

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE 23, 2025

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in special called session on June 23, 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
	Mr. Don Snow	-	Present

1. Approval of budget Amendments.

Ms. Kara Walling, Finance Director, presented budget amendments for fund 141 to be approved. Amendments included amendments to salaries lines in fund 141, Voluntary Pre-K, amendments for one-time state bonus and summer school Learning Camp and Transportation Camp.

MOTION: Mr. Reece 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

2. Stellar Medicaid reimbursement contract for 2025-2026.

This item was tabled from the June 2, 2025 meeting to allow review by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney. Mr. Upchurch stated he had reviewed the contract and recommended approval of contract.

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

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

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

Motion Passed

3. Acceptance of resignation letter from Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools.

Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools, submitted her resignation as Director of Schools on June 5, 2025. Mrs. Sparkman's resignation is effective as of July 11, 2025.

Mrs. Sparkman stated that it had been a privilege to work for Bledsoe County Schools. She thanked the Board for always being supportive. She further stated that she was proud of the accomplishments during her time at Bledsoe County Schools and thanked the teachers, staff and administrators for all of their hard work.

Mr. Andy Billingsley, Chairman, stated he would accept Mrs. Sparkman's resignation if there were no objections from any Board member. There were no objections.

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4. Appointment of Interim Director.

Mrs. Oakes made a motion to appoint of Mrs. Farrah Fields, Assistant Director, as Interim Director of schools until a new director can be hired. Mrs. Fields will start as Interim Director after Mrs. Sparkman's resignation date.

MOTION: Mrs. Oakes 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

5. Discussion and/or approval of the Director of Schools search procedure.

There was discussion on the process for hiring a new Director of Schools.

Mr. Upchurch, Board Attorney, handed out policies pertaining to procedures and qualification for Director of Schools.

Mr. Perry made a motion that applicants should be a resident of Bledsoe County or be an employee of Bledsoe County School System.

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

Mr. Upchurch, Board Attorney, informed the Board that it must be advertised for fifteen days.

Timeline agreed upon as follows:

Advertisement to be placed on Smarthire on June 23, 2025 and sent to Bledsonian Banner for advertisement.

July 07, 2025 - Application Deadline

July 10, 2025 – Vetting of Applications

July 17, 2025 – Applicant Interviews at 5:00 p.m.

July 21, 2025 – Approval of Contract

All meetings will be at Bledsoe County Middle School.

Regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education will be on July 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School.

6. Adjourn.

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