

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

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**

5. Presentation by Mr. Drew Hardy from the Chattanooga Aquarium to the Board concerning the property behind Pikeville Elementary.  
Mr. Hardy gave a presentation on ideas for the use of the property and creek behind Pikeville Elementary. The Aquarium would like work with the schools on the projects. Request by Mr. Snow to reach out to J.C. Rains for help with projects.  
Table until the November meeting.
6. Bledsoe County Education Association representative will provide petition signatures and discussion of special questions committee for MOU collaboration process.  
Mr. Andy Billingsley and Mrs. Amanda Roberts were appointed as the special questions committee.  
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**
7. Request by Ms. Abigail Kramer, BCMS teacher, for permission for an out of state trip to Pennsylvania for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Trip will be May 7-10, 2026.  
MOTION: Mr. Churches SECOND: Mr. Perry  
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES  
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES  
**Motion Passed**
8. Mr. Carlos Davis request for approval of an overnight trip to Knoxville, TN to attend the BXTN competition. This will be on November 12, 2025 with 10 students attending.  
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**
9. Director's Updates.  
Dr. Kristy Walker state that she and Mr. Billingsley had met with Mayor Greg Ridley and commissioner Mr. Johnny Mac Swafford to discussion setting up a meeting for the county to possibly help with some of capital project needs. She stated that they would like to have a meeting in either January or February.

Dr. Walker also gave Board members a schedule of supervisor to give updates at

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Hegardy 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**