

Transylvania Candidate Chosen as Superintendent

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In a meeting last night, the board emerged from a special session and appointed Dr. Scott Elliott to take over as superintendent of Watauga County Schools effective July 1. Scott Elliott is currently assistant superintendent of Transylvania County Schools, a school district he has served for 18 years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal, and administrator. He was named Administrator of the Year in the Transylvania County Schools in 2012 and was honored as that district's Teacher of the Year for 1999-2000. Board of Education Chair Dr. Lee Warren announced the appointment, saying a thorough review of 24 applications, in-depth interviews with six candidates, and extensive checks of professional and personal references led the Board of Education to be convinced that Dr. Elliott is the best person to lead our school system. Warren said Elliot "has a sterling record of success in his current and previous positions, a passion for serving students, and a strong commitment to building the relationships so essential to successful schools. I am confident he will provide the outstanding leadership our students need to achieve their potential as productive citizens and lifelong learners."

Dr. Warren added, "I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Fonseca for his great leadership as interim superintendent. He has done an excellent job in keeping our system moving forward during a challenging time for our schools. This Board shares a deep appreciation for his work and we look forward to his continued service in this system."

Elliott expressed his gratitude to the Board and his excitement about his new role. "I am very grateful to the Watauga Board of Education for trusting me with the responsibility to lead this excellent school system. I appreciate the extensive effort they have given to ensuring this is the right fit for both the Watauga community and for my family. I am optimistic and excited about our future work together."