

MINUTES
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2026

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in regular session on May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Billingsley with seven members present.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by BCHS Cadet.
2. Approval of the Agenda with additions:
 - 22a. Request for approval for Bledsoe County Correctional Complex to use 10 buses in the event that it is necessary to evacuate the facility.

22b. Request for the approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Communities in Schools in Tennessee for Bledsoe County High School and Bledsoe County Middle School.

Motion to approve additions to the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve agenda:

Motion: Mr. Churches Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

3. Approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2026 regular meeting, the April 14, 2026 recessed meeting and the April 21, 2026 recessed meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending March 31, 2026.

Motion: Mr. Billingsley Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

5. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve quarterly financial reports for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece
Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes
 Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes
Motion Passed

6. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve budget amendments.

Amendment #16: School Security Alert Pilot Grant

Amendment #17: Amend Overspent Line Items

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Churches

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

 Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

7. Approval of revision to Policy #2.400 Revenues.

Revision made to policy is regarding the method to be applied when rounding pennies.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Billingsley

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

 Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

8. Approval of Local Board of Education Student Board Members.

The nominees for approval were Peyton Simmons and Jesse Lamb

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Churches

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

 Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

9. Request by Bledsoe County Educational Association to present the updated Memorandum of Understanding between Bledsoe County Board and Certified teachers for approval.

Mrs. Amanda Roberts addressed the board and presented the Memorandum of Understanding for approval with minor changes addressing the dress code for coaches during the work day and for clarification purposes adding the word paid in the bereavement section.

Motion: Mr. Billingsley Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

 Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

Mr. Churches stated that his wife is a teacher.

10. Request by Mr. Matt Ridley, Bledsoe County High School Principal, for the approval of 321 Photography Contract.

Contract was approved pending changes made by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney to clarify required parent permission for off campus photos.

Motion: Mr. Billingsley Second: Mr. Frady

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

 Mr. Churches: No Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: No

Motion Passed

11. Request by Mr. Matt Ridley, Bledsoe County High School Principal, for the approval of yearbook bids.

Walsworth – 215 copies for a total of \$15,420.00 plus shipping (\$16,170.00 with shipping)

Jostens - 225 Copies for a total of \$10,800.00 plus shipping

Recommended for Approval: Jostens

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

12. Presentation by Mr. Matt Ridley, Bledsoe County High School Principal, on ACT Annual Report.

13. Request by Ms. Candi Kempton, Bledsoe County Middle School Principal, for the approval of 321 Photography Contract.

Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Churches

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

14. Request by Mrs. Farrah Fields, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, for approval of the 2027-2028 school calendar.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Churches

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

15. Request by Mrs. Farrah Fields, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, for the approval of Advanced Manufacturing (STEM/Engineering/Welding), Information Technology(Coding), and PE/Lifetime Wellness textbooks.

Motion: Mr. Churches Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: No Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

16. Request by Mrs. Kristy Owens, Food Service Director, for the approval for Food and Non Food bids for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

17. Request by Mrs. Kristy Owens, Food Service Director, for the approval of CEP for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Churches

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

18. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Supervisor of Transportation and Maintenance, for the approval of Electrical Materials for Wheeler and Rigsby Elementary.

One bid was received from Electric Motor Sales the bid was for \$51,459.35 per school.

Motion: Mr. Churches Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

19. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Supervisor of Transportation and Maintenance, for the approval to purchase an 83 passenger diesel bus using Sourcewell contract pricing.

Blue Bird Pricing – \$186,279.00

International - \$167,500.03

Recommendation to approve International Sourcewell pricing.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Frady

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

20. Request by Mr. Corey Garrett, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval of SLP contracts.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

21. Request by Mr. Corey Garrett, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval for Stellar Contract for OT/PT/backup SLP support.

Motion: Mr. Billingsley Second: Mr. Oakes

Vote: Mr. Perry: No Mr. Reece: No Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: No Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

22. New Business

- 22a. Request for approval for Bledsoe County Correctional Complex to use 10 buses in the event that it is necessary to evacuate the facility.

Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

- 22b. Request for the approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Communities in Schools in Tennessee for Bledsoe County High School and Bledsoe County Middle School.

Motion to approve with changes made by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.

Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Frady

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes

Motion Passed

23. Directors Update.

Dr. Walker informed the Board we are finished with testing. Strategic plan was given to Board members.

Mrs. Rachel Wyatt gave an update on Federal Programs and Pre-K.

Dr. Walker stated that all of the schools submitted art work for the Veteran's park.

Meeting	Date	Time	Place
Regular Meeting	June 1, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle

24. Adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Perry: Yes Mr. Reece: Yes Mr. Billingsley: Yes Mr. Snow: Yes

Mr. Churches: Yes Mr. Frady: Yes Mrs. Oakes: Yes
Motion Passed