

MINUTES
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 2023

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vincent Boring, with six members present.

Roll Call:

Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Absent
Mr. Vincent Boring	-	Present
Mr. Ben Farmer	-	Present
Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Present
Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
Mr. Bron Reece	-	Present
Mr. Don Snow	-	Present

1. Approval of the agenda for the following additions:
17a. Approval of Turf Management Bid.
13. To add Bledsoe County Middle School for approval of outstanding purchase orders.
Motion: Farmer Second: Oakes
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
2. Approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2023 regular meeting and the June 20, 2023 emergency meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.
Motion: Boring Second: Oakes
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending May 31, 2023.
Motion: Farmer Second: Snow
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
4. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for approval of Drift Net security system.
Mr. Oxner gave a presentation on the Drift Net Security System. The system uses AI technology to detect threats such as guns, knives and dangerous objects. It has the ability to detect intruders on campus, background check on visitors, tracing visitors and alerting administration of any irregularity, communicating alerts and emergency alarms to your classroom, hall and exterior, acting as a panic button in the classroom and halls, detecting fevers as a potential sign of an infection, detecting airborne contaminants, leading occupants to safety with visual cues during an emergency, cameras in every classroom, hallway, common area and outside.
The cost of the system was quoted as \$36,000 per year or \$194,400.00 for 6 years
After some discussion no action was taken
5. Discussion of teachers beginning salary. Tabled
6. Request by Dr. Becky Ridley, Aware Director, for the approval of Stronger Connections Grant and the approval of three new positions including School Social Worker positions and School Counselor to be funded by the Stronger Connections Grant.

P.O. 13101 \$ 2,115.55
Bledsoe County Middle School
P.O. #8659 \$268.90
P.O. #8660 \$ 88.97
P.O. #8672 \$255.83
P.O. #8675 \$ 67.99
P.O. #8683 \$188.12
P.O. #8695 \$148.40
P.O. #8696 \$ 76.32

Both principals stated that there was adequate funds to cover these outstanding purchase orders.

Motion: Boring Second: Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

14. Discussion and action of Chief of Security Budget.

Mr. Snow requested that the budget for the Chief of Security position be amended to the budget line item of other salaries and wages.

After discussion on SRO funding and how that effects the Chief of Security position and duties. A request to draft a new job description as to the positions duties as of now and to present the job description at the next board meeting in August.

Tabled until the August meeting

Motion: Snow Second: Reece

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

Ten minute recess

15. Approval of updated policies from TSBA.

Policy #1.102 Board Members Delete lines 5 and 19- include # of board members on line 3.

Policy #1.106 Code of Ethics – Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 1.400 School Board Meetings Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 1.402 Notification of Meetings - Table

Policy # 1.404 Appeals to and Appearances before the Board - Table

Policy # 3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 3.204 Threat Assessment Team Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 3.205 Security - Table

Policy # 4.204 Summer Instructional Programs Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 4.300 Extra-Curricular Activities Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 6.4001 Student Surveys, Analyses and Evaluations Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 6.402 Physical Examinations and Immunizations Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 4.403 Library Materials - Table

Policy # 5.106 Application and Employment Accept as presented by TSBA

Policy # 5.119 Employment of Retirees Accept as presented by TSBA

Motion: Boring Second: Frady

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

16. Old Business.

No old Business

17. New Business.

17a. Approval of bids for Turf Management of Athletic Fields.

Only one bid was received from Athletic Turf Management. The bid was not to exceed \$18,000.00 for the year. Bledsoe County Board will be billed after each application

Motion: Farmer Second: Reece

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

18. Director's update.

Mr. Matthew Ridley, Principal at Bledsoe County High School, address the Board and announced the Ayers Grant Foundation will be funding a college and career counselor for grades 8-12 and counselor's assistant. They will be a 12 month employees to counsel students year round.

Brian Turner gave an update on the following projects:

Pikeville Elementary fencing lacks two gates.

Concession door frames should be delivered on Friday.

TCAT is going to bring in a couple more masons to help finish out job.

Bath room project should be completed by the end of week.

Waiting on topographical survey for the barn.

Will be working with Coach Tabor to get locker room specs for fieldhouse projects.

Mr. Snow questioned about the decision on the Old Health Department building for a Board office.

Ms. Sparkman stated that she was asked to contact Jason Morris to give the Board guidance on what it would cost to renovate the health department building or to move into City Hall or build a new building on our on property. She stated she had contacted him and he was working on the cost.

Meeting:

August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School

19. Adjourn.

Motion: Frady

Second: Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: ABSENT Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE


Chairman of the Board


Director of Schools