MINUTES
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2022

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Don Snow, with six members present.

Roll Call:

Mr. Andy Billingsley - Absent

Mr. Vincent Boring - Present via zoom

Mr. Ben Farmer - Present
Mr. Jacob Frady - Present
Mrs. Carolyn Oakes - Present
Mr. Bron Reece - Present
Mr. Don Snow - Present

1. Approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

2. Approval of the Agenda.

Table Item #4 Discussion of lease for the property behind Pikeville Elementary.

Table Policy 6.309

Table Item #11 Discussion and action of adding positions for bus assistants for bus routes currently without an assistant.

Delete Item #8 Discussion and action on options for Pikeville Elementary TVA Solar Pavilion Grant.

MOTION: Mr. Frady SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

Mr. Jason Reel, Bledsoe County High Athletic Director, addressed the Board concerning the sports buildings.

Mr. Reel stated that one of the needs for softball is restrooms and dressing rooms. Softball would not need turf in all of the flooring and suggested that maybe they could have compacted dirt in part of the building. Fan restrooms are needed also.

Mr. Reel, stated that the coaches were pleased with the design of the other building that is going to be discussed on the agenda tonight.

 Discussion and action of Softball facilities project. (Originally Item 10 on agenda)
 Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, stated that he was requesting to use bond funds instead of ESSER funds.

Mr. Farmer stated that the drawings needed to be revised so the drawings could go on file, so in the future if someone needs to know something about this structure the drawings would represent that and if they show things that were not built then you could run into trouble.

Mr. Farmer stated specifications were needed and a registered professional needed to stamp them so they are responsible for has to be done. He stated that it would shift the risk as Board members to the registered professional's errors of omission.

Mr. Turner stated that by doing it in house construction the project would be done in stages. Mr. Turner said that he was requesting permission to proceed with construction as an in house project utilizing the budget that was provided in this month's Board packet to start the bidding process. He stated that the budget was roughly \$300,000.00 dollars.

Mr. Farmer clarified that by doing the project in house that the risk is shifted back to the Board if the project comes in over the proposed budget. Mr. Farmer stated he did not have a problem with it as long as everyone understands the shifted risk.

Mr. Farmer suggested getting the revised drawings, getting with the people that are going to be using the building for input and approval, take out to bid all of the line items and detail out the quantities before the Board assigned it to a specific fund.

Mr. Turner recommended that any bid that goes over \$50,000 that the contract or have a bond.

Mr. Farmer made a motion to revise the drawings within the next 60 days, initiate the sub-contractors' identification and bidding within 45 days of completion of the revised drawing and bring that back to Board.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

4. Request by Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending November 30, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Boring

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

- Discussion of lease for the property behind Pikeville Elementary.
- 6. Request by Mrs. Farrah Fields, Supervisor of Curriculum, for the approval of Family Life Education policy # 4.213. This is for grades five through twelve. There will be an opt out option on the parent form. Mr. Farmer request an all call go out to parents letting them know when the Family Education will be taught.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

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

7. Policy updates as recommended by TSBA:

Policy # 4.700 - Testing Program

Policy # 3.220 - Access to Private Facilities

MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Frady

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

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

Policy # 6.309- Zero Tolerance Offenses - Tabled until next meeting

8. Approval of bids for modular clinic site work.

Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, made the recommendation to accept the bid from Terry DeBord Dozing for the labor for site work for the Covid modular clinic. Only one bid received

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Vendor	Amount
Terry DeBord Dozing	\$16,750.00

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Frady

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

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

 Discussion and action on options for Pikeville Elementary TVA Solar Pavilion Grant. DELETED FROM AGENDA

10. Discussion and action of Bledsoe County High School Health and Wellness facility.

Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, request direction on how to proceed with this building project. Mr. Reece made a motion to bring three to five architects back to the February meeting for this building project.

MOTION: Mr. Reece

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

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

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

 Discussion and action of adding positions for bus assistants for bus routes currently without an assistant.

Tabled

12. Discussion and action on the extension of the Covid-19 Leave Policy # 5.3052.

Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools, recommended that the Covid-19 Leave Policy be extended until May 27, 2022 with a revision on line 15 of the policy to read: Employees will only be permitted up to 10 days of their regular pay per school year based on Doctor recommendations for any leave taken under this policy.

Mr. Farmer suggest that the expiration date be revised to read May 27, 2022 or the last day of school.

MOTION: Mr. Frady

SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

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

13. New Business. No New Business

MEETING	TIME	PLACE	Date
Planning Session	5:00 p.m.	Pikeville Elementary School	February 7, 2022
Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Pikeville Elementary School	February 7, 2022

Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney, stated that he and Mr. Boring went to the elementary school property and after viewing the property suggest that all Board members convene the on the property in February to view the property during the planning session.

14. Adjourn.

Board Chairman

Director of School