brookshire, Prevention Specialists and Mentoring Coordinator, presented the Department of Human Resources Contract, through its Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases. This is the sixth year to receive this grant.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS June 26, 2003

CERTIFIED EMPLOYMENT (2003-2004)

1.	Dennis Benedict	Biology Teacher	North Forsyth High
2.	Susan Borton	Fam. & Cons. Science Teacher	South Forsyth High
3.	Terri Cole	1st Grade Teacher	Sharon Elementary
4.	Jessica Coxwell	5 th Grade Teacher	Chestatee Elementary
5.	Elfriede DiMola	5 th Grade Teacher	Chattahoochee Elementary
6.	Sara Folkins	Spanish Teacher	Liberty Middle
7.	Karen Glassick	First Grade Teacher	Mashburn Elementary
8.	Rebecca Kohler	Interrelated Teacher	South Forsyth High
9.	Michelle Lane	1st Grade Teacher	Vickery Creek Elementary
10.	Sandy Moore	BD SC Teacher	Cumming Elementary
11.	Arlene Rodriguez	Spanish Teacher	Otwell Middle
12.	Jennifer Shoemake	Language Arts Teacher	Liberty Middle
13.	Mary Vaughn Smith	3 rd Grade Teacher	Cumming Elementary
14.	Deborah Southern	2nd Grade Teacher	Sharon Elementary
15.	Patricia Szczesniak	Speech-Language Pathologist	Settles Bridge Elementary
16.	Kristin Tallon	Interrelated Teacher	Chestatee Elementary

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

1. Norma Schrils Nurse Sharon Elementary

RECLASSIFY/REASSIGN/TRANSFER

1.	Martha Dodd	Custodian/MATT	to	Custodian/SHAR
2.	Deborah McKinzie	Custodian/CUMM	to	Custodian/SHAR
3.	David Rettinghouse	Custodian/MATT	to	Custodian/SHAR
4.	Jacqueline Staples	Custodian/MATT	to	Custodian/SHAR
5.	Janet Brazeal	Reading Tch/NFMS	to	Quality Work Facilitator/NFMS
6.	Dawn Garrett	Food Svc Mgr/DVCK	to	Asst. Food Svc Mgr/SFHS
7.	Edward Magee	Custodian/SFHS	to	Custodian/SHAR
8.	Amy McMath	Art Teacher/VCE	to	Art Teacher/NFMS
9.	Renita O'Dell	Food Svc Asst/CLMT	to	DDK Parapro/CUMM
10.	Vivian Payne	Media Parapro/SNEP	to	LD SC Parapro/MDWY
11.	Kitty Slaton	Custodian/NFMS	to	Head Custodian/NFMS
12.	Gail Vaughan	Custodian/VCMS	to	Custodian/SHAR

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1.	Susan Arena	Math Teacher/VCMS	Release/Resign
2.	Kimberley Boyd	Art Teacher/NFMS	Release/Resign
3.	Traci McLeod	K Parapro/STBR	Resign

SUBSTITUTES

1. Rachel Lopez	Clerical	System
2. Lucille Warren	Bus Driver	Transportation