

WATAUGA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Margaret E. Gragg Educational Center
175 Pioneer Trail Boone, NC 28607
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WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 9, 2019

5:30 P.M.

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| 5:30 | 1. | CALL TO ORDER | Board Chair |
| 5:32 | 2. | CLOSED SESSION | |
| | | A. Approval of Minutes | |
| | | B. Reportable Offenses – N.C.G.S.115C-288(g) | |
| | | C. Student Records - N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(1) | |
| | | D. Personnel – N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) | |
| 6:00 | 3. | OPEN SESSION/WELCOME/MOMENT OF SILENCE | Board Chair |
| 6:03 | 4. | DISCUSSION AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA | Board Chair |
| 6:06 | 5. | SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT | Dr. Scott Elliott |
| 6:11 | 6 | STUDENTS’ REPORT | Ms. Emerson Huffman
Ms. Hayleigh Lawson |
| 6:21 | 7. | PUBLIC RECOGNITION | |
| | | A. FFA National Competition Winners | Ms. Tierra Stark |
| | | B. Christmas Card Contest Winner | Ms. Ashley Tate |
| | | C. Watauga Education Foundation Grant Recipients | Ms. Wendy Jessen
Dr. Don Presnell |
| | | D. Initial and Renewal National Board Certification Candidates | Ms. Tamara Stamey |
| | | E. National Board Accomplished District Designation | Ms. Tamara Stamey |
| | | F. PAEMST Award winner | Dr. Scott Elliott |
| | | G. EPA Education Grant | Ms. Marta Toran |
| | | H. Servant’s Heart Award | Dr. Scott Elliott |
| | | I. Regional Superintendent of the Year | Mr. Ron Henries |

----- BREAK -----

7:10 8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for 10/14/19, 11/7/19
- B. Field Trip Approval
- C. Surplus Declaration Request
- D. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Funds for School Technology
- E. Personnel Report

Dr. Scott Elliott

7:10 9. PRESENTATION OF 2018-2019 AUDIT RESULTS

Ms. Ly Marze

7:20 10. REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROCESS

Dr. Wayne Eberle

7:35 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair

Note: Anyone who wishes to address the Board should sign the Public Comment Roster

7:41 12. BOARD OPERATIONS

7:51 13. BOARD COMMENTS

8:00 14. ADJOURNMENT

15. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION



WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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DATE: October 14, 2019

PRESENT:

Ron Henries, Brenda Reese,
Gary Childers, Steve Combs,
Jay Fenwick, Dr. Scott Elliott,
Superintendent, Dr. Steven Martin,
Asst. Superintendent, Chris Campbell,
John Henning

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Margaret E. Gragg Educational Center

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ron Henries, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:26 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Henries called for a motion to enter closed session. The motion was made by Gary Childers and seconded by Steve Combs. The vote to enter closed session was unanimous. Closed session opened under Reportable Offenses – N.C.G.S.115C-288(g), Student Records - N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(1), Personnel – N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(6), Attorney Client – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). A motion was by Steve Combs and seconded by Jay Fenwick to adjourn to open session, and unanimously approved at 5:53 PM.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order in open session at 6:00 PM by Ron Henries. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.

DISCUSSION AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Jay Fenwick and seconded by Gary Childers to approve the change to the agenda whereby a potential change to policy 1410 regarding public comment could occur on first read. The vote to approve was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Elliott welcomed Mr. Henries and the board members, and student representatives. He noted that the board's attorneys, Mr. Chris Campbell and Mr. John Henning were present that evening. He thanked everyone for attending, noting the large group.

He announced the very exciting news that Appalachian State University (ASU) announced the GEAR UP Guarantee which would allow admission to ASU to all students graduating from Watauga High who meet North Carolina system minimums for test scores and have a weighted grade point average of 3.5. This provides the opportunity for an excellent education at a lower cost, given that the students would not need to relocate to further their education. He welcomed Ms. Laura Turner and Ms. Cindy Barr, the associate vice chancellor for enrollment at ASU and thanked them for this opportunity for the students.

Dr. Elliott recognized each of the principals of Watauga County Schools (WCS) for National Principal's month, stating how proud he was to have each of them in the schools. He recognized the challenging and complex nature of their jobs and their roles as mentors and in leadership. He called each of them forward: from Bethel School: Mr. Brian Bettis, from Blowing Rock School: Mr. Patrick Sukow, from Green Valley School: Mr. Gordon Prince, from Hardin Park School: Mr. Phil Norman, from Mabel School: Ms. Elin Reuben, from Parkway School: Ms. Patty Buckner, from Valle Crucis School: Dr. Bonnie Smith and from Watauga High School: Dr. Chris Blanton. Unable to attend that night, was Ms. Kelly Walker from Cove Creek School.

He reminded everyone that Monday, November 11th would be Veteran's Day and is observed as a holiday in all North Carolina public schools. The next board meeting would be held on November 4th due to the holiday.

He noted that as of that day, WCS had completed 40 days of school and 258 hours of instruction.

