

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 11, 2025

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in regular session on August 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Billingsley with 7 members present.

Roll Call:	Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Present
	Mr. Tim Churches	-	Present
	Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Present
	Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
	Mr. Steve Perry	-	Present
	Mr. Charles(Bron) Reece	-	Present
	Mr. Don Snow	-	Present

1. Approval of the Agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

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

**Motion Passed**

2. Approval of the minutes from the July 10, 2025 regular meeting, the July 17, 2025, July 21, 2025 and July 29, 2025 special called meeting, of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Perry

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

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

**Motion Passed**

3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial and quarterly reports for the month ending June 30, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley                      SECOND: Mr. Perry

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

4. Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to review yearend fund balances. Unaudited fund balance.

Fund	Balance
General Purpose 141	\$9,001,668.00
Central Cafeteria 143	\$1,447,041.00
Daycare 146	\$ 10,748.00
Debt Service 156	\$3,597,096.00

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Capital Projects 177	\$ 572,719.00
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5. Request Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for approval of new Medical, Dental and Vision insurance rates. The increase to health insurance premiums was an average of 5% for the 2026 year. Motion was made to leave the percentages paid by the Board the same with no changes.

MOTION: Mr. Reece                      SECOND: Mr. Perry

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

6. Request Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the approval of the Federal Consolidated Funding Application.

MOTION: Mr. Perry                      SECOND: Mr. Reece

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

7. Directors Update. Dr. Walker stated she had visited the schools and things are going great and attendance is about the same as last year.

Mrs. Oakes donated a book to each library the Adventures of Suzzie Squatch and Queen Bee. It is a book about kindness.

Staffing is going well with all teaching positions filled and only a few para-professionals positions are still open.

8. Request by Dr. Becky Ridley, AWARE Director, for the approval of Teen Mental Health Program contract for Bledsoe County High School.

MOTION: Mr. Frady                      SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

9. Request by Dr. Becky Ridley, AWARE Director, for the approval of Centerstone MOU.

MOTION: Mr. Perry                      SECOND: Mr. Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

10. Request by Mrs. Michelle Rains, Nursing Supervisor, for the approval of Public School Districts Opioid Recovery Trust Grant which will include 2 full time social workers for 3 years.

MOTION: Mr. Churches                      SECOND: Mr. Frady

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

**Motion Passed**

11. Request by Mr. Jason Reel, Athletic Director, for the approval of non-faculty coaches.

John Paul Thomas,  
Josh Kincannon,  
Tate Everett  
Harmon Keith  
Gunner Sweatt,  
Tristen Smith  
Samantha Chancey  
Brittany Hudson  
Joel Standefer  
Chris Evans  
Savannah Couser, Halee anger  
Avery Roberson  
Gunner Sweat  
Billy Akin  
Kelley Telle  
Patty Farley

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

12. Request by Mr. Jason Reel, Athletic Director, for the approval and/or discussion of increases to middle schools assistant coaching supplements. Tabled

13. Request by Mr. Michael McAnally, Principal Mary V. Wheeler Elementary, for the approval of picture contract with Lauren & Bee for the 2025-26 school year. The commission for pictures was increased to 20%.

MOTION: Mr. Frady SECOND: Mr. Reece

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

14. Request by Ms. Candi Kempton, Principal Bledsoe County Middle School, for approval to construct an outdoor classroom. Tabled until September meeting.

15. Request by Mrs. Farrah Fields, Curriculum Supervisor, to update policy# 6.204, Non-Resident Student policy. Policy was approved with changes to procedures for meeting times to review applicants as made by Mr. Upchurch.

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

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16. Discussion and/or approval Student Board Member Policy#1.1021.  
After some discussion the criteria was set as follows: There will be an application process. Students will submit an application and Mr. Ridley will form a committee to nominate member. One student for fall and one for spring. Student has to be either a Junior or a Senior. Terms will be August 1 Dec. 31 and Jan 1 – May 31

MOTION: Mr. Snow                      SECOND: Mr. Perry  
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES  
      Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES  
**Motion Passed**

17. Old Business. None  
18. New Business. None

Meeting	Date	Time	Place
Regular Meeting	09/08/2025	6:00 p.m.	Mary V. Wheeler Elementary

19. Adjourn.  
MOTION: Mr. Perry                      SECOND: Mr. Reece  
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE  
      Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE