

Automotive Advisory Board Meeting  
May 9, 2013

Dinner at 6:30

Attending: Henry Bobbitt, Auto Instructor, Ernie Conner, CTE Director, Boyd Scott, Preston Richardson, Tony Lindsey, Jerry Johnston, and Wayne Fog, Advisory Board Members.

Meeting called to order at 7:10.

Mr. Bobbitt, Automotive Instructor, said it had been a good year. About 30 students had come taken the automotive classes. Classes at WCHS are now broken down by semester and there are no year long courses. About 10 of the students were part of a newer program for WCS called Eight +. They are students who are older than most eighth graders and take classes at the high school as ninth graders and they must also complete summary semester. Approximately six of the ten did well.

Mr. Conner helped with the purchase of electrical kits. These kits were designed by automotive teachers across the United States. Mr. Bobbitt was very complimentary of the ease and design. They will be used in the Automotive Electrical Programs.

NATEF is looking into adding a new course called Automotive Maintenance. When NATEF personnel talked with dealerships they want students coming out of high school to be able to rotate tires, change oil, change fluids. Once they are hired the dealership would send them to their own schools for training. There are only two ASE Master Technicians certified in Warren County to Mr. Bobbitt's knowledge. They are Mr. White with Boyd Chevrolet in Henderson and Mr. Bobbitt at WCHS. That certification is looked for all over the United States.

The lift that the shop got last year is wonderful. Mr. Bobbitt thanked Tony Lindsey, local Snap On dealer and Mr. Conner for that. Students and adults are much more comfortable with the new one.

Another project is to put up a fence behind the high school for automotive. The local salvage yard "CJ's" is willing to let the class have cars to work on but security is a must. Hopefully, this will be come a reality in the near future.

A special thanks to Boyd and Preston at Car Quest in Norlina. They are a tremendous help to the automotive department. Prices are good and they are more than willing to bring the parts over to the school.

Mr. Bobbitt stated that after working with Today's Class this year he sees ways to make improvements. It looks like it is going to take reading together more and finding more ways to get students motivated.

He opened the floor for any comments, questions or suggestions. There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.