

MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 24, 2025

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in special called session on March 24, 2025 at 6:05 p.m. at Bledsoe County Career Technical Center School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Billingsley with six members present and one absent.

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	-	Absent

1. Discussion and/or approval of budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for Bledsoe County Schools. Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, present several different versions for a proposed budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year for Bledsoe County Schools. The versions included a no raise budget, a budget with 5.5 percent for teachers and a variation of percentages for other staff, a 5.5 percent for all staff and also a 10% increase in health insurance. There was discussion on the different proposals, but no action was taken on the budget. A motion was made for the 2025-26 budget proposals to be added to the agenda for the April 7, 2025 meeting to give members time to review the information presented.

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: ABSENT

2. Discussion and/or approval of internet service contract. Mrs. Jennifer Terry, Technology Director, informed the Board of issues with the ERATE contract. UDT was awarded the contract for the 2025-26 school year, but because there is a dispute between UDT and ENA, which is our current provider, she recommended that the Board approve a FCC Form 471 which would allow Bledsoe County Schools to do an 11/1 split and continue with ENA at the current rate until the dispute between UDT and ENA is settled.

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: ABSENT

3. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Churches

SECOND: Mr. Perry

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

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

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