MINUTES

BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 11, 2022

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 11, 2022, at 6:00 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

1. Approval of the Agenda.

17a. Approval of volunteer coaches for Bledsoe County High School and Bledsoe County Middle School.

17b. Discussion and approval of softball facilities improvements.

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

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

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

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2022 regular meeting, the June 16, 2022 special called meeting, the June 23, 2022 special called meeting and the June 23, 2022 emergency meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

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

1. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending May 31, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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

1. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the approval of a new fund for the Employee Daycare and to approve payroll deduction for fees for daycare.

Extended School Programs 146 will be used if approved by state fiscal consultant.

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

1. Request by Dr. Kristy Walker, Federal Projects Director, for the approval of Consolidated Application for Federal Programs.

MOTION: Mr. Boring 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

1. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for the approval of revisions to ESSER budgets.

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

1. Request by Mrs. Michelle Rains, Coordinated School Health Director, for the approval of the Volunteer Behavioral Health memorandum of understanding.

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

1. Request by Mr. Ronnie Collier, FFA Advisor, for approval to attend Camp Clements for officer training and transportation for fifteen students.

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

1. Request by Mr. Carl Boynton, Special Education Director, for the approval of the Occupational and Physical Therapy contract with Omni Rehabilitation for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Motion was made to approve contract with updates to the contract to revise dates to the appropriate fiscal year.

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

1. Request by Mr. Carl Boynton, School Safety Coordinator for the approval of the Canine Interquest Detection contract for the 2022-23 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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

1. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Operation of Plant Supervisor, for the approval of waste management

bid.

Mr. Brian Turner informed the Board that at the June meeting that quotes had been provided by

Priority Waste and Selk Sanitation. The Board approved Selk Sanitation as the lowest quote.

Since the June meeting Ms. Kara Walling, Finance Director, was contacted by the comptroller’s office

and was informed that this service would need to be put out for a formal bid. The Waste

Management service has been advertised and put out to bid. The services are from September 2022-

August 2023.

The following are bids received from the bid process:

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|  | PRIORITY WASTE | SELK SANITATION |
| RIGSBY | $ 336.00 | $ 480.00 |
| WHEELER | $ 336.00 | $ 480.00 |
| PIKEVILLE ELEM | $ 730.00 | $ 880.00 |
| BLEDSOE MIDDLE | $ 510.00 | $ 600.00 |
| BLEDSOE HIGH | $ 730.00 | $ 880.00 |
| CTE BUILDING | $ 175.00 | $ 220.00 |
| GARAGE | $ 150.00 | $ 110.00 |
| MONTHLY TOTAL | **$ 2,967.00** | **$ 3,650.00** |
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| FUEL SURCHARGE | NONE | 15% |
|  |  | FUEL SURCHARGE DROPPED |
|  |  | IF FUEL DROPS BELOW |
|  |  | $3.25 |

Mr. Howard Upchurch stated that in support of Mr. Brian Turner and the process of receiving quotes

Vs bids for the waste management service that this service has in the past been treated as a

Professional Service. Mr. Upchurch further stated that Priority Waste System’s attorney or someone

working for Priority had contacted the Comptroller’s office. Mr. Unchurch stated that he advised

Mr. Turner that bids should be solicited.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer and seconded by Mrs. Oakes to accept the low bid from Priority

Waste Services.

Chairman Boring stated that one of the reasons that the contract with Priority Waste had ended was

due to charges that were added to billing prior to the expiration of their contract that was above

the contracted amount. Also, an incident happened at Pikeville Elementary were an employee of

Priority Waste went into the cafeteria and confronted a cafeteria worker and that will not be tolerated.

Mr. Upchurch stated all of these issues that are being discussed now, they are a part and, partial of

the phrase lowest responsible bidder, whether PWS is a responsible bidder, based upon that past

incident, past failures to perform or past dealings with the Board. If you are going to reject the

lowest bid Mr. Farmer can add to his motion. You have to have objective reasons and you have to

be able to articulate those reason. This has been what we have been doing here, but I just want to

overlay this discussion with the requirements of the law.

Mr. Farmer asked if this was the incident of a parked car behind the dumpster.

Mr. Turner affirmed that that was the incident. The worker that the PWS employee confronted was

not the owner of the car, but was informed she need to get it moved.

Mr. Farmer asked if this incident was documented in writing to PWS. Mr. Turner stated that it was

addressed with PWS, but he was not certain of the form of communication.

Mrs. Oakes stated she wanted to withdraw her second.

