Board meeting summary

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow*

Important dates: Sept. 26-29 Quality Assurance Review visit for SACS accreditation
Oct. 4-8 Fall break
Oct. 11 Planning Day, teachers only

Federal programs report: We continue to use federal funds to support instruction as much as possible in Carlisle County. This year, Title I and Title II funds are going to support teachers and instructional coaches in the elementary and middle schools that work with students in pull out programs in Math, Science and Reading. They also support parent involvement programs as well as funds for homeless students and travel to professional meetings. Title VI rural money has provided extra books for the libraries of these schools as well as instructional tools for teachers such as document cameras and Mimio smart software. There are several other areas where federal dollars are used in small amounts to aid in instruction. We follow all federal guidelines when using federal money and we try to ease the burden on the general fund as much as possible by the implementation of programs paid for by federal dollars.

Preschool report: Preschool teachers and assistants attended professional development trainings this summer on brain research and development, Integrating Mathematics throughout the Preschool Day, Lively Learners, Bullying in the Preschool Classroom, IEP training, and Applied Behavior Analysis. Preschool teacher Heather Pearson completed a twelve week intensive American Sign Language training.

Preschool is off to a great start this year. Enrollment at this time consists of 78 three and four year old students with two additional students transitioning into preschool from the home intervention Part C First Steps program in November and January.

Emily Scheer was hired in June as a preschool teacher. Emily has an elementary education degree and a special education degree from Murray State University. Preschool teacher Amanda Williams has accepted a position as Project Coordinator for the Middle Tennessee State University Community and Home-Based Early Intervention Program. Ms Williams will be relocating to Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Her last day will be Friday, September 3rd. Amber Cates will be filling in for Ms. Williams as the interviewing process takes place. Ashley Haynes has been hired as the new family service worker for Carlisle County. Ashley has a social work degree from Murray State University and completed her internship last year at Ballard County Preschool Head Start.

Recycling efforts have increased this year with a semi trailer parked in the back of campus. The trailer is here and we have had our first recycling day and it is going well. We filled out
1/8th of the trailer about half way up the side of the trailer. Appreciation was expressed to Mayor Philip King, Mr. Curtsinger, and City of Bardwell employees for volunteering work to clean-up the nature center over the weekend.

OneCall Now system has been updated. Only main phone numbers are in the system until a parent adds additional numbers to call. This is a simple process by clicking on the OneCall Now logo on the district website. If a family doesn’t have internet access contact the CSI Office, Ken Jewell, Director and they will arrange a time to provide access.

Approval was given for the elementary school fundraiser using QSP selling items from a catalogue. A request for proposal to select an architect was approved. Tax rates were approved for the year including 49.0 cents per $100 assessed value for real and personal property, 3% utility tax, and 47.8 for motor vehicle. The working budget was approved with only minor changes from the tentative budget approved in May.

Four trip requests were approved. Mrs. Slaughter is taking a group to WKU in Bowling Green Sept. 30 – Oct. 1. Mrs. Thompson is taking a group to UL and UK on Nov. 9-10. The Carlisle County FBLA chapter is planning to take their annual Membership Trip to Six Flags in St. Louis, MO on Oct. 23. FFA National Convention trip was approved for Oct. 20-22 in Indianapolis.

A look back at the September 8, 1959 meeting of the Carlisle County School Board. Donna Graves Mabry was approved for four weeks of medical leave with Mrs. Patsy Long Atkins to fill-in during her absence. The principal of the Bardwell and Cunningham Schools would be paid $4755.50.