

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 13, 2025

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in regular session on October 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Billingsley with 7 members present

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

1. Approval of the Agenda with a change in item #12 to include Bledsoe County High School Flag Football assistant coach supplement.
MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Reece
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
Motion Passed
2. Approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2025 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.
MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Perry
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
Motion Passed
3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending August 31, 2025.
MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Churches
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director for the approval of budget amendments.
General Purpose: 141
Amendment # 2 – Certified Athletic Training Grant – Supplies and Materials
Amendment # 3 - Amend VPK Budget to match State Approved Budget
Amendment # 4 - Amend ISM Budget to match State Approved Budget
Amendment # 5 - Amend for overspent line items
Amendment # 6 - Public Schools Opioid Recovery Trust Grant

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Amendment # 7 - To amend for bonus payment not paid in FY25 for teachers

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

Motion Passed

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meetings.

Principals update included updated on the following:

Bledsoe County High Schools

Parent Conference
Club recruitment day
College Visits
Student of the Quarter
Wellness Walking
Homecoming
Soccer and Volleyball in last round of plays

Bledsoe County Middle School

Opened the Library
Pathway to Careers
Mary Melton - Vice Principal
Kevin Spann new math teacher
House party/House members
Softball Season 2nd in district
Homecoming
Book walk and talk
Veterans Program in November
UTK college visit

Pikeville Elementary

Open House and Literacy night
Book Fair
Stem activities
Playground facelift

Mary V. Wheeler

Stem magic on Wheeler Mountain Day
Hegarty Hero
One Book One Schools Event -Charlotte's Web

Cecil B. Rigsby

PTO buddy benches
Gaga pit
Unity Food Drive
Fall Carnival on Friday
Migrant Family Meeting

Bledsoe Career Technical Center

Parent Conference
100 participated in competition events
MTSU Blue Raider Round up
Mr. Collier nominated for East Tennessee Ag Teacher of the Year

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10. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Transportation Supervisor, to surplus buses # 3, 5, and 19.
MOTION: Mr. Snow SECOND: Mr. Frady
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
11. Request to update policy #5.400 – Personnel Health Examinations/Communicable Diseases.
MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Reece
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
12. Request by Mr. Jason Reel to present a proposal to increase Bledsoe County Middle School assistant coaching supplements from 3 percent to 4 percent as well as flag football for Bledsoe County High School.
MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Snow
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
13. Request by Mr. Jason Reel, Athletic Director, to approve Mr. Joe Kent as a volunteer coach for baseball.
MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Churches
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
14. Discussion and/or approval of a date for Board retreat in January 2026.
Retreat date was set for January 10, 2026 at Fall Creek Falls. Amended to add alternate dates would be any Saturday in January after January 10, 2025.
MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Billingsley
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
15. Appointment of Board member to be a delegate at the TSBA Delegate Assembly.
Nominees: Mr. Churches and Mrs. Oakes
MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Billingsley
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
16. Old Business. None

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17. New Business. None

Motion was made to reconsider item #12 from Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Churches.

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Perry to make the increase in supplements discussed in item 12 retroactive to the first of the school year and was seconded by Mr. Billingsley.

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

Motion Passed

Date	Meeting	Place	Time
November 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	Bledsoe County High	6:00 p.m.

18. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

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

Motion Passed