Mr. Todd Beals from Priority Waste requested to address the Board. Mr. Beal’s stated that the

incident where cars were parked in front of the dumpster was not the first time, but it was several

times and they had pictures of the vehicles.. He stated that the cafeteria

manager and maintenance had numerously parked in front of the dumpster. Most of the time it was

maybe 15 feet from the dumpster which makes the truck impossible to get to the containers. These

containers are generally overflowing and we are up here on the days that we are supposed to pick

them up He stated the driver just opened the door looking for someone because no one was

outside. It was not a confrontation. He was just asking if someone could move the vehicles so we

can do our job. No one complained about it until we go an email or a phone call from Mr. Turner or

someone he could not remember, when we were told that we were not allowed to do that, we did not

do that, but did say that we could not service the container if there was a vehicle in front of the

container. He stated that they did not do anything wrong, they did not know that their employee was

not allowed to open the door. He stated that he thought what the driver did was ask a worker to get

the manager and they waited outside and then asked for the vehicles to be moved. Mr. Beal’s

stated they were a 5 star company.

Mr. Turner stated the report that he had received was the driver followed her into the building. Mrs.

LeeAnn Morris, Principal Pikeville Elementary, stated that she has received the same report.

Chairman Boring asked Mr. Beal’s why their price changed from the previous service agreement?

Mr. Beals stated he could not speak to that right now and that will be brought up at a later time.

Mr. Turner stated that the extra charges were added for service prior to the original contract

expiration. Mr. Upchurch advised Mr. Turner to only pay the original amount on the contract for

services untll the end of contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Farmer to accept the bid for Waste Management for Priority Waste.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: NO Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: NO

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

Motion Failed

Motion was made by Mr. Frady to accept the bid from Selk Sanitation due to the prior contract that

Bledsoe County Board had with Priority Waste Services was unsatisfactory.

MOTION: Mr. Frady SECOND: Mr. Snow

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

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

1. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Transportation Supervisor, for the approval of bid for 60kW DC Fast charger for electric buses. This charger will charge two bus at the same time.

Only one bid was submitted:

ICharge – $64,916.64

MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

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

1. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Transportation Supervisor, for the approval to allow Cumberland Bus Company to submit a grant on behalf of Bledsoe County Schools to purchase two electric buses from Source Well pending receipt of the grant.

The Board reserves the right to reject the grant at the Board’s discretion.

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: NO

1. Approval of school handbooks.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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

1. Approval and/or discussion of Kaatz, Binkley, Jones and Morris contract for softball facility.

Mr. Upchurch stated that he had reviewed the contract and from a legal opinion that the contract provides adequate protection for Bledsoe County, defines what our obligations are and what our duties are, the contract is acceptable.

This contract will be for the restrooms, concession stand and locker rooms. The square footage will be 1300 square feet.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer 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

1. TSBA Recommended policy updates:

Policy 4.403 – Library Materials

Policy 2.806- Bids and Quotations - TABLED

Policy 3.202 – Emergency Preparedness Plan

Policy 4.101 – Instructional Standards

Policy 4.210 – Credit Recovery

Policy 4.212 – Virtual Education Program

Policy 4.402 – Reconsideration of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Policy 4.406 - Use of the Internet

Policy 4.600 - Grading System

Policy 5.119 - Employment of Retirees

Policy 5.701 - Substitute Teachers

Policy 6.200 - Attendance - TABLED

Policy 6.204 - Attendance of Non-Resident Students - TABLED

Policy 6.318 - Admission of Suspended or Expelled Students

Policy 6.409 - Reporting Child Abuse

Policy 1.104 - Members

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

1. New Business

17a. Approval of Volunteer Coaches for Bledsoe County High School and Bledsoe

County Middle School.

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| **NON FACULTY COACHES 2022-2023** | |  |  |  |
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| HIGH SCHOOL SPORT | NON Faculty |  |  |  |
| Softball | Danielle Everett-Hawthorne | Camree Swafford | Emilee Tabor |  |
| Girls Basketball | Danielle Everett-Hawthorne |  |  |  |
| Volleyball | Casey Peters |  |  |  |
| Girls Soccer | Chris Evans |  |  |  |
| Cheer | Taylor Suggs |  |  |  |
| Football | Houston Thomas | Jarrett Henry | Jessy Riggs | Tate Everett |
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| MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORT |  |  |  |  |
| Softball | Leeann Ross |  |  |  |
| Girls Basketball |  |  |  |  |
| Football | John Paul Thomas | Jessy Riggs |  |  |
| Baseball | Andy Roberson |  |  |  |
| Cheer | Morgan Campbell | Carly Simmons |  |  |

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

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

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

17b. Discussion and approval of softball facilities improvements.

Mr. Allen Jones provided drawings for the Board to review.

Motion to approve drawing to go out to bid.

This will be in the $230,000.00 range.

Bid opening August 26, 2022.

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

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| MEETING | TIME | PLACE | Date |
| Planning Session | 5:30 p.m. | Bledsoe County Middle School | August 1, 2022 |
| Regular Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | Bledsoe County Middle School | August 1, 2022 |

1. 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