STUDENTS' REPORT

Ms. Emmie Huffman and Ms. Haleigh Lawson greeted everyone. Current activities at Watauga High included: Homecoming Football game and Dance, the start of Indoor Track, a Holiday Crafts show as a benefit for SkillsUSA and TSA, DECA competition, lots of athletics this week: Varsity and JV Volleyball, men's Soccer, Golf, and Tennis. Band competed with first and second place wins in the last month. The SAT would be given the next Saturday at the high school. The Peer Group Connections (PGC) were going well, and an Anti-Vaping slogan competition was underway with submissions due on October 18th.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Dr. Elliott presented the NCSBA Gold Bell Award to the School Board members for each member completing training of 12 hours during each two year period. The Watauga County School's Board completes four times the minimum amount of education.

Mr. Michael Marcela presented the Exceptional Children's Educator of the year to Ms. Corrie Braxton. She serves in many ways within the department and leads the Yoga club at Watauga High.

She is an advocate for students, and a leader among her peers. She will be representing Watauga County Schools at the State Convention where she will receive an addition recognition.

Laura Turner and Dr. Paul Holden spoke about the GEAR UP Youth Leadership Summit in San Francisco. WCS students were the only North Carolina students in attendance, and some of the 125 total students in attendance. Many took on leadership roles and presented to over 2000 educators at the conference. Dr. Holden spoke about GEAR UP and the collaboration with Appalachian State University, and the tremendous leadership that GEAR UP had in Laura Turner and Dr. Blanton. The students, Li Yang, Amanda Holman, Roxie Galan-Gomez, Abe Bachman, Nyla Johnson, Cora Lubsen, and Harley Murray, as well as the board student representatives, Emmie Huffman and Haleigh Lawson, and their leadership were presented to the Board for recognition.

Dr. Elliott presented the Servant's Heart award to the Boone Civitan Club and Ms. Sue Shoemake for their continuing support of the exceptional needs students at Hardin Park for over 40 years. The program began in 1966 and provides Special Christmas opportunities for students, gifts, a visit from Santa, funds for gifts, school visits, and an annual Easter egg hunt. Dr. Elliott thanked them, noting that they were making happy memories and providing many good opportunities for the students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Combs moved to approve items A through D of the consent agenda with the adjustment of the minutes to reflect the correct spelling of Chad Roberson of Clark Nexsen. Jay Fenwick seconded the motion, and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Fenwick questioned students driving on their Golf field trips and was satisfied with the explanation of parents and students driving themselves on their trip to the State tournament if they qualify.

PRESENTATION ON CURRICULUM AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Henries wished Ms. Stamey a happy birthday and noted that other than the students, she was younger than everyone on the board.

The Snapshot of WCS student achievement showed that students are first in Reading in the Northwest region in grades 3, 4, and 7, 4th grade Math, Biology, English II, Math I and the ACT. WCS students are #2 and #3 in many areas. There have been significant improvements, in the high school through the teachers' hard work, and through Meredith Jones and her work with ASU in professional development for 5th grade teachers. In WCS's region 7, which is a highly rated region, the district is #5 in Science grade 5, #7 in the cohort graduation rate, and #10 in in CTE Work keys, all of which would be areas of focus.

Ms. Stamey showed the high ratings that WCS has achieved statewide which were: #3 in Math I and Reading Grade 7, #4 in Reading and Science grade 8, #5 in grade 4 EOGs, #5 in Grade 4 math and all High School EOCs. WCS is #6 in many categories. Ms. Stamey stated that there are many things to celebrate in our district, but there are a few challenges as well such as Math grade 3, Math grade 5, Grade 5 Science. WCS has seen upward trends in the last five years. Double-digit increases have been seen in growth with Exceptional Children and Hispanic students. Achievements should be celebrated, but there is room for growth. SAT scores are 2nd out of 115 Public School Units. ACT rankings and individual tests are highly ranked as well. The Cohort Graduation Rate is 90.4 and helps students have post-secondary options.

Equally as important to Proficiency and summative test results is the school growth. All schools met their growth goals. Ms. Stamey credited the principals, teachers and the Curriculum and Instruction team, and the other programs such as field trips and arts that are making well-rounded individuals of WCS students. Mr. Henries commended Ms. Stamey on the presentation, and the hard work of everyone in the school system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at the October 14, 2019 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

John Henning stated that the board was about to enter into closed session under N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss a lawsuit. A motion was made by Brenda Reese and seconded by Steve Combs to enter closed session to discuss the lawsuit filed by Deschamps Holdings, LLC, Mast Farm Inn, Henri Deschamps, Marie Deschamps, and Danielle Deschamps versus Watauga County Schools and its board members in their official capacity. The vote to enter closed session was unanimous at 6:58PM.

A motion was made to enter Open Session by Jay Fenwick and seconded by Brenda Reese and unanimously approved by all members at 9:19PM.

