

MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 10, 2025

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in special called session on March 10, 2025 at 6:08 p.m. at Bledsoe County Career Technical Center School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Billingsley with four members present and three absent.

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

1. Discussion and/or approval of the budget for Bledsoe County Schools for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, presented three options for the proposed budget. There was discussion on the budget proposals including declining enrollment and a proposal for sports supplement proposal for equitability. Mr. Billingsley request that he would like to see a version with a 5-10 percent increase on health insurance.  
No action taken.

Mrs. Jennifer Terry, Technology Coordinator, informed the Board that the Erate contract for Bledsoe County Schools was awarded to UDT instead of ENA for the 2025-26 school year. There is now a dispute between UDT and ENA and she would not know anything before March 24, 2025 and the contract would need to be approved by March 26, 2025.

A special called meeting was set for March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Career Technical Center.

2. Discussion and/or approval of the “Education Freedom Act of 2025” relative to bonuses for teachers resolutions.
- Motion was made to approve a resolution as part of the Education Freedom Act of 2025 to allow a \$2,000.00 bonus to be paid to the teachers as part of this act.
- Mr. Churches and Mr. Perry disclosed that they had a conflict of interest as their spouses are teachers for Bledsoe County Schools.
- MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Oakes
- VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: ABSENT
- Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: ABSENT Mr. Snow: ABSENT

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

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