

MINUTES

BLEDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2022

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on October 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Mary V. Wheeler Elementary

. 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 via zoom
Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Present
Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
Mr. Bron Reece	-	Present
Mr. Don Snow	-	Present

1. Approval of the agenda with the following additions and deletions:
15a. Request for approval of Resilient School Communities Grant.
Deletion of item #7 approval of Cornerstone MOU.
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
2. Approval of the minutes from the September 6, 2022 regular meeting, of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.
MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Snow
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending August 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
4. Approval of Budget Amendments.
141- Amendment #1 Bus Grant Revenue and Expenditures
146- Amendment #1 To Use State Approved Line Items
MOTION: Mr. Frady 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
5. Request for the approval of additional group life insurance through USABLE in the amount of \$10,000.00 per employee working 20 or more hours.
This would be in addition to the \$1,000.00 policy carried on employee's that work 30 hours or more.
The new group life insurance is purchased at .10 cents per thousand which equates to

\$1.00 per employee per month.

MOTION: Mr. Frady

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

6. Request by Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, for the approval of bids for the HVAC for the Covid Clinic. This will be funded from the ELC Grant.
Only one bid received from Turner Refrigeration in the amount of \$12,970.00.
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
7. Request by Mrs. Becky Ridley, Aware Director, and Mrs. Michelle Rains, Coordinated School Health Director, to approve revisions to the Centerstone MOU.
Deleted from agenda
8. Approval of potential dates for excused fishing practices and tournaments. List of potential dates included with minutes.
MOTION: Mr. Frady 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
9. Request by Mr. Ronny Collier, FFA Advisor, for Bledsoe County FFA to attend the National FFA Convention on October 26-29, 2022 and also a bus for transportation.
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
10. Request by Bledsoe County High Softball Booster Club to discuss/approve a booster funded hitting facility for softball.
Mrs. Jeri Lynn Baker addressed the be Board on behalf of the Bledsoe County High School Softball Booster Club.
She explained that the Softball Booster Club wanted to build a hitting facility similar to the building that was built by the Quarter Back Club. It would be a smaller building. It would be a 60'x40' building. The building would be a pole barn. Cost to the parents would be approximately \$133,000.00 dollars. She stated they were hoping to fund this through fundraisers and donations. The Softball Booster Club is hoping the Board will help with some of the expenses such as guttering, concrete and insulation as was paid for the Quarter Back Club building. This building would be in addition to the concession building that is being built. This buildings location is on the architect's plan and site work. Mr. Boring stated that Mr. Jones should have drawing at the end of the week and would have site work at same time.

Mr. Farmer stated that site work includes paying for professionally stamped drawings for site work related to the practice facility as well as we will pay for any architectural engineering drawings related to structural, mechanical, and electrical on the facility itself. The fabrication company should be able to have those stamped if they are not already stamped, pay for those drawing to be done. Review by Board when stamped and approved. Site work itself, grading, back fill material, packing of materials. We can potentially tie that to the existing contract for the current softball field. Provide a price based on the quantity off of the drawing and bring to the Board as a change order if we wanted to do that.

Ms. Baker is going to email drawing to Mr. Boring to send to Mr. Jones

Motion is for the approval of building and pay for site work, site work drawing, and architectural engineering drawings related to structural, electrical and mechanical.

Mrs. Baker stated that the drawings are for structural only

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

11. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, for the approval to help with some of the expenses of the booster club softball hitting facility.

Items:

Concrete (Labor to be provided by booster club.)

Insulation – to help on electricity bill (HVAC to be provided by booster club)

Guttering – to help keep water off fields.

Mr. Turner stated that he had paid for the following for the Quarterback Club Building. A portion of the insulation was paid for by the Board.

Paint was paid for from the maintenance budget.

Mr. Boring stated he did not remember approving the expenses for the Quarterback Club building.

Mr. Turner stated since it did not exceed \$10,000.00, that it did not go out to bid and was not brought before the Board.

Mr. Boring asked if it was paid for out of the maintenance budget.