OPEN SESSION

A proposal to amend policy 1410 by striking two paragraphs which stated: "Speakers will refrain from discussion of any of the following: Items which are closed session matters including, but not limited to, the attorney-client privilege, anticipated or pending litigation, property acquisition or liquidation or complaints about specific employees and students in open session. This is in accordance with G.S. 115C-321 and the Open Meetings Law, which protects students' and employees' records. Any member of the board or the superintendent may reject, postpone, or halt any speaker or subject listed for public comment based on the guidelines and requirements for public comment set forth in law or board policy." Additional language was added to the policy which stated: "Issues involving individual personnel or student matters are confidential and, therefore, are not appropriate for the public comment session. Concerns related to personnel or student matters should be handled as a complaint and reported to the superintendent or designee pursuant to Section C, below." A motion to amend and approve policy 1410 on first reading was made by Steve Combs and seconded by Jay Fenwick, and unanimously approved by the board.

BOARD OPERATIONS

Mr. Henries stated that on October 15th at 5:30, a hearing on the proposed change to the ordinance of the Valle Crucis Historic zone would be held at the Watauga County Administration building and asked everyone to please attend. On October 22nd, the board is considering having a public input session at 6 or 6:30. On the morning of October 29th, there would be a hearing at the courthouse regarding the lawsuit.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Henries thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Henning for assisting the board in previous weeks. Dr. Fenwick thanked Dr. Elliott for his honesty, communication and diligence throughout the process of the of property purchase. He commended Dr. Elliott for being a finalist in State Superintendent of the Year. He spoke proudly that all schools had completed training for the Compassionate Schools program, and noted that WCS is 1 of 81 districts in the country named an Accomplished District by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Dr. Childers spoke about a Pew research study which recognized K-12 principals as the people most trusted by American adults.

Ms. Reese stated that the GEARUP program and the Bentley scholarship would be great opportunities for WCS students.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Combs moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Gary Childers, and approved by all members at 9:29PM.

R. Ivan Henries, Board Chair

Dr. Scott Elliott, Superintendent



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DATE: November 7, 2019

PRESENT:

Ron Henries, Brenda Reese,
Gary Childers, Steve Combs,
Jay Fenwick, Dr. Scott Elliott,
Superintendent, Dr. Steven Martin,
Asst. Superintendent, Chris Campbell,
Attorney

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Margaret E. Gragg Educational Center

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ron Henries, Board Chair, called the meeting to order in open session at 6:00 PM. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.

DISCUSSION AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

An adjustment was made to the agenda to add an item to closed session in order to discuss property acquisition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Elliott welcomed Mr. Henries, the board members, and student representatives. He welcomed the board's attorney, Mr. Chris Campbell. He thanked parents, staff members, principals, School Resource Officer Morrison, and community partners for attending.

He thanked everyone for their flexibility in allowing rescheduling of the Board of Education meeting so that all of the board members could be in attendance.

He reminded everyone that the next Monday, Nov. 11, would be Veteran's Day which is observed as a holiday in all North Carolina public schools. On behalf of the school system, he extended his deepest gratitude to the service members who are serving or who have served the United States in the nation's military.

He congratulated all of the fall sports athletes, in both middle school and high school. He stated that the teams had had incredible success this fall - from soccer, tennis, cross country, and football, to volleyball. He noted his pride in these students and their success both on the fields and courts, and in the classrooms.

He stated that, to him, November is the month of thanksgiving and gratitude to others. He thanked the board for their dedication, perseverance, and diligence in leading the school system and making important and difficult decisions on behalf of the community. He thanked all the teachers, administrators, and school staff members who give so much of themselves to the schools and students every day. He thanked the students, parents, and family members who trust the school system every day with the education of students. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

He noted that as of that day, Watauga County Schools had completed 58 days and 370 hours of instruction

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Ms. Meredith Jones recognized Regional Spelling Bee winner, Sam Nystrom, who went to the National Spelling Bee competition with over 600 students. Sam correctly spelled “soufflé” and “reluctant” at the national bee. He stated that it was a great experience, that he enjoyed meeting the other spellers, and saw great museums and other sites. Ms. Jones congratulated him and thanked him. She stated that Sam had announced his retirement from spelling.

Ms. Jones introduced Clara Lapin, a sixth grader at Hardin Park who, is this year’s countywide Spelling Bee winner. Clara loves to read and enjoys Science and Social Studies. In October, her winning words were “marathon” and “autumn”.

STUDENTS’ REPORT

Ms. Emmie Huffman and Ms. Haleigh Lawson greeted everyone. They will have reports of Hardin Park and Bethel school visits in December. This week was HOSA week which focused on anti-vaping activities, and the contest winner’s slogan is now displayed on decals and other items around the school to bring awareness to the impact of vaping. FFA returned from their national convention. Ms. Huffman and Ms. Lawson highlighted the Foods program. One project was to create a food truck model, and to design a menu for the truck. Foods is making a bread of the week and selling loaves to enhance the Foods program funding. They are exploring a “take-home meals” program for students and teachers. Foods will prepare a dinner meal for the board following the winter months. They highlighted the Automotive program which will be focusing on brake work, suspension work, with the advanced students working on teacher’s cars. They will enhance content, using the FLEX period, and they will build an electric, Tesla-like vehicle which will hopefully be part of the county vehicle fleet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Combs moved to approve items A through F of the consent. Jay Fenwick seconded the motion, and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Childers noted an approved Parkway retiree, who had done an exemplary job and would be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two citizens who appeared for public comment at the November 7th, 2019 meeting.

