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Please Note: These are not the official minutes of the school board work session. The official minutes and all board policies are located [here](#).

Highlights from the May 23 Meeting

Josh Cvijanovic, Director of Bands at Cedar Ridge High School, has been chosen by the Central District chapter of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association to receive the **2022 Award of Excellence.** This prestigious award is given to honor a career of excellence in all areas of instrumental music education.



“Talia On the Path of Shadows” is a full-length play written by **Cedar Ridge High School Senior Quinn Gilbert.** This powerful script was a winner of both the [N.C. Young Playwrights Festival](#) (NCTEA) and the [Burning Coal Kidswrite Festival](#) this year. The play received a staged reading at UNC-Greensboro, by college and graduate students as well as a publishing deal.

Shannon Floyd, 3rd Grade and 16 year veteran Teacher at Grady A. Brown Elementary is the 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year in Orange County Schools. The second runner up is **Melinda Barnhardt, English Teacher at Cedar Ridge High School;** the third runner up is **Megan Petrizzi, 2nd Grade Teacher at Efland-Cheeks Global Elementary School.**



Team 587, the Hedgehogs bested 32 teams in the FIRST Robotics State Championship, and they were up against more than 450 teams from all over the globe at Worlds in Houston, Texas last month. Out of 90 teams in its division the Hedgehogs won the **IMAGERY AWARD**, which is based on the robot's appearance and design, as well as how the team members distinguish themselves from the other competitors.

<https://www.team587.org/>

BOARD Matters



The Board took action on the following item:

The Board approved an **increase in the pay structure** for all new hires in elementary afterschool programs, for all Hillsborough Elementary School Intersession staff, and for all elementary OCS Summer Camps staff. ([Slides 59-65](#))

The Board received the following items for information:

Equal Opportunity Schools at OHS ([slides 18-29](#)) - Equal Opportunity Schools is an organization that works with schools to close race and income enrollment gaps in advanced courses such as AP, CCP, Honors and IB programs, while also maintaining or increasing the success of these programs. Through this partnership, teams at Cedar Ridge and Orange High schools worked with EOS to inform and recruit underrepresented students for advanced courses. End-of-the-year reports from Orange High School were shared last night. A presentation about EOS at Cedar Ridge will be received at a later date.

Exceptional Children (EC) & Pre-K Reassignment for 2022-2023 ([slides 38-44](#)) - The Board received details about plans to reassign the therapeutic classrooms from River Park and Pathways elementary schools to Hillsborough Elementary. Plans include adding a separate-setting classroom at River Park Elementary School for students instructed on the Extended Content Standards, as well as moving the Pre-K classes from Central Elementary to an alternate location(s) in our community during construction.

Proposed changes to bell times for the 2022-2023 school year:

Current Bell Times for 2021-2022

Elementary: 7:50 am - 2:50 pm

Middle: 8:30 am - 3:45 pm

High: 9:00 am - 4:15 pm

DRAFT Proposed Bell Times for 2022-2023 (last updated 5/13/2022)

Elementary: 7:45 am - 2:30 pm

Middle: 8:25 am - 3:25 pm

High: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

([Slides 30-37](#))

NOTE: Bell times indicate the actual time that instruction starts and ends. The instructional day begins with the first bell and does not stop until the bell rings at the end of the school day. Students will not be packing up or moving from classrooms until the instructional day ends. This ensures we are meeting the required instructional minutes and maximizing the amount of time our teachers have to teach students in the classroom. Under the new schedule, arrival time for buses on the campus for elementary schools would continue to be 7:15 am. ***Staff and parent surveys will be shared via email in the coming days to collect additional feedback for consideration for next year.***

The Board also received the following update:

There are currently 13 Mebane neighborhoods under construction or in the planning process in the Orange High attendance zone. In order to plan and adjust for overcrowding at Orange High, the board heard a presentation on options for **school assignments (high school only, for now) for these new housing developments**. Plans would include assigning high school students in these new developments to Cedar Ridge High School, as well as assigning these families before they move in. ([Slides 45-58](#))

Note: A first phase of both (1) promoting voluntary transfers and (2) re-assigning new construction neighborhoods for the 2022-23 school year will be followed in future years by a comprehensive capital planning and reassignment plan.

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