

**MINUTES
BLEDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 2023**

The Bledson County Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 6, 2023 at 6:06 p.m. at Bledson 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.

Item #8 wording: Discussion and approval of Bledson County High School assistant football coaches one-time stipend that is equivalent to an 11th month salary.

18s. Early Dismissal for sports.

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 February 6, 2023 regular meeting and the February 23, 2023 special called meeting of the Bledson County Board of Education.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

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 the month ending January 31, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Boring 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

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the approval of Budget Amendments for fund 141 General Purpose Funds and 143 Food Service Funds.

141 Amendment #8 – Health Insurance Premium Increase

141 Amendment #9 – Move Secretaries from 163 to 161- SNS

Requirement

143 Amendment #1 – To amend line items for Food Service

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

5. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for the approval of ESSER public plan for remaining funds.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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

6. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for the approval of Safe Return to in-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

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

7. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for the approval of ESSER amendments.

ESSER 3 amendment for new Fence for Pikeville Elementary

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Snow

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

Motion Passed

8. Discussion and approval of Bledsoe County High School assistant football coaches a one-time stipend equivalent to an 11th month salary. Amount to be split between Mr. Gage Frady and Mr. Ryan Deakins.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Snow

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

Motion Passed

9. Discussion of current state and future development of special education in Bledsoe County.

Mrs. Sparkman thanked the faculty and staff for all of support that has been given to help with the process during this time.

Mr. Corey Garrett, Special Education Supervisor, addressed the Board about concerns and plans for Special Education serves.

Mr. Garrett stated that employees are being onboarded and processed as soon as possible and other staff will be sent back to their schools as soon as possible.

Mr. Frady questioned the letter that was sent out to pause services. Mr. Frady wanted to know if there was support from this plan from the State or mentors?

Mr. Garrett stated that the state does not approve individual counties plans. Mr. Garrett said he put the plan together and then emailed it to his mentors to review the plan and make any suggestions.

Mr. Frady also expressed his concerns about learning loss.

Mr. Garrett, indicated that you would have to first determine if there is a loss with documentation and data with previous information.

Mr. Farmer and Mr. Frady expressed concerns not only how the learning loss will affect the students, but also the effects on teacher scores.

Mr. Will Angel, Ms. Kim Brown and Mr. Nathan Riddle address the Board and Mr. Garrett with their concerns about Special Education Services.

10. Request by Dr. Becky Ridley, AWARE Director, for the approval of the Health Connect MOU agreement. Remove from agenda. To be added to special called meeting.

11. Request by Dr. Becky Ridley, AWARE Director, to give an update and quarterly report on Project AWARE Bledsoe.

Dr. Ridley gave a brief summary of the status of the AWARE program and activities and trainings and supports that are being provided.

The report that was handed out covered year one of the grant.

Dr. Ridley stated that there are 310 students in the pathway and school counselors are providing daily support to students.

12. Request and presentation by Mrs. Candi Kempton, Principal Bledsoe County High School, and Mr. Brian Osborne, Teacher Bledsoe County Middle, for the approval to incorporate a Cadet Program into the middle school. Presentation will include: Military structured leadership/mentoring, info/mentorship for students interested in the military as a career, provides and extra-curricular activity for non-athletes, provides structure and accountability for students, provides military fitness and activities, possible funding.

MOTION: Mr. Reece 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

13. Request by Mr. Steve Reel, CTE Director, and Mr. Kris Frady, Welding Instructor to surplus the following items and to be sold on GOV Deals:
Plasma Hypotherm 65
Plasma Cam Table
Miller Max: Star 210

Miller Max Star 200

Lincoln v350 Pro

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. Request by Mr. Steve Reel, CTE Director, and Mr. Kris Frady, Welding Instructor, to approve bid for plasma cutting equipment.
One bid was received from Holston Gas the equipment bid was for \$50,995.00 with an optional engraver bid amount of \$2,545.00.

Motion to approve bid from Holston Gas.