Mr. J.D. Dooley questioned two items which he felt should preclude the purchase of the property for a school. He questioned the septic system and the ability of the land to clear the effluent. He was concerned about the traffic which currently backs up on Broadstone Road and didn't see that the new property would improve the flow and would be dangerous for the students.

Mr. Bill Pressly spoke about his feeling that the Hodges property was inadequate to build a school per state recommendations and was over-priced. He said that due-diligence was incomplete and no permits had been issued. He didn't feel the property would be safe due to tall trees, and the septic systems which would be located in the flood plain. He cited many studies which he claimed showed the unsuitability of the property.

BOARD OPERATIONS

There were no items for board operations this month.

BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Fenwick spoke about his conversation with two Appalachian State Social Work graduate students who were interested in the Compassionate Schools program, and he was impressed with their questions.

Dr. Childers spoke about the continued good work of the Watauga Education Foundation (WEF) and noted that the Flap Jack Flip would be held on December 7th. Dr. Elliott added that the WEF had just given \$30,000 of grant awards to Watauga County School teachers. Mr. Henries stated that several board members had just attended the Dream Scholars awards from Caldwell Community College and highlighted what a tremendous opportunity it was for the sixth grade students to be first time college students in their families. The scholarship provides a financial benefit of two years of free tuition to college.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Henries called for a motion to enter closed session. Closed session would open under Reportable Offenses – N.C.G.S.115C-288(g), Student Records - N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(1), Personnel – N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(6), Attorney Client – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss the lawsuit by Deschamps Holdings LLC, Deschamps Enterprises LLC, Henri Deschamps, Marie-Henriette Deschamps, and Danielle Descamps, and Acquisition of Property and N.C.G.S. 143-218.11(a)(5) – To establish, or to instruct the Watauga County Board of Education's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the Board in negotiating the price and other materials terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property. The motion was made by Gary Childers and seconded by Brenda Reese. The vote to enter closed session was unanimous at 6:37.

A motion was made by Steve Combs and seconded by Brenda Reese to adjourn to open session, and was unanimously approved at 9:06 PM.

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Elliott presented a proposal by Walker Ferguson of Land Resource Management for a septic level soils study and recommended approval of a contract for service. Steve Combs moved to approve entering into contract with Land Resource Management for the cost and scope of work presented, and authorization for the Board Chair to sign the contract, which was seconded by Brenda Reese. The vote to approve was unanimous.

A proposal to make a second amendment to the contract with the Hodges family to extend the due diligence period to complete soil studies and pay \$10,000 to the Hodges family to extend was presented. The amount is non-refundable should the contract not be fully executed, but will apply to the purchase price when the sale is executed. A motion was made by Gary Childers and seconded by Jay Fenwick to extend the due diligence period of the contract with an additional \$10,000 paid to the Hodges, which was unanimously approved by the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Fenwick moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Steve Combs and approved by all members at 9:15PM.

R. Ivan Henries, Board Chair



Dr. Scott Elliott, Superintendent

WATAUGA COUNTY FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

This request is for a: ___ day trip ___ out of state day trip ☒ overnight trip ___ overnight & out of state trip

Day trips must be submitted to the principal 15 days before the trip. Overnight trip requests must be submitted to the superintendent by the first day of each month. Overnight field trips require the prior approval of the principal, transportation director, superintendent, and Board of Education. All trips utilizing rental or charter vehicles require the prior approval of the transportation director. No employee will transport students in a personal vehicle and no employee or volunteer driver will transport students in a 12-15 passenger van. No more than five students will be transported by a school system employee or volunteer in any one vehicle other than a school bus or activity bus.

Sponsoring teacher: (Print) Laura Elliott School: Parkway
Cell phone number: 828.553.8596 Grade(s): 8 Number of students: 53
Departure date: 4/8/19 Return date: 4/10/19
Departure time: 6:30am Return time: 8:45pm

Educational purpose:

Trip destination including city, state, and all places to be visited: (attach detailed itinerary as needed)

See trip itinerary attached

Purpose of trip and how it relates to the curriculum:

The purpose of the trip is for students to experience hands-on activities directly related to the 8th grade Science, Social Studies and Math curriculum. The 8th grade Science curriculum has a large focus on estuaries and oceans - places students can only truly understand once they have visited & studied these places in person.

Supervision and Safety:

Names of all school staff chaperones: Laura Elliott, Cogie Reed, Sophie Watkins, Jake Hinsshaw

Names of all non-school chaperones: _____

Sponsoring Teacher Initials _____ (If applicable) A safety/supervision plan for high risk and/or water activities has been shared with the parents. Please attach a copy of the plan to this form if applicable.

Mode of transportation: ☐ Yellow bus with wheelchair lift ☐ Yellow bus without wheelchair lift
☐ Activity bus with wheelchair lift ☐ Activity bus without wheelchair lift ☐ Rental car/mini-van
☒ Charter bus Other (Please explain) _____

Name of charter bus company (if checked above) Young Transportation
(If applicable, bus request form must be attached)

Driver/s: _____ Round trip mileage: _____ # of buses needed: _____
Total cost per student \$ _____ Source of funds: _____

The sponsoring teacher has reviewed Board policies 3320, 3320-R, and 6315: Teacher initials: NE

Sponsoring teacher signature: [Signature] Date: 11/19/19
Principal approval: [Signature] Date: 11/19/19

Transportation Director approval: _____ Date: 11 / 26 / 19
 Superintendent approval: _____ Date: 11 / 20 / 19
 Board of Education approval: _____ Date: / /

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Parkway School

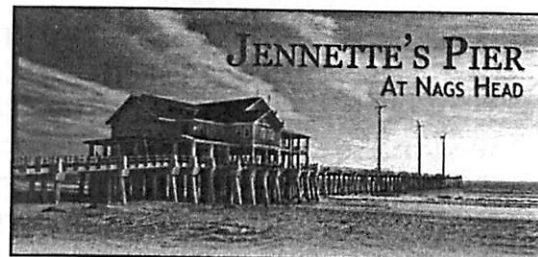
NC OBX

RBS # 38855

April 8-10, 2020

Day 1:

- 6:00 AM Coaches arrive at the school for loading
- 6:30 AM Depart for the Outer Banks making rest stops and a **lunch stop en route** (\$10.00 cash included for lunch)
- 2:30 PM **View Bodie Island Lighthouse**
- 3:30 PM **Programming at Jennette's Pier** (Two hands on programs and Pier Fishing)
- 5:30 PM Depart for the hotel
- 6:00 PM Check in to the **Hilton Garden Inn**
- 7:30 PM **Cook-out dinner** at the hotel (hamburgers, hot dogs, fixings, sides, dessert and drinks)
- 8:30 PM **Kite making class with Kitty Hawk Kites** at the hotel
- 10:30 PM Private security guard arrives for duty



Day 2:

- 7:15 AM **Hot breakfast** at the hotel
- 8:00 AM Depart for Corolla
- 9:00 AM Visit the **OBX Wildlife Center**, nature trail to the sound and **Climb Currituck Lighthouse**
- 11:00 AM Depart for Nags Head
- 12:00 PM **Food Truck Lunch at the Pier** (Choice of Hamburger, Hot Dog or BBQ sandwich with chips, cookie and drink)
- 12:45 PM **Kite contest facilitated by Kitty Hawk Kites** – with prizes and time to have fun at Jockey's Ridge
- 2:30 PM **Hands On Program at Coastal Studies Institute**
- 4:30 PM **Souvenir stop at Ben Franklin's**
- 5:15 PM Depart for the hotel to quickly change sandy clothes
- 6:45 PM **Dinner at Captain George's** – All you can eat buffet including crab legs, tons of seafood and land over favorites as well
- 8:30 PM **Haunted Lost Colony Ghost Tour**
- 9:30 PM Depart for the hotel



Day 3:

- 7:15 AM **Hot breakfast** at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Load the coaches, teachers check rooms and group checks out
- 9:00 AM Visit the **Wright Brothers Memorial & Museum**
- 10:30 AM Depart for the Aquarium
- 11:00 AM **Visit the NC Aquarium at Roanoke**
- 12:30 PM **Box lunch** at the Aquarium (Country Deli: Sandwich, chips, cookie and drink)
- 1:00 PM Depart for home making rest stops and a dinner stop en route
- 5:45 PM **Dinner at Golden Corral** in Greensboro (buffet, beverage, tax and tip included)
- 6:45 PM Depart for home



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8:45 PM Estimated arrival time back at the school

Price Per Person Includes:

R/T Transportation aboard a luxury coach
Two nights' accommodations and room taxes the Hilton Garden Inn
Services of a private security guard at the hotel each night
All touring and admissions as indicated
Two breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners
One complimentary teacher per ten paying students (double occupancy)

STUDENT Price Per Person:

(56) Passenger:	Quad	Triple	Double	
40-44 paying:	\$454.00	\$480.00	\$532.00	4 comps/2 rooms
45-49 paying:	\$431.00	\$456.00	\$509.00	4 comps/2 rooms
50-51 paying:	\$422.00	\$447.00	\$499.00	5 comps/3 rooms
(56)(30) Passenger:	Quad	Triple	Double	
50-54 paying:	\$547.00	\$572.00	\$625.00	5 comps/3 rooms
55-59 paying:	\$519.00	\$545.00	\$597.00	5 comps/3 rooms
60-64 paying:	\$499.00	\$525.00	\$577.00	6 comps/3 rooms

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ADULTS attending the tour above the four comp teachers would be \$25.00 ABOVE the student prices. This covers the increased cost of adult admissions and meals

Deposit Schedule:

October 25, 2019 - \$100.00 per person
November 22, 2019 - \$100.00 per person
January 19, 2020 - \$100.00 per person
February 14, 2020 - \$100.00 per person – along with the final rooming list
March 13, 2020 – Final Balance

All deposits are non-refundable after January 19, 2020

Signature:

I have read the above contract, attachment A (Contract Terms) and attachment B (Motorcoach Policies), and agree to all terms, prices, policies and conditions listed herein concerning the services provided by Young Transportation and Tours.

