

**MINUTES  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2023**

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vincent Boring, with seven members present.

Roll Call:

Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Present
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.

New Business

15a. Request by Mr. Corey Garret, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval of the Allied Instructional Services contract.

15b. Approval of Canine Detection Contract.

15c. Request by Mr. Jason Reel, Athletic Director, for approval of early release for golf and cross country.

15d. Discussion to move Board Meeting to the second week in August 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr.  
Frady: AYE Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

Motion Passed

2. Approval of the minutes from the July 18, 2023 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education. Note was made of a change to list names of volunteer coaches on item 10 of the minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr.  
Frady: AYE Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

Motion Passed

3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for th month ending June 30, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Boring

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr.  
Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve quarterly financial reports for the month ending June 30, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr.  
Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

5. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve health insurance coverage changes for 2024. Schedule attached.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

6. Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to present grant list for the fiscal year of 2024.  
List of Competitive Grants received for FY24
- Stronger Connections Grant \$261,779.65 each year for three years totaling \$785,338.95
  - Tennessee's Healthcare Resiliency Program - \$1,069,000.00 over 3 years
  - Aware 2.0 - \$360,000.00 each year
  - Resilient School Communities Grant -\$163,047.77
  - ARP Homeless System Navigator - \$50,668.20
  - Voluntary Pre-K \$428,064.92
  - 21st CCLC Cohort 2023 \$160,000.00
  - Access for all Pre-K \$50,000.00

Mrs. Sparkman also mentioned that the system had received the following.

Ayers Grant which will fund a new College and Career Counselor and an assistant and the CTE Grant that will be funding the new Ag barn and MEP teacher for CTE and other CTE programs.

7. Mr. Allen Jones to give an update on building projects

Three restrooms have been completed

Phase 1 of football locker room is complete

Softball facilities: Started block today, by next week all of block should be finished.

Ag Building: Field survey has been completed.

Fencing PES: Fencing is completed, waiting on two gates for front of school.

Score Board: Company is coming out Friday to move scoreboard down SMF- re-use sign as is

Suggestion: Possible wind breaks along western field line.

Phase 2 for fields house: Mr. Jones to come back with opinion of probable cost after football season.

Concession: Mr. Jones will get with Brian and Mr. Perry for a better end date.

Mrs. Sparkman added that she had emailed the estimated cost that Mr. Morris had sent to her for the options for the Board of Education office.

8. Discussion of teachers beginning salary.

Mr. Billingsley requested to discuss adjusting the beginning salary for the teacher's scale to \$45,000.00 to entice new recruits for teachers.

The whole scale would not be increased.

After discussion no action was taken.

Chairman Boring request that Ms. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to come back with a cost for beginning salary of \$45,000.00 with adjusted steps of one percent increases.

9. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for approval of Driftnet security system.

After discussion the Board requested that specifications be written up for approval to put out to bid.

Ms. Sparkman added that Sheriff Morris should review the specifications also.

10. Discussion and action of Chief of Security Budget.

A job description was provided for the position of Security Coordinator. A request was made for qualifications be provided and brought back to the September meeting and to change the title for the position from Chief of Security to Security Coordinator.

11. Request by Mr. Corey Garret, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval of the Omni Rehab Contract for therapy.

MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Frady

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

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

Motion Passed

12. Request by Mr. Corey Garret, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval of the Stellar Contract for Special Education Services.  
MOTION: Mr. Billingsley            SECOND: Mr. Farmer  
VOTE:    Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr.  
            Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES  
Motion Passed
13. Approval of updated policies from TSBA.  
Policy # 1.402 Notification of Meetings- Tabled  
Policy # 1.404 Appeals to and Appearances before the Board- Tabled  
Policy # 3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan – Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 4.403 Library Materials- Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 5.302 Sick Leave- Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 5.305 Family Medical Leave – Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 5.307 Physical Assault – Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 5.600 Staff Rights and Responsibilities- Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 6.200 Attendance Page- Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 6.202 Home School-Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 6.300 Code of Conduct-Approved as recommended by TSBA  
Policy # 6.309 Zero Tolerance Offenses- Tabled  
Policy # 6.314 Corporal Punishment-Tabled  
Policy # 6.319 Alternative Education- Tabled  
MOTION: Mr. Farmer            SECOND: Mr. Reece  
VOTE:    Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr.  
            Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES  
Motion Passed
14. Old Business. None
15. New Business.
- 15a. Request by Mr. Corey Garret, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval of the Allied Instructional Services contract.  
MOTION: Mr. Frady            SECOND: Mr. Reece  
VOTE:    Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr.  
            Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES  
Motion Passed
- 15b. Approval of Canine Detection Contract.  
MOTION: Mr. Billingsley            SECOND: Mr. Farmer  
VOTE:    Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr.  
            Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: NO Mr. Snow: YES  
Motion Passed
- 15c. Request by Mr. Jason Reel, Athletic Director, for approval of early release for golf and cross country.  
MOTION: Mr. Farmer            SECOND: Mr. Reece  
VOTE:    Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr.  
            Frady: AYE Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE  
Motion Passed
- 15d. Mr. Snow made a request to change the August 2024 board meeting to the second Monday to allow for the beginning of the school year.  
MOTION: Mr. Snow            SECOND: Mr. Reece  
VOTE:    Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr.  
            Frady: AYE Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

16. Directors update: Each principal gave an update for their school as follows:

Mary V. Wheeler – Mr. Michael McAnally

Held a meet and greet. big turnout.

Enrollment is at 203 not including Pre-K

Welcomed a new teacher Ms. Michelle Landrem

Accelerated Reader theme will be Reading Railroad

August 25, 2023 will be Reading Railroad and teachers dressing up to go along with book that is being read..

Furnished all students with box car children books

All classroom has box light smart boards

Wheeler now has a full time SRO

Cecil B. Rigsby – Mrs. Diane Hannah

Enrollment is up

Have a vacancy for a Special Education Teacher

Starting an ambassador program for school

Grateful for SRO

PTO is doing great things

Pikeville Elementary Mrs. Lee Ann Morris

Pre-k is doing phase in's

One position available for Interpreter

New Math program is going well

Most devices passed out

Proud of teachers and staff for Monday during storms

Bledsoe County Middle School – Ms. Candi Kempton

Enrollment 377

Meet and greet had approximately 300 attendees

Team building school wide activity

Each child given a shirt and bracelet

Points for good behavior and character traits

New Teacher Alexis King- Special Education

New Assistant: Tyler Martin and Destiney Bouget

New student newsletter that is digital

Library is going to open and be run by CDC students

Student Leadership Team

Bledsoe County High School – Matt Ridley

Sports starting this week

Football is at Sequatchie

Volleyball first game Tuesday vs Grundy

Soccer vs York

Golf and cross country

Sign paint out front also painted teacher workroom

Melissa Reel teaching ACT Prep

New Teachers:

Marcie Hobbs – RTI Interventionist

James Boone – MEP teacher

Christina Moll – CDC Teacher

Patrick Smith – Government Teacher

Two new SRO 's

Ms. Peeples is teaching two periods of Art and Art Club

Ayer Foundation Grant: Mr. Billy VanWinkle, College and Career Counselor

Lillie Cagle a recent graduate ranked in the top 4 in nation for Ag Trailer Project

45 students in dual enrollment with Chattanooga State

62 through dual enrollment with TCAT

Approximately 300 for open house

New Motto - Be The One

Enrollment is at 496  
Warrior time  
Student Leadership Team  
Beautifying Campus

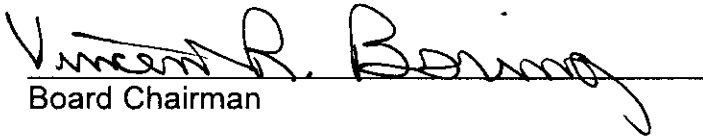
Mr. Turner wanted to thank the bus drivers and bus assistant for all of their hard work on Monday during the storms.

Date	Meeting	Place	Time
September 5, 2023	Regular Meeting	Bledsoe County Middle School	6:00 p.m.
September 5, 2023	Retreat	Bledsoe County Middle School	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley      SECOND: Mr. Reece

VOTE:      Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

  
Board Chairman

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Director of Schools