Mr. Turner stated that the gutters that was paid for out of the maintenance budget when they also replaced the field house gutters, but the insulation was paid for out of Capital Projects.

Mr. Boring asked who approved the purchase. Mr. Turner stated it would have just been approved when the purchase order was approved.

Mr. Billingsley stated this was a totally different discussion from this agenda item.

Mr. Turner stated that Mrs. Sparkman requested for future projects to be brought to the Board for any building not built by the board no matter what the expenditure.

Mrs. Sparkman stated that as we are being transparent about other thing we are doing, these things need to be transparent as well. We don't need to do something for one group that we are not willing to do for another and when it comes before the board then everyone knows how we are spending our money.

Concrete estimated to cost \$10,000.00 for concrete labor and materials for a 40'x60' the Board would just be paying for the materials.

Mr. Boring made a motion that if the boosters are paying for the HVAC for the building. I would make a motion that we pay for the other three items out of Capital Projects Funds.

Mr. Snow ask for the motion to be re-read.

Mr. Boring made a motion that the Board will pay for the concrete, insulation and gutters out of Capital Projects.

Mr. Turner is to get quotes on concrete and gutters and Mrs. Sparkman is to approve quotes. The insulation is to go out to bid.

Mr. Boring stated he had a motion and a second for the three items and the insulation going out to bid

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

Mr. Snow thanked the booster club and told them how much appreciated their work. He asked that everyone look at the improvements made in extracurricular activities over the years.

12. Request by Bledsoe County Education Association to present petition signatures from Bledsoe County Professional Employees in order to initiate collaborative conferencing in 2023. Appointments to special questions committee has to be made by December 1, 2022. This will be decided at the November meeting.
13. Approval of reviewed/revision of policy #6.501 Married and/or Pregnant Students as recommended by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.
 Mr. Billingsley asked about a possibility of allowing children of students to attend the Little Warrior Daycare to help with student retention. After a brief discussion no action was taken on this matter.

Motion to approve policy# 6.501 as recommended by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.

MOTION: Mr. Boring 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

14. Review of Policies:
 6.601 - Students Records Annual Notification Rights (Tabled for Mr. Upchurch to review)
 6.602 - Student Records Inspection and Correction Procedures
 6.604 - Media Access to Students
 6.700 - Student Activities
 6.702 - Student Clubs and Organizations
 6.703 - Student Government
 6.704 - Student Publications
 6.705 - Student Social Events
 6.706 - Student Performance
 6.707 - Contests for Students
 6.708 - Awards and Scholarships (Heading Update)
 6.709 - Students Fees and Fines
 6.710 – Gifts
 6.711 - Student Volunteers

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

15. New Business
 15a. Request for approval of Resilient School Communities Grant.
 This is a one-year grant. The grant amount is approximately \$108,000.00.
 This will fund the behaviorist teacher which was approved last month. Request was made to approve an assistant for this program along with the grant approval
- MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

MEETING	TIME	PLACE	Date
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Planning Session	5:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School	November 7, 2022
Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School	November 7, 2022

Director's update: Mrs. Sparkman gave a brief update on things that are happening in the system:

- Photo OP with new electric bus which is one of few in the area.
- Cafeterias received 100 percent on health inspections in all cafeterias.
- State reviewed tutoring program and was excited about work how many students that were moved on the first Mastery Connect test.
- An agreement has been entered into for the sports fields and basketball courts to have cameras so they can receive video of plays.
- Equipment in fitness center being updated specifically for girls.
- Smarthire for applications and postings that will post to multiple job boards.
- Safety and security camera updates and window film being finalized.
- Homeless navigators engaged in multiple work base learning.
- Updating of computer systems and the way we do business in our district.
- Strategic plan can be seen in real time.
- Teacher Portal to get information on students.
- Principal portal to implement the receiving of information from the central office.
- Parent portal - Parents can go on and look at attendance grade and test scores in one place.
- NEIT providing professional development for principals.

16. 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 Chair

Director of Schools