Susan S. Anderson

7/24/19 - revised

Young Transportation Director of Tour & Travel

Date of Signature

Jana Elliott

8/9/19

Signature of Contracting Party Representative

Date of Signature

Additional Signatures also required on Attachment A

Attachment A – CONTRACT TERMS

Availability and Contract Guarantee:

The coaches, rooms, attraction reservations, etc., are based on availability at the time of formal booking which requires a signed contract. Young Transportation & Tours will hold your reservations for a period of 14 days from the issue date. The contract is not guaranteed until the signed contract is returned.

Tour Itinerary and Schedules:

Signature required:

Laura Elliott

- Young Transportation has planned your tour to the best of our ability in order to have ample travel and tour times to cover the itinerary. In some instances, scheduled times may have to be changed because of road closings, security, traffic, changes in attraction operating hours and other situations that are beyond our control. In the event that it is necessary or advisable to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations will be made without penalty to the tour company.
- By signing and returning the contract, you are accepting the itinerary as stated in the contract. Any changes to the itinerary after the signed contract has been received could result in additional charges or administrative fees being charged to the charter party. Charges will be determined based on the extent of the changes and any charges incurred by Young Transportation & Tours from our suppliers.

Room Accommodations:

Single Occupancy: 1 person / 1 or 2 beds

Double Occupancy:

2 people / 1 or 2 beds

Triple Occupancy: 3 people / 2 beds

Quad Occupancy:

4 people / 2 beds

Incidental Room Charges:

In most cases, Young Transportation & Tours arranges for pay services such as long distance phone calls, safe deposit boxes, pay movies, etc., to be disconnected in the individuals' rooms; however, in some instances hotels cannot provide this service. In these cases, the individuals in the room are responsible for the charges and it is the responsibility of the contracting party to see that they are paid in full to the hotel before departure. Room to room phone service cannot be cut off as it is against hotel fire codes and is a safety hazard should there be an emergency.

Rooming List Due Date and Changes:

Signature required:

Laura Elliott

- The rooming list due date is listed on your contract. Rooming lists are due 45 to 60 days prior to the date of departure. It is imperative that we have the rooming list on the due date or room reservations can be lost or the charter party can be charged for unused rooms not released by this date.
- The rooming list is used as a guarantee of final counts for ticket purchases, hotel payments, meal arrangements, etc. Any additions of persons, cancellation of persons or changes in the rooming list will result in a \$25.00 change per occurrence. This charge is necessary to cover the time involved to re-confirm or change every reservation in the tour when a change is made on the rooming list.

Food Allergies and Preferences:

Signature required:

Laura Elliott

- Young Transportation & Tours makes every effort to accommodate all food related issues, at times there are certain scenarios where we cannot provide appropriate accommodations due to the limitations of our food vendors, tour location, etc. We will make the group leader aware so the individual can make alternate arrangements should this occur. Young Transportation & Tours cannot be held liable for allergic reactions that can still occur while a traveler is on tour.
- In order to properly address these issues we MUST have all food allergies and preferences noted on the rooming list on the original due date. We will not guarantee any special food accommodations received after the original due date as we have MANY groups traveling during the Spring season and we need adequate time to handle each school's needs properly.
- Food preferences or food lifestyle choices are defined as: Vegetarian, Vegan, Kosher, Pescatarian, etc. – this does not mean preferences such as “prefers no tomato” or “prefers salads” or prefers no cheese.”
- Food allergies need to be detailed carefully. For example if a person is allergic to seafood, is it just ingestion of the food that causes the reaction or can contact with a surface that the food has touched cause a reaction. There are varying degrees of food allergies and we need to be able to properly prepare to keep our travelers safe.

Young Transportation:

Young Transportation operates under federal and state DOT regulations; USDOT # 151249, ICC License # MC 128306. In compliance with these regulations, the motorcoach operator cannot drive in excess of ten (10) hours or be on duty for more than fifteen (15) hours following eight (8) consecutive hours off duty. You must allow for securing of the coach, vehicle inspection, proper logging, etc., before the required 8 hours off duty can begin. Young Transportation & Tours acts only as an agent for tour participants in arranging touring, meals, accommodations, etc. Young Transportation and their representatives are not liable for the faults or defaults of any or all companies and individuals that are utilized in carrying out the tour services. Young Transportation is not responsible for the loss or damage to personal property, injuries, expenses or damages incurred by the tour participant while they are not on the coach, as well as strikes, riots, political unrest, terrorist activities & acts of God and war.

Attachment B – MOTORCOACH POLICIES

Please review these policies with the students prior to departure so that everyone is aware of the guidelines that must be followed.

- **Student Behavior and Discipline** - It is the intent of Young Transportation & Tours for behavior issues to be addressed by the teachers and chaperones. Please space chaperones throughout the coach and not just in the front seats. If the motorcoach operator or tour director sees a problem that is not addressed they will work with the chaperones to correct it. If a chaperone is not present Young Transportation & Tours and our staff reserve the right to address any issues that concern a student's safety. **The motorcoach operator has the ultimate say in all matters of safety while on the motorcoach.**
- **Boarding of the motorcoach** – Students will not be allowed to board the coach until a chaperone is present. At no time are students allowed to be on the coach with the motorcoach operator or tour director without a chaperone present. Please make sure that at rest area stops, etc., that you have a chaperone that is responsible for returning to the coach **BEFORE** the students arrive back to the coach and they can be counted as they board.
- **Tobacco Use** - Federal law prohibits smoking on motorcoaches. **Young Transportation & Tours does not allow tobacco use including vaping of any kind on the motorcoaches.**
- **Food & Beverages** - Groups are allowed to have snacks aboard the coach provided all trash is placed in the trash containers. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED. Plastic re-sealable bottles are preferred.** In the event trash is continually left in the seats or on the floor, the motorcoach operator reserves the right to revoke this privilege. **Young Transportation & Tours** strives to provide our customers with clean equipment and we ask for your help in keeping the coach clean during the tour.
- **Insurance/ Personal Property / Injury** - All passengers are insured by **Young Transportation & Tours** while on the motorcoach only. **Young Transportation & Tours** is not responsible for lost, stolen or personal belongings of the passengers. **Young Transportation & Tours** is not responsible for personal property damage or personal injury to passengers when they are not on board the coach.
- **Coach Damages** - The charter party will be issued a statement for any damages to the vehicle or excess cleaning caused by negligence of the charter party. The charter party and individuals involved will be responsible for any damages.
- **Medical Emergencies** - Should a medical emergency occur the motorcoach operator and/or tour director will assist in securing assistance for the emergency. The coach cannot be used for transportation to and from a medical facility. Any expenses incurred in the event of a medical emergency will be the sole responsibility of the individual seeking treatment and the charter party. We suggest that a group have emergency funds set aside to handle expenses in the event of an emergency.
- **Wet Clothing** - In the event your itinerary includes water related activities, each person in the charter party needs to be prepared with a complete change of clothing as well as a plastic bag to place the wet articles in.
- **Motorcoach Operations, Rest Stops, and Parking Locations** - All decisions pertaining to the operation of the motorcoach will be made by the motorcoach operator based on legal requirements and company policy. Fuel stops will be determined by the operator based on need and company policy. In the event of an emergency, the operator will determine where the coach can be safely stopped and the proper procedure for the safety of the passengers. The operator will work with the group leader to plan sufficient rest stops at safe and accessible areas. The operator will park the coach as close to the designated area as defined by the itinerary, while complying with supplier regulations for parking as well as company policy and safety. In some cases due to federal regulation all passengers will have to disembark for fueling, or while the operator is away from the coach. The motorcoach operator will instruct the passengers concerning this matter.
- **Motorcoach Operator/Tour Director Gratuities** - Gratuities are appreciated for professional service but are not included in the package pricing. This is at the discretion of the charter party and based on the level of service you receive. If you would like to be invoiced for gratuities we can certainly do so.
- **Young Transportation & Tours** reserves the right to refuse transportation to any person who conducts themselves in such a manner that disturbs the motorcoach operator or other passengers, has persisting disciplinary problems, causes destruction of property, or presents a safety hazard while on board or around the coach. In the event that a person is barred from the coach, it is the sole responsibility of the individual and their responsible party to arrange for passage home. **Young Transportation & Tours** will in no way be responsible financially, or for the liability of this individual. **Young Transportation & Tours** reserves the right to substitute like motorcoaches from approved carriers, accommodations, attractions, etc., if necessary.

Declaration of Surplus Items - December 2019

Date Approved:

Bethel

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
	1	Entertainment Center	1	
	1	SmartBoard Pen Tray		1
		Plastic Rolling Cart with Electrical		
	1	Outlets	1	
		Avermedia AverVision 300P Document		
100041	1	Camera		1
	1	Insignia DVD Player	1	
	1	Overhead Projector Cart	1	
	6		4	2

Blowing Rock

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
25723	1	Dell Optiplex GX755 Desktop		1
	75	Folding Metal Chair	75	
200759	1	HP Compaq DC7900 Desktop		1
	1	Dell Monitor		1
200317	1	Lonestar Sing Along System	1	
200311	1	Teac 5 Disc CD Player	1	
12001671	1	HP 1200N Laserjet Printer		1
	2	Overhead Projector		2
	83		77	6

Cove Creek

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
	1	Dell Monitor E197FPf		1
800407	1	Magnovox DVD/VCR Player		1
	2		0	2

Hardin Park

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
500767	1	Whirlpool Electric Clothes Dryer		1
	1		0	1