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

15. Approval of recommended TSBA updates to the following policies:

Policy 1.106: Code of Ethics

Policy 1.107: Conflicts of Interest

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Snow

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

16. Review of Policies:

3.600- Insurance Management

3.601 – Student Insurance Program

3.602 – Workers Compensation

4.100 – Instructional Goals

4.101 – Instructional Standards

4.200 – Curriculum Development

4.201 – Basic Curriculum Program

4.2011 – Class Size Ratio

4.202 – Special Education

4.204 – Summer School (Table)

3.219 – Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drone) April Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

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

17. Old Business:

18. New Business:

18a. Early dismissal for sports.

March 24th Softball, March 29th, Softball and April 21st, Softball.

March 17th Baseball.

MOTION Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mrs. 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

19. Director's update. Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools gave an update on some things happening in the school system.

Mr. J.C. Rains is the new Chief of Security for Bledsoe County Schools
Recognition of Mrs. Michelle Rains, Coordinated Schools Health, for the Mock
Crash at Bledsoe County High School.
BCHS is pushing out information on video highlight of events for the week.
Math Benchmarks for Algebra I and II, Math, and Geometry are on track to exceed
their goals.
English I Benchmarks have them up by .3%.
English II have them exceeding their goal.
ACT wall implemented with students who scored a 21+ on ACT
All students making a 21 or higher on ACT will get a trip to Top Golf.
Game of Life Freshman on March 21st. Sophomore will be taking ACTS on March
21st and Seniors will be touring TCAT on March 21st.
Prom tickets are on sell.
BCHS Drama play Frozen performance will start on May 12, 2023
Honor Biology class will be competing in Science Fair at Tennessee Tech.
BCHS Choir Spring Showcase will be coming up.
Softball, Baseball, Soccer and Archery seasons are going on right now.
75 percent of students filled out their FASFA at FASFA Frenzy.
8th grade night at the high school will be March 2nd.
Beta Club induction was on March 5, 2023
College and Career Fair was on February 27th.
25 students are enrolled in teaching as a career.
Engineering students toured ATC in Cookeville
40 students completing duel opportunity at TCAT
Criminal Justice class toured Cleveland State
36 welding students will take the AWS exam
HOSA completed their PSA for mental awareness

Bledsoe County Middle:
Window vinyl installed
LEA and Benchmark data are looking great.
Implemented afterschool tutoring
Volleyball and Baseball season have began
GOAT Games on Friday's
New Beta Club members were induction.
Reading Night March 7th.
Game room being used.
Digital newsletter implemented.
Idol Teen meeting Wednesday.
Title money used to purchase 24 new devices for students.
Ms. Oxner and Ms. Peebles started a Coding and Art club
Ms. Evans stem team competed at girls stem competition

Pikeville Elementary

PTO basketball season completed.
BCHS students visited school.
Window film installed.
Read across America Week.

Mary V. Wheeler
3rd grade research and art project on Solar System and Planets
Readers are Tomorrows Leaders
Dr. Seuss: Read Across America week

Cecil B. Rigsby
Love and Kindness Week
Random Acts of Kindness Day
PTO Fundraiser raised \$1,400.00. \$ 600.00 dollars from anonymous donor used to purchase new sound equipment.
Dr. Seuss: Birthday celebration

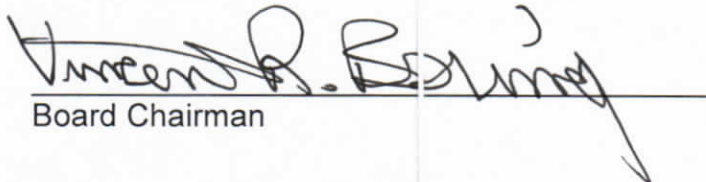
Meeting	Date	Time	Place
Special Called Meeting	March 20, 2023	5:30 p.m.	Bledsoe Middle School
Planning Meeting	April 6, 2023	5:30 p.m.	Bledsoe Middle School
Regular Meeting	April 6, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Bledsoe Middle School

Finance Committee appointment at Special Called Meeting

20. 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


Director of Schools