**MINUTES** BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING December 12, 2023

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on December 12, 2023, at 6:22 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 via zoom

1. Approval of the Agenda with the following additions:

12a. Discussion and possible action on entering into negotiations to extend contract for Director Sparkman.

12b. Discussion and approval of Facilities Use Application and fee schedule.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley

SECOND: Boring

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley; AYE 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 November 6, 2023 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of

Education.

MOTION: Mrs. Oakes

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

3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Billingslev

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

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

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

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve General Purpose budget amendments. Amendment # 5: Move School Resource Officer Funds to Other Salaries and Wages, Health Services.

Amendment #6: To amend VPK to match State Approved Budget

Amendment #7: To amend for Opiod Settlement Budget

MOTION: Mr. Farmer

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

5. Request for approval to purchase Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing class equipment from Reletech as the sole supplier for Festo Didactic, to sell LabVolt series and Festo Didactic learning systems to secondary and post-secondary educational institutes located in Tennessee.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley

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

6. Approval to advertise bids for site work and structure for Agricultural Barn Structure. Specifications to be brought back to the January meeting. Tabled until January.

7. Approval to move forward with the field house renovation project using current budget numbers provided by Stone Creek Consulting.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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

8. Discussion of new site for Bledsoe County Board of Education office.

Option #1 - Build a New Board Office

Option #2 - Renovate the old Health Department

Option #3 - Renovate and Lease area in City Hall building

Mr. Farmer requested that Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, look at all projects and analyze over a 15 year period and provide information to the Board.

Motion for Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney, to work with city attorney and administrative staff on both sides to draft a lease for approximately 6,550 square feet at city hall for review at the January meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Frady

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

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: NO

9. Presentation by Mrs. Farrah Fields on the 2022-2023 data. Mrs. Fields presented growth and achievement data to the Board in a power point presentation.

10. Policy updates as recommended by TSBA:

Policy # 1.105 - School Board Legislative Involvement

Policy # 1.701 - School District Planning

Policy # 2.400 - Revenues - Reviewed by Kara Walling, Finance Director, recommendation to approve alternate policy #2.400 to not accept online payments.

Policy # 2.601 - Fundraising Activities

Policy # 2.8051 - Debit, Credit Cards, and Credit Lines

MOTION: Mr. Boring 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

11. Old Business - None

12. New Business.

12a. Discussion and possible action on entering into negotiations to extend contract for Director Sparkman.

The Board asked Mrs. Sparkman if she would be interested in an extension of her contract. Mrs. Sparkman stated she would be and it would be an honor.

After some discussion a motion was made as follows:

Motion was made for Director Sparkman to provide her additions and revision to current agreement to be reviewed by legal counsel to be shared with the Board for discussion.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer

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

12b. Discussion and approval of Facilities Use Application and fee schedule as revised by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.

Revisions: Application: under paragraph one to identify the Principal responsible for the facility, Principals

name will be at the top and Principal will sign.

Paragraph four: change where applicable to Schedule B fee schedule. Insurance section yes or no insurance option and under option -If Required.

MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

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

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

### 13. Director's update.

### Bledsoe County High School

Student of the Month

ACT Training Strategies with teachers

**EOC** testing

Dress up days for Christmas

Boys basketball undefeated

**Blood Drive** 

Door decorating contest

Weekly report with students doing announcement

## Bledsoe County Middle School

Academic Bowl

Basketball first round of tournaments and boys and girls won their game on Monday

Smart Pass System implemented

Food Drive

Ugly Sweater Dance

New teachers starting in January, Michael Hudson and Kendra Harris

New Lights in parking lot

Student advisory

## Mary V. Wheeler Elementary

Veterans Day Program

Mr. Palmer doing stem activity

Read a million words in 3 weeks and have reached goal reward pie in the face

5<sup>th</sup> grade toured State Capital in Nashville TN

Christmas Puppet Show

High School Choir coming on Monday

Christmas dress up days

### Cecil B. Rigsby Elementary

Mr. palmer doing stem activities

Veterans Day Program

Chamber Puppet Show

High School Choirs to visit

Holiday program on December 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

December to Remember Activities

Holiday Trivia

Chronic absent is improving

### Pikeville Elementary

Veterans Day Lunch

Kindergarten studying farming unit

Practiced milking a cow

Kindergarten learning sound

Molly Otter Seatbelt Safety

Title | Night

Benchmark Testing

Third Grade Disguise Tom the Turkey contest

Fifth Grade studying Force in motion

PTO contest door contest

PTO basketball and cheer starting

# Santa on Friday

Career Technical Center

FFA Digital billboard

Saturday auction at Morris Brother's auctioning Tractor supply donations to benefit FFA Program

Chattanooga State dual credit testing

AV class tour Chattanooga State facilities in January

Mr. Palmer in schools doing STEM activities

Rover team did interview for NASSA rover project

Construction class building a building

Toured Nissan plant and TCAT in Symrna

Chairman Boring read a retirement letter from Mrs. Dianne Campbell who will be retiring on January 15, 2023.

| Meeting          | Date            | Time      | Place                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Planning Session | January 8, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. | Bledsoe County Middle |
|                  |                 |           | School                |
| Regular Meeting  | January 8, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. | Bledsoe County Middle |
|                  |                 | •         | School                |

14. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley

SECOND: Mr. Boring

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

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

**Board Chairman**