Mabel

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
100476	1	Craftsman Disc/Belt Sander		1
600365	1	Dell Optiplex 745 Desktop		1
28065	1	Ergotron Laptop Charging Cart	1	
600535	1	Toshiba DVD/VHS Player	1	
	1	HP Monitor		1
	1	Topaz Signature Pad	1	
	6	Carrying Cases	6	
	12		9	3

Parkway

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
80021	1	SmartTech U65 Projector		1
	1		0	1

Watauga High School

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
905227	1	Roland EP77 Digital Piano		1
906695	1	ASUS ZOOXS Phone		1
904494	1	Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator		1
905010	1	Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus Graphing Calculator		1
	1	Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus Graphing Calculator		1
904459	1	Texas Instruments TI-84 Graphing Calculator		1
	3	Free Standing Room Dividers	3	
903482	1	Dell Optiplex 755 Desktop	1	
904866	1	SmartTech UX60 Projector		1
	1	SmartTech Small Arm Projector Mount	1	
	20	HP 17" LCD Monitors	20	
	39	Dell LCD Monitors	39	
	3	Samsung LCD Monitors	3	
	2	Acer LCD Monitors	2	
	2	IBM LCD Monitors	2	
80427	1	HP Z23N Monitor		1
	1	Canon Printer		1
	80		71	9

Central Office

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
50003	<u>1</u>	Formax FD Folder-Sealer		<u>1</u>
	1		0	1

Technology Department

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
	3	AverMedia AverKey 3 Display Converter		3
27900	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27903	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27908	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27911	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27905	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27901	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
400412	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27904	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27919	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27910	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27913	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
28855	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27899	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27914	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
27918	1	Apple iPad 4 Tablet	1	
500037	1	Dell Optiplex 755 Desktop		1
500128	1	NEC NP400 Projector		1
900679	<u>1</u>	Epson Powerlite 460 Projector		<u>1</u>
	21		15	6

Transportation Department

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
51380	<u>1</u>	Kenwood Nexedge 820 Mobile Radio System with GPS		<u>1</u>
	1		0	1

Maintenance Department

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
50625	1	Dewalt Wet/Dry Vacuum	1	
	2	Dewalt Reciprocating Saw	2	
50687	1	Dewalt Drill	1	

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1	Dewalt Impact Drill	1	
1	Dewalt 1/2" Drill	1	
3	Dewalt 18V Light	3	
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9		9	0

Resolution Urging the State to Take Action to Remit Civil Penalties Unconstitutionally Withheld from North Carolina's Public Schools

Whereas, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled that under Article IX, Section 7 of the NC Constitution that the public schools are entitled to the clear proceeds of specific civil penalties collected by various state agencies, including the Department of Revenue (DOR), Department of Transportation (DOT), the campuses of the University of North Carolina (UNC), the Department of Commerce (DOC), the Employment Security Commission (ESC), state owned psychiatric institutions in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR, now DEQ); and

Whereas, in 1997, the General Assembly created the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in G.S. 115C-457.1 and provided that the clear proceeds of all civil penalties collected by state agencies should be paid into the fund; and

Whereas, in 2008, the NC Superior Court upon remand from the NC Supreme Court ruled that state agencies were in clear violation of the State Constitution by improperly withholding \$747,883,074 that should have been paid to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund from January 1996 through June 2005; and

Whereas, the 2008 court order lists the amount to be paid by each state agency to public schools: DOR \$583,340,162; DOT \$104,071,323; UNC \$42,368,982; ESC \$18,017,467; DHHS \$53,955; DOC \$10,404; DENR/DEQ \$20,781; and

Whereas, the legislature declared that such funds should be used exclusively for school technology and appropriated to the individual public-school units on a per pupil basis; and

Whereas, public school units are in dire need of additional technology funding; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), only 38% of North Carolina's 115 local school districts in 2018-19 reported having achieved the State's 4-year replacement goal for student devices (Chromebook, iPad, laptop, etc.); and

Whereas, more than 30% of school districts in 2018-19 reported having no resources budgeted for replacement devices; and

Whereas, investing in current technology is necessary to achieve a 21st century education that utilizes innovative, collaborative, and learner centered experiences; and

Whereas, since 2008, the public schools have received only \$18.1 million, approximately 2.5% of the total amount owed; and

Whereas, the defendants have not fulfilled their constitutional obligation to make up for the remaining \$729,699,823 that was diverted from public schools; and

Whereas, on March 6, 2019, a consent order was entered to extend the enforceability of the existing unpaid 2008 judgement to prevent it from expiring; and

Whereas, the plaintiffs have tried to work with state leaders for almost fifteen years to find an amicable resolution to this matter; and

Whereas, the plaintiffs continue to seek a win/win outcome and remain willing and ready to work on a mutually beneficial resolution.

Therefore, be it resolved that Watauga County Board of Education respectfully requests the General Assembly to approve during its January 2020 session a multiyear plan to pay the remaining \$729.7 million judgment for civil penalties that should have gone to public school units for school technology but were diverted to other purposes in violation of the North Carolina Constitution.

Adopted by the Watauga County Board of Education this 9thth day of December, 2019.